

Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 6, 2023 @7PM

Baughman Township Trustees met in regular session July 6, 2023 at the Baughman Township office, 3470 N Mt Eaton Road, Burton City, Ohio at 7:00 PM. All members were present. Chairman Geiser called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Graber made motion to approve July 6, 2023 agenda Adding Wayne County Association meeting. Second Kaufman. Graber-yes, Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes. Kaufman made motion to approve the June 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Second Graber. Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes. Graber made motion to approve June 22, 2023 special meeting minutes. Second Geiser. Graber-yes, Geiser-yes Kaufman-yes. Kaufman made motion to pay bills. Second Geiser. Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes.

Fire report: NLVFD: 8 EMS, 2 fire. Total 10 for month of June.

Residents' comments: Thanked Graber for coming down to Gettysburg Allotment to look at roads. Mitch Steiner does not live in Baughman Township and should not be involved in Baughman Township. Investments go up and down with markets, sometime make money sometimes don't. People should not suppress other people from talking. Resident stated has nothing to do with Schwab investments for Baughman. Some companies charge for their services to go out in the market and hunt for CDs for their clients to invest in. Other companies give their clients the tools to search for their own CDs and therefore do not charge for this service. Saving their clients' money. Appreciated what the township has done for the roads in Gettysburg Allotment. Resident thanked Road Staff for doing a good job, keeping Baughman ditches mowed.

The budget hearing for fiscal year 2024 was held. After discussion it was moved by Graber, seconded by Kaufman, to accept the budget and present it to the Wayne County Budget Commission. Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes, Graber-yes.

Geiser gave the road supervisor report: Mowed and trimmed trees at Fosnight Rd dry hydrant; Cleaned out in front of catch basins in Gettysburg; Found and purchased 20-ton trailer; Truck one to Joes garage to get air brakes installed to pull trailer; Mowing ditches and intersections; Mini excavator delivered; Case boom mower updated and AC fixed; Putting 200 ft of pipe to be installed in ditch on Shifferly Rd at Workinger property.

Trustees revised vacation leave in Employee Manual. After 6 years of service, full-time staff will receive 3 weeks vacation. After 11 years of service, staff will receive 4 weeks vacation. Geiser made motion, to add to Employee Manual, full-time staff will receive 3 weeks' vacation after 6 years' service and 4 weeks after 11 years' service. Second Graber. Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes, Graber-yes.

Trustees stated Melway is currently working on chip and sealing Baughman roads. Graber stated it was interesting to see how much road oil actually gets put on roads, just thin coating. Melway is doing a good job at chip and sealing Baughman's roads. Graber feels that the current road rotation is not aggressively enough to maintain Baughman roads. Should be on 3 to 5-year rotation.

Geiser stated that not all roads need to be on the same rotation. Some roads need to be done each year others might go for 7 or 8 years. Roads need to be inspected individually each year. Not just put on a general rotation. Graber feels that Baughman needs a road levy to raise taxes for roads, so Baughman can maintain roads property. Geiser does not want to raise taxes on the public. Graber ask resident if he would support a road levy in audience, he sated yes. Another resident in attendance, said he would not support road levy.

Graber is working with Workinger Farms and road staff on putting in 200 ft of pipe in ditch at Shifferly Rd.

Salt shed: Kaufman said that he spoke to a company called Seal Coat. They are reviewing if their product could be used on the salt shed walls. Geiser has a call into the Wayne County Engineer to find out what coating they use on their salt shed.

Graber stated that there are three places on Burkhart Rd that need tree trimming. Dip where West Lebanon tees into Burkhart, along Geiser's father's property and at the one-way bridge east of Tannerville. Geiser stated he will trim limbs along his father's property. Graber is going to talk to Orrville Utilities if they will trim at the two other spots.

Graber attended the Wayne County Association quarterly meeting. The main topic was about Solar Farms. There are two Solar Companies that are talking to residents in Wayne County about installing Solar Farms on their property. Graber stated that residents need to be cautious of entering in to contracts, without thoroughly reviewing the total contract, to the point that residents might what to hire legal counsel. Graber also stated that Bill 197 down at the state house in Columbus, (note: Was not sure if that was the correct bill number), would give the Wayne County Commissioners more authority over solar companies targeting farms. Contact your County Commissioners for more info.

NLVFD stated: New fire engine has taken about dozen calls; Three EMS vehicles running currently; Interviewed five candidates, two were paramedics; Staffing is going well; Working on more Grants; Working on dry hydrants; There is going to be a joint training held at NLVFD; New power EMS lifts are working great and helping saving the backs of staff members; Graber asked if NLVFD has trouble finding and keeping fire/EMS staff, NLVFD typically loses two to three staff a year. Presently not a real big problem for NLVFD.

Graber told Trustees that the gate on Fosnight Rd dry hydrant is Baughman Township responsibility to fix or replace. Geiser made motion to purchase a gate for the Fosnight Rd dry hydrant. Second Kaufman. Graber-yes, Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes.

Geiser made motion to approve financials. Second Kaufman. Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes.

Geiser made motion to adjourn. Second Kaufman. Motion Carried. 8:26PM.
Chairman_____

Fiscal Officer _____