

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2024

The Board of Guilford Township Trustees, Medina County, Ohio, met for a special meeting to discuss business related to zoning violation clean-up on May 14, 2024 at 8:00 P.M. at the Guilford Township Hall. The following Trustees were present: Bob Rohrer, Gene Morris, Jerry Winkler, and Fiscal Officer, Ray Ruprecht.

Also present were Michael Colonna, Jerry Springer, Martha Springer, Ruth Giacconi, Joe Giacconi, and Shannon Colonna. Randall Morgan and an unidentified woman arrived at 8:05 PM.

Special Meeting

Gene was tasked with calling auto salvagers. Only one of them was interested and was going to take a look, but he had not heard back from him yet.

Bob was tasked with finding someone to remove the junk. He spoke with someone at Zollingers, and they looked into the property and passed. He spoke with another person and sent pictures but has not heard back.

Jerry knows someone that he might be able to contact.

Jerry spoke with Julie, and the resident contacted her to take a look at the property again because he said it was cleaned up. Jerry said that the resident told Julie that he had her home address and knew about her husband's business and their family farm. Jerry spoke with the resident and said he would take this to the meeting, but he could not decide on his own. He told him that this had already gone through the courts. Mr. Morgan wanted the Trustee that originally walked the property to visit the property again. Gene drove by the property around 3:00 PM yesterday, and there was still junk on the property.

Joe Giacconi said that he lives across the road. He spoke with Randall Morgan about all the junk over a year ago, and Mr. Morgan told Mr. Giacconi to get Curt Lauer off his back or he would make it worse.

Randall Morgan showed up at 8:05 PM and Mr. Giacconi was speaking. He stated that he had the conversation on tape and none of that happened.

Gene told Mr. Giacconi that they have been discussing the situation and have noticed some progress, but they would like to know why it took so long.

Mr. Morgan responded that they run three businesses and just got busy. He now has someone working on cleaning up the property. The situation that he is worried about is the vehicles that have been declared junk because they are all licensed and titled and they are not junk.

Gene responded that the Trustees did not make that decision. The Court reviewed pictures and determined that they were junk.

Mr. Morgan wanted to know when they were planning to take the junk vehicles because there is not much left.

Gene responded that he drove by yesterday, and it looked like some of the vehicles were still there.

The unidentified woman that arrived with Mr. Morgan said that some of the vehicles were hers, and she does not live there anymore and was not notified.

Gene said that they have not found anyone to clean up the property or take the vehicles yet.

Mr. Morgan said that if someone comes to try to take the vehicles, he will consider it theft.

Gene said that the next meeting is Tuesday, May 21 and they will continue to discuss it at that meeting. The more Mr. Morgan accomplishes before the next meeting, the less they will need to worry about cleaning up.

Randall Morgan would like someone to come to his property on the 20th before the next Trustee meeting to walk the property and tell him what else he needs to do.

Jerry said that they have been trying to work with him for a long time to have the property cleaned up.

Mr. Morgan said that he was in the wrong, and he was trying to make it right.

Bob said that they do not want to go through this process either, and they would rather work with him.

Ray said that there have been multiple calls from multiple people, and he does not want them to blame any specific neighbors.

Ray also understood that Mr. Morgan made threatening comments towards Julie Carr, and he wants him to understand that she is just doing her job. He asked that Mr. Morgan not intimidate neighbors or the zoning inspector.

Mr. Morgan agreed that he did tell Julie that he had her number and home address.

Mr. Morgan and the unidentified women left the meeting.

Gene said that they could continue trying to find someone to help clean up the property.

Michael Colonna asked Gene if the companies he contacted were told that the Sheriff would accompany them. Gene said that they were, and they were familiar with that process.

Ray noted that there are a lot of different materials listed. Bob said that they would need to have multiple dumpsters to handle that.

Adjournment

Gene Morris **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Winkler seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Rohrer – yes, Winkler – yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Bob Rohrer

Gene Morris

Jerry Winkler

Ray Ruprecht