

MINUTES
CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 20, 2022

The Concord Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Fiscal Officer Bill Whidden called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Neil Rhoades and Don Pence were present, as was Road Superintendent Brandt Miller.

Nominations for Chairman: Bill Whidden called for nominations for the 2022 Chairman. Neil Rhoades nominated Don Pence and was seconded by Mr. Pence. There were no other nominations and the roll was called: Don Pence – Aye; Neil Rhoades – Aye. With that, Mr. Pence took charge of the meeting.

Nominations for Vice Chairman: Mr. Pence nominated Neil Rhoades for 2022 Vice-Chairman. Neil Rhoades seconded the nomination. There were no other names offered and no discussion. The roll was called: Neil Rhoades – Aye; Don Pence – Aye.

Minutes: Don Pence made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2021 and was seconded by Neil Rhoades.

Guests: There were no guests present.

Fiscal Officers Report: Bill Whidden

- Distributed copies of the December 2021 Receipt Register and the January Payment Register;
- Provided copies of the December 31, 2021 Fund, Revenue and Appropriation Status Reports;
- Circulated the reconciled Bank Statement of December 31, 2021 for Trustee signatures;
- Circulated Then and Now Purchase orders 9-2022 through 11-2022 for signature. These were related to invoices received in 2022 for work completed in 2021.
- Reported final Coronavirus Relief Fund Report has been submitted.
- Discussed proposed SB 277 sponsored by State Senator Huffman. This bill would rollback gasoline taxes and registration fees for a period of 5 years. If approved, the Township would see a reduction in revenues of approximately \$60,000 annually.

Communications: The Trustees reviewed all of the items listed on the Agenda.

Road Superintendent: Brandt Miller submitted his report in writing

- The crew cleaned corn and bean stubble from the ditches due to recent flooding.
- A number of potholes have been patched.
- Brush and leaf pickup was extended due to heavy winds. Final leaf load count was 128. This compares to 193 loads in 2020. The new larger box on the Western Star resulted in significantly less drive time, and fuel usage.
- The trucks have been prepared for snow and ice
- Christmas tree pickup was complete
- Seeking quotes for LED lighting for the shop

Old Business:

A. Open Items:

- Concord Debris Management Plan
- Miami County Visionary Initiative

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- Feasibility of approaching Miami County re: potential joint projects with ARP fund
- Update Policy and Procedure Manual
- Neil Rhoades provided an update on the property at 3914 State Rt.41 re: abandoned autos. The County will follow up with the owner.

New Business:

Don Pence made a motion to approve items A through F below and was seconded by Neil Rhoades. The roll was called: Neil Rhoades – Aye; Don Pence – Aye.

- A Set Township meeting day and time: All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.
- B. Committee Appointments
- Miami County Council: Don Pence as Representative and Tom Mercer as Alternate
 - Debris Management and Mitigation Committee: Don Pence and Neil Rhoades as Co-Chairs
 - Stormwater Management: Tom Mercer as Representative and Neil Rhoades as Alternate.
- C.–E.
- Approve the IRS mileage reimbursement at the rate published by the IRS at the time the expense is incurred
 - Approve the reimbursement of expenses for elected officials and authorized employees to attend seminars and conferences
 - Approve continuation of the Ohio Township Association Group Life, Dental, and Vision insurance for all elected officials and full-time employees
- F. Approve membership for 2022 for the Elected Officials and the Road Superintendent in the Ohio Township/Miami Township Associations.
- G. A discussion was held regarding citizen requests for “no solicitation” signs in the Township. It was agreed that requests would be considered on an individual basis and Brandt Miller will follow up with the County to have signs prepared, if needed.
- H. The Ohio Department of Development grant programs on Building Demolition and Brownfield Remediation was discussed. Two properties in the Township have been identified as potentially qualifying for a grant: 725 N. Forest Hill Rd. and 3395 Stillwell Rd. The eligible owners must apply directly for the grant.
- I. Don Pence discussed the AES West Milton to Eldean Rd. transmission line revisions recently received by the Township.

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- J. Neil Rhoades discussed the basketball rim in the right of way on Greenbriar. This must be moved out of the right of way to accommodate traffic entering and leaving the subdivision now that the road has been extended for public access. Neil Rhoades will follow-up to expedite the removal.

- K. Don Pence made a motion, seconded by Neil Rhoades to approve and sign Blanket Certificates 1- 2022 through 19-2022 and Purchase Order 8-2022.

- L. Don Pence made a motion, seconded by Neil Rhoades, to approve charges 549-2021 through 582-2021 and charges 1-2022 through 17-2022 and warrant # 02505

Adjournment: There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. on a motion and second by Don Pence and Neil Rhoades. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Building.

Absent

Thomas N. Mercer

Donald D. Pence

Neil E. Rhoades

William B. Whidden, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Concord Township concerning and relating to the adoption or resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.