

**Record of Proceedings**  
**Minutes of the Carlisle Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 15, 2023**

The Carlisle Township Board of Trustees met on May 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM. In attendance: Trustee Jared Smith, Trustee Berry Taylor, Trustee James Wright, Administrative Assistant William Oliver, Zoning Inspector Tim Ehrke, Road Superintendent Paul Sniezek and Fire Chief Stephen Higgins. Six (6) people signed the attendance sheet.

At 7:30PM, Trustee Wright motioned to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Trustee Smith seconded; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

At 7:09PM regular session was re-entered with all trustees in attendance.

**Public Participation**

Legacy Waste representative Matt Kretschmer was in attendance to discuss what Legacy has to offer the Township for trash pickup. He would indicated that Legacy is a Township business and hoped the Trustees would consider Legacy over the Consortium. Items of concern for the Trustees were having enough trucks to do the cover the entire township, dumpster availability for special events like dumpster days, possible door pick up for disabled residents, the cost to the residents when contracts are started or ended. There was also discussion of what the consortium has to offer as opposed to going with a private contract.

Sat May 20<sup>th</sup> is the Veterans Memorial Dedication.

Trustee Smith promoted a call to action of the residents to contact Senator Manning for SB 33. He would like to see an increase in the local government funds. It is currently 1.6% to 2.6%. Also, to remove the resident development property tax exemption for unimproved land. Exempt property taxes for up to eight years.

**Fiscal Officer Kimberly Fallons' Report**

No report.

**Administrative Assistant William Olivers' Report**

Mr. Oliver stated a letter was received from the city of Elyria law director regarding a Failure to Control as the defendant and could be receiving restitution. It was a result of an accident in August 2022.

The Ipanda, for the Township website, was received for payment. Trustee Wright motioned to approve. Trustee Smith seconded; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Allen Childress, road department employee, has signed an Employment Contract Agreement to complete training to receive his CDL as a condition of employment. Trustee Wright motioned to approve, Trustee Smith seconded; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **Zoning Inspector Tim Ehrkes' Report**

For the period of May 1 through May 15, there were six (6) permits issued for a total of \$717.70.

The Nash property was visited by Mr. Ehrke, the Lorain County Health Department, and a representative of the Nord Center as ordered by the Lorain County Commissioners. The property has been deemed unfit for human occupancy. The conditions were abated and the home will be vacated until all health hazards are corrected and a satisfactory health department inspection has been completed. The timeline for the abatement is approximately three to five weeks.

The Spooner property hearing resulted in a fine to be paid within sixty days or risk possible incarceration in addition to continued property cleanup.

#### **Road Superintendent Paul Sniezek's Report**

Road repairs have started with the new durapatcher.

SWAC application meeting will be on May 18, 2023.

The new employee is working out well so far.

Lakeview and Brentwood Lake stop signs where signs were installed by a private person have been removed. While they were visiting the area, they witnessed three cars pass through the stop sign without stopping. Trustee Wright questioned putting speed bumps near the stop sign. Mr. Sniezek stated they can be placed anywhere; he has six places noted for placement. He believes more signage would be beneficial. The stop sign on Edgewood doesn't seem to make sense. He is looking into the option of removal of the sign. Additional speed limit signs will be posted.

There was some concern about a 150-year-old tree at LaPorte Cemetery. It was deemed a healthy tree and it isn't a concern at this time by the Ohio State University Extension of Agriculture. No action will be taken.

#### **Fire Chief Stephen Higgins' Report**

When a fire department volunteer is hired, they are given a physical. After that, no other physical is required. Mr. Higgins would like to have physicals done on an annual basis. The cost would be \$670 and would fluctuate each year depending on what is required. The cost would be \$10,168.00 for the first year. Trustee Wright motioned to approve, Trustee Smith seconded; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Higgins sent information to the Trustees regarding fire department radios. The current cost is \$10 a month and will be going to \$25. The new system would be \$10 for three years and is

much better than what Marcs provides. The county fire chiefs have been supporting the L3 System, which was rescinded by the County Commissioners. He would like some of the ARP Funds to purchase new radios. The outcome of the grant application has not been decided yet, but he would like to purchase 15 portables radios, a base station, and 20 new pagers for a total cost of \$156,016.25. There is still a chance of getting the grant, but it wouldn't cover the pagers. He believes there is about \$350,000 left in ARP funds. 95% coverage is mandated by the State, but these would give 78% coverage. Trustee Wright questioned life expectancy and warranty. The radios should last 15-20 years and the system is expandable. Trustee Smith stated that the cost of a life is worth it. Trustee Wright motioned to approve. Trustee Smith seconded; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

The fire hydrant at 10163 E. River Road, which was replaced last year, needs replacing again due to an accident. Mr. Higgins will have a quote for next meeting.

Station cleanup happened for Pride Day. Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 151 that helped. Shrubs will be removed that are deteriorated.

Truck six will be put on GovDeals for auction next week.

#### Additional Business & Announcements

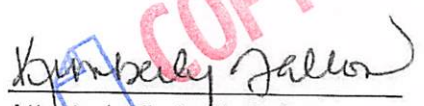
1. Next regularly scheduled Trustees' Board Meeting is on Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 7 PM.
2. There will be a Special Meeting to discuss the Trash Consortium Contract at 6:30 PM on June 12, 2023.
3. Keep up with Township events and contact information at [carlisle-township.com](http://carlisle-township.com).

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Smith, roll call: all ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

  
Trustee Jared Smith

  
Trustee Berry Taylor

  
Attested: Kimberly Fallon  
Fiscal Officer

  
Trustee James Wright