

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Newbury Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m., June 7, 2023 at the Newbury Township town hall. Chairman Bill Skomrock, and Trustee Greg Tropf were in attendance. Trustee Glen Quigley was absent.

Also in attendance:

Ken Fagan	Fire Chief
Doug Zimperman	Road Superintendent
Jim Lang	resident
Jeff Munn	resident
David Lair, Jr.	resident
David Lair, Sr.	resident
Carole Drabek	resident
C. D. Boyd	resident
Bill Ward	resident
Jerry Hudak	Zoning Commission
Dave Fabig	Zoning Commission
Ed Deluiliis	Zoning Commission
Tim Charvat	resident
Ken Siebold	resident
Jim Stefancin	Park Board
John Bojec	Geauga Highway
Gary Helf	Geauga Highway

Mr. Skomrock opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Department Update:

Chief Fagan reported calls year to date were 321, there were 60 calls in May, and 11 calls so far in June.

Fire Station update: Weather has been holding out. Progress is on schedule.

Fiscal Officer’s Report: Financial report:

Deposits	\$ 46,162.51
Payments	\$ 119,290.30
Checking balance at the end of September	\$1,184,452.29
Investment account balance	\$3,524,985.04
Total fund balances on deposit	\$4,709,327.33
Difference from previous month	-\$ 74,327.16

Presented minutes from May 10, 2023 special meeting and May 17, 2023 regular meeting Mr. Skomrock moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Tropf seconded the motion. Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Resolution 20230607-01

Certificate of Need. Revised per HB 140.

To certify to the County Auditor the Necessity to renew the 2.0 mill Road and Bridge Levy due to expire at the end of 2023, with last collection in 2024. Levy will be placed on the ballot at the November 7, 2023 General Election, one year prior to its expiration.

Mr. Skomrock moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Tropf seconded the motion. Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

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Submitted Item: Geauga Highway

John Bojec and Gary Helf, both from Geauga Highway, asked to speak regarding the Chip and Seal Project on Linda and Diane Drives. Work was performed by Geauga Highway in the fall of 2022. Trustees discussed failure of project in 2022 and after reviewing terms of contract in an open meeting, voted to reject the work as incomplete and unsatisfactory.

Gauga Highway spoke to the trustees stating that they believe that payment should be made. They admitted that the project was not an A or A- job. They stated that the stone used on the project was good. The workmanship was good according to Mr. Helf and Mr. Bojec. They stated that due to the late start to the project, the weather was at fault.

Contract start date was not met. Mr. Skomrock told Geauga Highway that if they had a problem meeting the contractual timeframe, they should have contacted the trustees directly and the trustees would have discussed postponing until spring of 2023. Geauga Highway proposed correcting the job at an increased cost to the township. Trustees agreed that paying more for the job was not acceptable. Trustees proposed remedial work should be performed at the original price.

Road Department Update:

Mr. Ziperman received a quote of \$5,000 to take down dead trees in road right of way.

Mr. Skomrock moved to approve the expense. Mr. Trops seconded the motion.

Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Two quotes have been received to paving the drive at Oberland Park. Discussion tabled until future meeting.

Uniform service for two part-time employees have been removed.

Mr. Ziperman asked about ordering a one ton chassis this year. Chassis was ordered in 2022 and paid for in 2023 in the amount of 108,923. Build-out was ordered in March of 2023 and will likely be expensed in 2023. Estimated cost of \$130,000. Trustees agreed that encumbering another a large expense in 2023 would strain the budget and they agreed to wait until next year to discuss making another large equipment purchase.

Fiscal officer reminded that the 2024 tax budget work day is scheduled for June 10, 2023 at 9:00 am at the town hall

Park updates:

Park Board would like to order winterberries for Veterans Park. He is requesting approval for 70 plants at \$28 each for a total of \$1,960.00. Trustees agreed. Mr. Quigley will forward paperwork to fiscal officer to open nursery vendor.

Park Board also asked about the light poles that are being removed from the Fire Station as part of the addition. Mr. Fagan said that 4 poles would be available to for the township to use. Bases will need to be poured and wiring run.

Carole Drabek and Bill Ward gave a presentation regarding the Union Chapel

Union Chapel is historic building in South Newbury. It was a free speech meeting place from 1858. It played a role in both the Temperance Movement and the Suffrage Movement. The building is in need for major restoration and in order to keep its historic designation, the restoration will be costly. Although the township cannot donate, they asked that any individual who is interested in helping, or even just with questions about the history of the chapel to contact her or Mr. Ward.

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Mr. Tropf's updates:

Milano Monuments walked the four cemeteries and identified headstones in need of repair in 2023. There is a large monument that will be costly to fix, but may pose a safety issue in the future. Mr. Tropf asked that the trustees approve a contract with Milano Monuments in the amount of \$23,360.

Mr. Quigley moved to approve. Mr. Skomrock seconded.

Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Skomrock's update:

Sheriff's Report: **200** calls in May.

