

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

Regular Meeting
November 20, 2023

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Dan Whiting, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. with Board members, Jarred Miller and Ken Burnett, in attendance.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from November 6, 2023 were approved as corrected with a motion from Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Miller – yes and Mr. Burnett – yes.

Public Comment: Mr. Oliver Tiber was present to ask the Trustees to reduce a levy to reduce the tax burden on the residents due to the increase in property values. Mr. Adam Tiber was present and is also in favor of mitigating the tax burden and asking for a reduction of a levy.

Reduction of a Levy: Mr. Burnett made a motion to reduce the 3.0 mil road levy by 85% for tax collection year 2024. Mr. Whiting seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Miller- no, Mr. Whiting – no and Mr. Burnett – yes. Motion does not pass. Mr. Miller made a motion to reduce the 3.0 mil road and bridge levy to 2.51 mils for tax collection year 2024 only. This is a reduction of approximately 66%. Mr. Whiting seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Whiting – yes and Mr. Burnett – no. Motion passes.

New Maintenance Building: Mr. Sean Thompson was in attendance to show a preliminary drawing of a new maintenance building. After January 1, 2024, there is an energy change in the building code. He suggested submitting the preliminary plans to the Planning Commission prior to December 31, 2023.

Cemetery: Ms. O'Neill will contact Mr. Owen Gingerich and Mr. Wayne Luoma for their 2024 rates.

Zoning: The Zoning Commission met on November 13 and worked on updating the Land Use Plan. Mr. Nick Gorris volunteered to head up a sub-committee consisting of a Trustee, a BZA member, a Zoning Commission member and a few residents. Mr. Miller will be the Trustee representative. There was discussion whether to include a representative of the Amish community.

Road Department: Boom mowing was completed by the County. The road signs were checked. The leaves were blown off the Administration roof. A drive pipe was installed for Mr. Giel on Irwin Drive. A 50x50 parking area was cut in by the pond. Nine loads of asphalt grindings were hauled to the area. The dirt roads were patched with #411 limestone. The '96 International has a hydraulic problem. The snow fence was put up on Fisher and Hale Roads. Mr. Miller made a motion to contract with Independent Tree in the amount of \$2,100 to take down two trees on Durkee Road. Mr. Burnett seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Whiting – yes and Mr. Burnett – yes. Mr. Portman, current Trustee of Parkman Township, informed Mr. Sutter that he received a quote of approximately \$70,000 per mile for chip seal. There was a discussion about contracting with Cintas for uniform cleaning or utilizing a uniform allowance for the two road department employees.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. McDermott will check on pricing at Cintas for uniform cleaning.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The BCPA met on November 15th and discussed a fire district for fire and ems protection. Ms. O'Neill will contact Company 119 about setting up Township emails for the Trustees.

Warrants: Warrants #12175 thru #12184 were approved and paid.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Miller. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer