

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Newbury Township was called to order at 7:01 pm on November 15, 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
Belinda Fagan	Fire Department
Doug Zimperman	Road Superintendent
Jim Stefancin	Park Board
Linda Heilman	Resident
Gary Heilman	Resident
Timothy Guy	Resident
Robert M	Resident
Ross M. McCann	Resident
Ailene Beyer	Resident
Mark Mekota	Resident
Diana Mekota	Resident
Tim Charvat	Resident
Jim Lang	Resident
Lynn Lang	Resident
David Lair	Resident
Allison Wilson	
CD Boyd	Resident
Lindsay Pollock	Resident
Linda Retsch	Resident
Thomas Retych	Resident
Carole Drabek	Resident

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

Fire Department Update:

Fire Station Construction Update: Projection end January.

Mr. Tropf's Update:

Fire Department: 75% complete. 90% by end of December.

Road Department Update:

Truck: Mr. Zimperman calling to see about getting parts and will provide estimate. Inquired about new truck proposal.

Mr. Tropf concerned heavy on trucks. Consolidation options.

Mr. Skomrock inquired if any applicants for Road Department.

Mr. Tropf noted 1.

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Fiscal Officer's Report:

Mr. Skomrock noted Ms. Sustar is absent.

Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Skomrock moved to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2023 regular meeting. Mr. Trof accepted.

Voice Vote: Two ayes.

Park Board:

Flags: Flags down.

Oberlin Park: Mr. Mansfield did the paths.

Car Show Follow Up: Reimbursement outstanding for Eric (trophies). Mr. Trof to review with Ms. Sustar.

Veteran's Park: Mr. Trof confirmed donation of tree on track for December 2nd.

Mr. Stefancin and Park Board posting on Facebook for help and interest to decorate from the community. Noted for anyone interested to stop up at Noon on December 2nd.

Mr. Skomrock's update:

Mr. Skomrock inquired about Jake Brake signs. Mr. Zimperman confirmed he has them and is waiting to meet with Rob of the Engineer's office.

Mr. Skomrock mentioned the availability of a grant for demolition and renovation.

Newbury has participated in the past to demo blighted structures with reduced cost. Mr. Skomrock sent to Zoning Inspector for possible sites.

Mr. Skomrock advised Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur in Oberlin November 17, 2023 to discuss State of Ohio budget for available grant money. Mr. Skomrock will go if feeling well and report back.

Resident Input:

Resident inquired of Mr. Skomrock how many structures can be demoed. Mr. Skomrock clarified the process of addressing health and safety locations first.

Mr. Skomrock addresses the room as understanding why so many are in attendance.

Commissioners Letter:

Mr. Skomrock noted letters were sent to everyone regarding an upcoming tax increase. Mr. Skomrock noted the County Auditor and Commissioners proposed for townships to cut mileage to help offset. Mr. Skomrock noted taxes are needed for services. Mr. Skomrock outlined the township's portion of the increase is estimated \$155,000. Mr. Skomrock noted the township has a road plan, debt for the fire department and wages for the fire department that tax dollars are utilized for.

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Mr. Trof commented if the township were to hold back on a levy, .65 mils off the Fire Levy that would estimate savings of \$22.75 per \$100,000.00 for one year which would result in offsetting 92% of the increase to the residents. He suggested he and Mr. Skomrock discuss offering that option for 1 year.

Mr. Skomrock asked the room if any questions.

Residents:

Residents expressed concern about the increase and requested Trustees to be fiscally responsible.

Mr. Skomrock reviewed tax statement and the township portion of the taxes collected.

Resident:

Residents inquired to review the figures again if the trustees vote to offset some of the increase.

Mr. Skomrock explained it would be for 1 year.

Resident Input:

Resident inquired about the meetings being live streamed. Suggested the meetings be available live and recorded.

Mr. Skomrock noted this has been done in the past.

Resolution 20231115-01

Resolution of intent to reduce the Fire Levy .65 mils for one year for tax collection 2023 payable in 2024.

Mr. Trof moved to accept and Mr. Skomrock seconded.

Voice vote: Two ayes.

Resolution 20231115-02

Resolution requesting advance tax collection.

Mr. Skomrock moved and Mr. Trof seconded.

Voice vote: Two ayes.

Mr. Skomrock moved to go into executive session pursuant to ORC 121 22 (G)3 at 8:00pm. Mr. Trof seconded motion.

Out of executive session at 8:25pm. No decisions made or action taken.

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Warrants approved prior to or at this meeting:

362-2023	11/7/23	\$175.00	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.
363-2023	11/9/23	\$32.78	School District Income Tax
364-2023	11/10/23	\$689.92	Treasurer of State
365-2023	11/9/23	\$3,155.35	IRS TAX PYMT
366-2023	11/10/23	\$6,543.83	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
367-2023	11/20/23	\$560.00	John Boksansky
368-2023	11/20/23	\$225.28	Timothy H. Hegedus
369-2023	11/20/23	\$1,484.54	Randal O. Hollis
370-2023	11/20/23	\$1,063.50	John H. Mansfield
371-2023	11/20/23	\$1,583.47	Timothy A. Mansfield
372-2023	11/20/23	\$1,714.39	Douglas J. Zimperman
37668	11/15/23	\$41.97	City of Garrettsville
37669	11/15/23	\$542.10	1st Ayd Corporation
37670	11/15/23	\$6,820.05	Burton Township
37671	11/15/23	\$1,502.57	Chagrin Oil & Gas Co. Inc.
37672	11/15/23	\$4,196.82	DS Architecture
37673	11/15/23	\$2,509.47	First Energy
37674	11/15/23	\$287.84	Geauga Feed & Grain Supply
37675	11/15/23	\$126.00	Karlovec Media Group
37676	11/15/23	\$545.90	ScapeAbilities (John Suvak)
37677	11/15/23	\$470.10	Star2Star Communications LLC
37678	11/15/23	\$145.87	Turney Home and Auto
37679	11/15/23	\$15.44	Waste Management of Ohio Inc.
37680	11/15/23	\$62.31	Beverly Sustar
37681	11/15/23	\$375.00	Newbury Technologies
37682	11/15/23	\$9,600.00	Janke, Daniel K
37683	11/15/23	\$35.00	Ohio Public Utilities Commission
37684	11/15/23	\$67.10	Geauga County Maple Leaf
Total			
Payments		\$44,571.60	

Motion by Mr. Skomrock to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tropf. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 by unanimous vote.

William Skomrock, Jr. - Chairman

Glen Quigley - Vice Chairman

Greg Tropf - Trustee

Beverly Sustar – Fiscal Officer