Mr. Skomrock will meet with Becky Ames. Safety Council is need under the auspices of the Geauga Growth Partnership. Membership and attendance in safety classes lowers the premium rate for Bureau of Workers Comp.

Engine Brake signs have not been ordered yet.

Mr. Skomrock moved to approve the purchase of the signs in an amount not to exceed \$2500.

Mr. Tropf seconded.

Voice vote: two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Other business:

Portman family asked if cremains can be interred in family plot. Trustees approved as there is plenty of room available.

Zoning Commission asked if two trustees would state that they would be in favor of changing the Professional Office Space classification. They would like to begin sending letters to the affected and adjacent property owners. Mr. Skomrock said he would be in favor, but what would they replace it with.

West Geauga Soccer Club will start working on the former football field.

Gauga Knights baseball is asking for use of ball fields. Representative stated the he would be willing to handle the scheduling for the use of the fields with other interested parties.

Mr. Tropf would like to get a legal opinion regarding the former Rec Board funds and leftover equipment. Mr. Skomrock agreed that a legal opinion would be helpful in resolving lingering issues.

Fiscal officer asked for approval to order a new office supply storage cabinet and a Fire Proof locking file cabinet for cemetery files and deeds, and safe storage of minutes. Combined cost would exceed \$2000. Trustees agreed to purchase.

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Warrants approved prior to or at this meeting:

161-2023	5/22/23	\$225.00	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.
164-2023	5/30/23	\$744.35	Treasurer of State
165-2023	5/30/23	\$51.61	School District Income Tax
166-2023	5/30/23	\$3,274.19	IRS TAX PYMT
167-2023	6/5/23	\$419.24	John Boksansky
168-2023	6/5/23	\$1,139.00	Joseph S Colini
169-2023	6/5/23	\$142.89	Timothy H. Hegedus
170-2023	6/5/23	\$1,521.50	Randal O. Hollis
171-2023	6/5/23	\$1,196.15	John H. Mansfield
172-2023	6/5/23	\$1,627.19	Timothy A. Mansfield
173-2023	6/5/23	\$1,332.27	Glen E. Quigley
174-2023	6/5/23	\$1,380.94	Lorraine Sevich
175-2023	6/5/23	\$1,136.76	William J. Skomrock Jr.
176-2023	6/5/23	\$1,731.49	Beverly A Sustar
177-2023	6/5/23	\$1,099.93	Gregory J. Tropf
178-2023	6/5/23	\$1,719.28	Douglas J. Zimperman
180-2023	5/26/23	\$55.70	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
181-2023	5/31/23	\$6.93	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
182-2023	5/31/23	\$25.00	Middlefield Banking Company
183-2023	6/1/23	\$615.98	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
37264	6/7/23	\$1,845.00	H&M Landscaping
37307	6/7/23	\$64.81	City of Garrettsville
37308	6/7/23	\$352.30	Ohio Child Support Payment Central
37309	6/7/23	\$44.04	Delta Dental
37310	6/7/23	\$396.08	Delta Dental
37311	6/7/23	\$180.90	Aris Company
37312	6/7/23	\$30.00	County Wide Welding, LLC
37313	6/7/23	\$83.76	DJM Sales, LLC
37314	6/7/23	\$59.15	Geauga County Maple Leaf
37315	6/7/23	\$230.99	Geauga Feed & Grain Supply
37316	6/7/23	\$50.00	Green Vision Material
37317	6/7/23	\$195,061.16	Infinity Construction Co., Inc.
37318	6/7/23	\$800.00	Lawn Matters Ltd.
37319	6/7/23	\$4,999.00	Marshall Power Equipment
37320	6/7/23	\$34.82	MT Business Technologies INC.
37321	6/7/23	\$205.00	OTARMA
37322	6/7/23	\$300.00	Patsy Keyes
37323	6/7/23	\$3,500.00	Pine Craft Storage Barns, LLC
37324	6/7/23	\$69.50	Sunrise Springs Water Co. Inc.
37325	6/7/23	\$450.00	PuroClean
37326	6/7/23	\$17.96	Tractor Supply Co.
37327	6/7/23	\$948.00	Treasurer of State
37328	6/7/23	\$166.00	UH Occupational Health
37329	6/7/23	\$346.31	West Geauga Local School District
37330	6/7/23	\$41.56	John Boksansky - v
37331	6/7/23	\$50.00	Sarah Zembiak
37332	6/7/23	\$70.00	Newbury Printing Co.
37333	6/7/23	\$138.13	VSP
37334	6/7/23	\$15.33	VSP
37336	6/7/23	\$1,118.84	First Energy
37337	6/7/23	\$34.34	DEX Imaging
37338	6/7/23	\$288.70	Dominion East Ohio Gas
37339	6/7/23	\$464.25	Star2Star Communications LLC
Total			
Payments		\$231,901.33	

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Motion by Mr. Skomrock to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tropf. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 by unanimous vote.

William Skomrock, Jr. - Chairman

Glen Quigley - Vice Chairman

Greg Tropf - Trustee

Beverly Sustar – Fiscal Officer