

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
GUILFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
February 16, 2021**

The Board of Guilford Township Trustees, Medina County, Ohio, met for a regular Trustees meeting at 8:00 P.M. on February 16, 2021 in a Zoom virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following Trustees were present: Gene Morris, Jerry Winkler, and Fiscal Officer, Ray Ruprecht.

Also present were: Chief Brad Winter, Andy Liston, Dave Ohl, Diane Allen, Wendel Payn, Curt Lauer, Keith Beetler, Kevin Ross, Mayor Carter, Jim Krahl, Tom Fields, Roger Srail, and Shannon Colonna.

Approval of Minutes

Gene Morris **moved** to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 5, 2021. Jerry Winkler seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Winkler – yes.

Medina County Sheriff Update

Captain Kevin Ross from Medina County Sheriff's Office is here to discuss 5292 Greenwich Road, J & M Trailer Court. They are having more and more reports of issues at this location. They responded to 101 calls last year, and 15 the last month. There are a lot of issues with drugs and there are people living there that have warrants out for their arrest. The trailers are in bad condition, and there have been issues with people stealing public utilities. He is trying to figure out the best avenue to either condemn the place or resolve these issues. This is leading to crimes in the Township and Village. He would like to work with the Township and potentially the county prosecutor to start holding the owner accountable. They can arrest the people and take them to jail, but they just end up back there in a few days. The trailer park has degraded over the years. He is not sure if they have proper water, plumbing or heating. He wants to know if the Township would be willing to work with them to address this issue.

Gene responded that he was hoping that new owners were going to resolve those issues, and there have not been improvements. Jerry agrees that this has been an issue for years, and they have been trying to come up with a solution to this. He thinks having multiple groups come together to plan how they are going to address this is a good idea.

Mayor Carter added that there may be one or two trailers that have good people living in them; however, there are clear problems. One guy came out when officers were there with a machete. She is concerned about the safety of officers responding to this location.

Ray Ruprecht suggests that they may want to start by reaching out to the Prosecutor's office. Chief Winter added that they have been in contact with the Building Department, and the trailers are viewed more as vehicles than buildings.

Department Reports

Fire-EMS Department (Chief Brad Winter)

- On 02/04/2021 the Seville-Guilford Fire Department was dispatched to River Styx Park for a man who had fallen through the ice. Due to the quick and heroic response by Lt. Brittany Rufener and Danny Loparo who went out on the ice to rescue the man and the assistance of several police officers, park rangers, Cleveland Clinic CCT, Medina County All Hazards Team and Lafayette Township Fire Department the man walked out of the hospital in less than 24

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hours from the time of the incident. An awards ceremony is in the works.

- The new MSA air packs will be placed in service on 2/17/2021. They contacted a vendor who purchases used fire equipment. Due to the age of the air packs, the vendor is not interested. Being that the air packs are not needed for public use, are obsolete and valued less than \$2500.00 the fire department would like to donate the used Scott air packs including bottles and masks to the Medina County Career Center. In exchange for the donation the fire training center coordinator is looking into a discount for the cost of tuition for future classes.
- SGFD received the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office 2020 Training Reimbursement Grant for \$1,400.00 applied for by Captain Johnson.
- Request Board of Trustees approval to pay the cost of tuition for Matt Sulzner and JR Sesock to attend the Firefighter I transition course being offered by Medina County Career Center. Cost of tuition for both to attend is \$3,600.00. (a large portion of the training tuition may be reimbursed to the township from the 2021 Ohio Fire Marshal's Office Training Reimbursement Grant)

Approval to Donate Air Packs to Medina County Career Center

Jerry Winkler **moved** to declare the current used Scott Air Packs including bottles and masks to be unneeded, obsolete and valued at less than \$2500.00 and donate them to the Medina County Career Center. Gene Morris seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Winkler – yes.

Approval of Cost of Tuition for Matt Sulzner and JR Sesock

Gene Morris **moved** to approve to pay the cost of tuition for Matt Sulzner and JR Sesock to attend the Firefighter I transition course being offered by Medina County Career Center. Cost of tuition for both to attend is \$3,600.00. Jerry Winkler seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Winkler – yes.

Road Supervisor (Andy Liston)

- The road department has been cleaning the roads.
- Andy put in an order for 100 tons of salt.
- Andy contacted Kenworth to put in the order for the new truck.
- Jerry Winkler added that he listened to the ice rescue and wanted to commend them for that response. He also noted that Andy is doing a good job with the road.

Tom Fields asked if the Trustees would be reviewing the letter from BZA members at tonight's meeting. Gene responded that Bob Rohrer is not present tonight, and they did not have a chance to review. They will not have time to review tonight and will probably schedule time to discuss with the BZA.

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Zoning Inspector (Curt Lauer)

- Curt has received some calls about 9060 Hubbard Valley. The property is in the commercial district so he has received some calls about what they can do on that property.

Zoning Secretary (Shannon Colonna)

- The BZA met on February 10, 2021. Shannon did not attend that meeting but received a recap which was also shared with the Trustees, shortly before this meeting.
- The Zoning Commission met on February 11, 2021. They reviewed the latest copy of the survey questions, and there were no additional changes. They also reviewed a couple updated survey letters and agreed to review one of the letters for the next meeting. Both of these documents have been shared.

River Styx Cemetery/Mound Hill Cemetery

- Gene has not received any calls about the cemetery. He heard that the mowers have gone in for service, and they need some repairs.
- There are no updates on the Assistant Sexton responsibilities.

Trustees Reports

Gene Morris

- Gene received a few phone calls, but it has had a quiet couple of weeks.

Jerry Winkler

- Jerry attended the county 911 Tactical Advisory Meeting.

Comments from the Public

- Mayor Carter thanked the Township for supporting Captain Ross tonight.
- Mayor Carter was asked about plowing snow at the cemetery. She asked if it were okay if they just kept the main horseshoe plowed, and if they did not plow the other areas would they need to place a barricade. Gene did not think there were any problems and thought it would be good to put up a barricade. Andy has a couple small barricades they could use for this.
- Mayor Carter said she heard the flags at the cemetery look bad, and there are concerns that they will be damaged in the winds. Jerry will look into this. Ray Ruprecht suggested that they check with Bob because he may have had the flags replaced last time.

Old Business

- There is no old business.

New Business

- Ray Ruprecht reported that the 2.50 mill Ambulance levy will be up for renewal, and he has been speaking with Mike Lyons about this. This levy generates around \$480,000 a year, which

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reflects Nexus property value evaluations. He is hoping to have something to review in the next meeting and wanted the Trustees to be aware that this would be coming.

- The Medina County Stormwater Commission is scheduled for 10:00 AM Thursday, February 25, 2021. Andy will be able to attend this meeting.

Signing of the Warrants

Gene Morris **moved** to pay the warrants, payroll/accounting EFT's of \$42,702.23. Jerry Winkler seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Rohrer – yes, Winkler – yes.

Adjournment

Gene Morris **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Winkler seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Rohrer – yes, Winkler – yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Bob Rohrer

Gene Morris

Jerry Winkler

Ray Ruprecht