

SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting Minutes
11/4/2024

Chairmen Troy called to order the regular meeting of the **SHEFFIELD TWP. TRUSTEES** at **7:00 pm** on **11/4/24** at the **SHEFFIELD FIRE DEPT.**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Troy stated meetings are audio recorded & copies of the minutes are available.

The following persons were present: ALAN KOHTA, KIRK WHITE, TROY VANEK, MARK DEGAN, RON LICATA, MARGARET KREBS, SCOTT KREBS & TRACY KOHTA.

Alan made a motion to approve 10/21/2024 meeting minutes with correction of Dave Kirk to Dave Kerr. Kirk 2nd. All in Favor.

Warrants #6565-6573 were paid in the amount of \$13,693.79.

October Monthly Online Payments: IRS \$1,431.90 OH Treasurer \$229.50 OPERS \$2,532.80 Windstream \$174.05 Illuminating Co. \$662.19 Aqua \$15.75

October Monthly EFT Payroll: \$2,155.72, \$3,909.85, \$2,132.37
October Monthly Receipts: \$21,144.00

OPEN BUSINESS

1. Northeast Fire District

I. DISCUSSION:

- a) Margaret & Scott Krebs (Resident) – Nothing.
- b) Ron Licata (Resident & Northeast Joint Fire District) – Ron said at the last district meeting, the board turned down reducing the coverage to 8 hours but approved reducing hours of coverage from 16 to 12 hours which will allow the district to continue through June of 2026. There was a discussion of working with Pierpont to be the 1st tone out and Kingsville would be 2nd. Chief Coy has personal issues with Kingsville and made a deal with Pierpont to be the 1st called out without the board's approval. He contacted the Ashtabula County Sherriff's Dispatch and Emergency Management and has the 1st tone going out to Pierpont starting November 1st, 2024. The fiscal officer sent the meeting minutes out, she included Pierpont being the 1st tone in the same motion to reduced coverage hours. Ron contacted the fiscal officer to correct the minutes and remove the statement that Pierpont would be the 1st toned out and she said the board will have to discuss it. Ron believes there's integrity issues with the fire chief and fiscal officer. He said that they have crossed the line, they don't have the best interest of all and personnel changes are needed. Kirk thanked Ron for coming to the meetings and being on the board. Troy feels that moving to Pierpont should have been discussed with the township trustees. Alan stated we need to see how the election turns out tomorrow. Ron and Alan explained to the Krebs how the district is working and running.
- c) Mark Degan - (Road, Cemetery & Zoning) – Mark cut back some low hanging trees on Maple Rd. He said there is some wash boarding by bridge and hauled away down tree in Pine Ridge. He got the footers in at the cemetery and Haines Memorial set the monuments. The one-ton will need the two new tires, front end alignment, oil change and strobe lights repaired. There is not a company locally to complete the front end alignment – Erie is the closest. Mark has a quote from Phil's Garage for the work and taking the truck to Erie. **Alan made a motion for Phil's Garage to repair the one-ton for up to \$3,500 out of 2031-330-599-0000 Road & Bridge Fund. Kirk 2nd. All in Favor.**
Resolution #58
Alan made a motion for Phil's Garage to complete the yearly maintenance and strobe light repair on the Mack dump truck for up to \$1,300 out of 2021-330-323-0000 Gas Tax Fund. Kirk 2nd. All in Favor. Resolution #59
Mark issued 2 zoning permits for Benekta Rd. and Rt. 193.
- d) Kirk White (Trustee) – Kirk said roads looking good and thanked Mark for taking care of the trees.
- e) Alan Kohta (Trustee) – Alan said the roads are looking good. He asked Mark to shut off the water at the cemetery. He attended the zoning board meeting and they asked to removed Robin as an alternate. **Alan made a motion to add David Kerr as an alternate to the zoning board. Troy 2nd.**

All in Favor. Resolution #60 Alan applied for the grant for Maple Road Project Phase II and will apply for the small govt. grant. **Alan made a motion to authorize Alan Kohta to submit applications and execute contracts for Maple Road Phase II. Kirk 2nd. All in Favor. Resolution #61** Alan spoke to Rob about the security cameras. They are checking into using existing cameras and will get back to us.

- f) Troy Vanek (Trustee) – Troy said roads & the bridges on Maple Rd. look good. Troy met with Simak about the asphalt pile. Alan thought we should wait until spring to have it screened and crushed. He is worried about it binding back together. Simak said it wouldn't bind back together since it's not fresh and has sat a while. They are going to get us a price. This may be a good time since Simak has slowed down.
- g) Tracy Kohta (Fiscal Officer) – Tracy passed checks and purchase orders to sign.

h) ADJOURNMENT

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Kirk 2nd. All in Favor.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Kohta (Fiscal Officer).

I hereby certify there are sufficient funds in the depository to pay the above warrants.

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Minutes approved by: Troy Vanek