

## RECORD OF PROCEEDING

Minutes of Burton Township Trustees  
Held at the Burton Township Administration Building

Regular Meeting  
December 6, 2021

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Jarred Miller, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Board members, Ken Burnett and Dan Whiting in attendance.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from November 1, 2021 were approved as corrected by a motion from Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Whiting. Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Burnett – yes and Mr. Whiting – yes.

**AT&T:** Mr. Tony Constanza and Mr. Mike Culp were present to discuss the possibility of running fiber optic cable through Burton Township. AT&T would request the total of the ARPA funds given to Burton Township. The project would take 12-18 months to complete and the fiber optic wires would be laid over the current copper ones. AT&T applied for the Broadband grant and should know the outcome by mid-January. The cost of the project would be over 5 million dollars, but they would receive the ARPA funds from Burton and Troy Township totaling approximately \$600,000.00.

**Cemeteries:** The rates for Mr. Luoma for foundations will not increase for 2022. Mr. Whiting made a motion to accept the rates from Mr. Gingerich for openings/closings for 2022. Mr. Burnett seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Burnett – yes and Mr. Whiting – yes. Mr. David Byler would like to sell back Slitor Cemetery Lot 119, Section A to Burton Township. The lot was purchase on December 7, 2020 for \$600.00. The Trustees agreed to buy back the lot for \$575.00 (\$600.00 less \$25.00 administrative fee). Independent Tree took down the trees at Slitor Cemetery. The stumps will need to be ground down.

Mr. Burnett made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Mr. Whiting seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Burnett – yes and Mr. Whiting – yes.

Regular session reconvened at 9:04 pm.

Mr. Whiting made a motion to authorize the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office to provide their legal counsel regarding Case 21A00401 with the Trustees conditions with the judgement entry. If the conditions are acceptable to Mr. Miller, the Township will advertise in a newspaper of general circulation (ORC 505.07). Mr. Burnett seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Burnett – yes and Mr. Whiting – yes.

**Fire Department:** Chief Elect Sustak stated that there were a record number of calls (1071) this year as of December 6, 2021. There will be pancakes again in 2022. The Burton Volunteer Fire Department signed a three-year contract with Claridon Township with a five percent increase each year. The Trustees were advised by the Prosecutor's Office to revise the new contract to include a clause to allow 60 days for termination and not to include a past due balance. The Trustees would like the 2022 contract to begin at \$270,000 and to have an increase of 5% for the next three years. Chief Elect Sustak will take the information back to the Fire Department Trustees.

**Zoning:** There is a Board of Zoning Appeals scheduled for Mrs. Lambert on December 7,

2021. She would like to split her lot into 5 buildable lots. The lot split on Fisher/Osmond was approved. Mr. Gruber sent a draft letter to the Prosecutor's Office to review about the property on Aquilla Road that held the fundraiser during the summer.

**Park Committee:** No one is attendance.

**Roads:** Huntsburg Township is interested in purchasing our 2008 F350 that currently has 93,500 miles on it. Preston would give the Township \$5,000 and a private sale may yield \$8,500. There was an oil leak in the '13 International and it was taken to Kronk's garage for repair. The handicap ramp was put up for voting. The roller and sidemower were taken down to the fairgrounds for winter storage. The snow fence was put up. Twelve tons of salt/cinder mix was received from the County and ten tons of salt was received from ODOT. The hydraulic line on the '14 International blew but Mr. Sutter was able to fix it. Ditching was done on Irwin Drive and stone was put down on Old Rider. Holes were patched on Bigelow. Two drive pipes were replaced on South Rider. The road maintainer was taken down on Rider, Durkee, Hale and Colony. There was a tree down on Hotchkiss.

**Fiscal Officer:** Mr. Burnett made Resolution 2021-13 requesting that the 2021 Permanent Appropriations be increased by \$22,000.00 in the Fire Levy Fund. Mr. Whiting seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Burnett – yes and Mr. Whiting – yes. Mr. Whiting made a motion to accept the Temporary Appropriations as presented for 2022 in the amount of \$207,046.00. Mr. Burnett seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Burnett – yes and Mr. Whiting – yes.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Mr. Miller will attend the OTA Conference in January 2022.

The next regular meeting will be on January 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

**Warrants:** Warrants #11382 thru #11423 were approved and paid.

As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Whiting and seconded by Mr. Burnett. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer