

SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting Minutes
9/16/2024

Chairmen Troy Vanek called to order the regular meeting of the **SHEFFIELD TWP. TRUSTEES** at 7:00 pm on 9/16/24 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, TROY VANEK, KIRK WHITE, MARK DEGAN, RON LICATA, SANDY BORING, ROB OSACIO JR., & TRACY KOHTA.

Alan made a motion to approve 9/3/2024 meeting minutes. Kirk 2nd. All in Favor.

Warrants #6549-6553 were paid in the amount of \$21,582.38.

OPEN BUSINESS

1. Northeast Fire District

I. DISCUSSION:

- a) Sandy Boring (Resident) – Sandy thanked Mark for working on the ditches on Hines Rd. and that the pole blocking the ditch was removed. She also asked about the fire dept. Rob Osacio explained how the district is working. Alan said that Kingsville is only working mutual aid at the current time and will pull out of the district January 1st.
- b) Ron Licata (Resident & NEJFD) – Ron discussed how the dept. is running on a volunteer budget and that a new levy may be placed on the ballot in May. He said that over the last 10 years, the number of volunteers has decreased with parents working 1 to 2 jobs and the younger generation is not getting involved. Ron said the county came out & cut the tree down on Plymouth Gageville.
- c) Rob Osacio Jr. (Resident & Fire Dept.) – Rob said there is a bee infestation around the building and we need to call an exterminator. **Alan made a motion to hire an exterminator to take care of the bees. Kirk 2nd. All in Favor. Resolution #54**
Rob discussed the need for a working security system. He received a quote for 16 cameras from Hudson Communications for \$1,925. He is going to ask the association to pay 50% of the invoice at their next meeting. **Troy made a motion to pay half of the security system if the association pays the other half. Kirk 2nd. All in Favor. Resolution #55**
Rob applied for a fire/EMS grant and will hear soon what the amount will be. He said Pine Lake has an event starting Sept. 26th and another benefit in October.
- d) Mark Deagn (Road, Cemetery & Zoning) – Mark said the county resurfaced Benetka Rd and he will get hot mix for the driveways. Baldwin Rd. is opened and he finishing the headers and will be poured tomorrow. He's ditching on Hines Rd. and did what he could in Forest Ridge. Mark will start the footers at the cemetery and had a weekend burial. Zoning – he issued two permits for a garage on Sheffield and deck on Forest Ridge South. The county issued a stop work order for the deck – the resident was using the wrong size of wood. Mark is still looking for a grinder and screener. He called for brine.
- e) Kirk White (Trustee) – Kirk said someone peeled out on Benetka after it was resurfaced. Kirk's 14 year-old daughter asked about the potholes when you cross over the bridge going north.
- f) Alan Kohta (Trustee) – Alan said Jason had called about the bee issue today and Alan will call North Coast. The district is talking about reducing the hours that are manned. Kingsville was at the meeting and said they will cover the unmanned hours and the district would cover Kingsville's unmanned hours. He would be in favor of dropping the lawsuit if Kingsville would commit to two years of coverage. The district needs to get a levy passed before adding other townships. Trick or Treat was also discussed. Alan said Maple Rd. by the stop signs on each end between Lillie & Griggs has big potholes and East Maple by the bridge. For next years to do list, we'll have the county put center lines on Maple, Benetka and Dewey Roads.
- g) Troy Vanek (Trustee) – Troy drove roads and was at the fire hall a few days.
- h) Tracy Kohta (Fiscal Officer) – Tracy received a thank you from the Covered Bridge Festival for renting the portable restroom. Checks and purchase orders were passed.

i) ADJOURNMENT

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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