

# BAZETTA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2022, 7:00 pm  
Bazetta Township Administration Building  
3372 State Route 5, N.E.  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Present:**

Chairman Trustee Michael Hovis Yes  
Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride Yes  
Trustee Michael Morelli Yes  
Fiscal Officer Stacy Marling Yes

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Chairman Trustee Hovis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a moment of silence.

Trustee McBride reminded the assemblage of the Public Comment Procedures and that the meeting was being video, and audio recorded for informational purposes.

**CORRESPONDENCE (COPIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:**

**ADMINISTRATION:** The Fiscal Officer's monthly financial report will be posted to the township web site. Please visit at [www.bazettatwp.org](http://www.bazettatwp.org), under the tab titled Administration, Financial page and Reports. See attached agenda items

- Chairman Trustee Hovis – Please visit, follow, and share our new “Bazetta Township Ohio” Facebook page for updates and community events
- As a reminder our Administration Office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00AM-2:00PM to serve our residents
- Trick-or-Treat has been set for Monday October 31, 2022, from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. We hope everyone has a safe fun time

Comments:

**173 -22** Resolution to accept the meeting minutes from the September 27, 2022, Regular Trustees Meeting.

**Motion:** Trustee McBride  
**Second:** Trustee Hovis  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride Yes Trustee Hovis Yes Trustee Morelli Abstain

**174-22** Resolution to amend the Township Hall Rental Fees Schedule to waive the \$30.00 dollars Opening and Closing fee for 501-C3 military organizations effective immediately.

**Motion:** Trustee Morelli

**Second:** Trustee McBride

**Vote:** Trustee McBride Yes Trustee Hovis Yes Trustee Morelli Yes

**175-22** Resolution to hire Part-time Secretary, Rich Urchek, on an as-needed basis to open and the Township Hall for rental events at a rate of \$30.00 dollars per event effective immediately.

**Motion:** Trustee McBride

**Second:** Trustee Morelli

**Vote:** Trustee McBride Yes Trustee Hovis Yes Trustee Morelli Yes

**Comments:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing for the agenda, see monthly reports**

Report from Chief Rink:

- 119 Calls last month, three public events, 48 hours of training and ten inspections
- Reminder every Tuesday morning at 9:00AM its Coffee with the Crew and everyone is welcome to come

**Comments:**

- Trustee Morelli asked what they do at the coffee event. Chief Rink replied, it is to be open for the public and they have had two so far. You can come in and ask questions, sit with the crew, show them around

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: Nothing for agenda**

Report from Sgt Nathan Greathouse:

- Nothing from the Police Department

**Comments:**

- Trustee McBride ask the police to keep up the park patrols until the gate is installed
- Trustee Morelli advised there is someone making donuts in the area when you pull into the park road on the right-hand side
- Trustee McBride advised this occurs at the end of the road near the boat club as well

**ROAD DEPARTMENT: Nothing for the agenda**

Report from Acting Road Superintendent Tempesta:

- Nothing for the agenda
- They will be leveling foundations at the cemetery

Comments:

- Trustee McBride advised the new truck should be ready in the next week or two
- Trustee McBride asked what we are going to do with the old truck and Acting Superintendent Tempesta replied he is not sure yet, they may keep it for s backup
- It will be kept in the garage we have four plow trucks

**PLANNING DIRECTOR, ZONING INSPECTOR AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Nothing for the agenda**

Zoning Inspector Pete Pizzulo to report:

- For the month of September there were permits issued for \$106.00 Dollars
- The new owner of the Bazetta Mall is Mr. Warzala. His intentions are to open it as a dairy of some sort. He is already making improvements to the exterior and the parking lot. He understands the expectations the Township has to bring it back to code
- Trustee McBride aske Inspector Pizzulo if the owner of the run-down trailer has changed and he replied, it has not, and we mowed the property, and the cost will be assessed to her taxes

Comments:

**ZONING BOARD OF COMMISSINERS AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Nothing for the agenda**

- We are accepting application for two Alternate Zoning Board Members to fill the vacant seats to the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Appeals. If anyone is interested, please go to our township website; [bazettatwp.org](http://bazettatwp.org) and complete the General Employment application. Email it along with your resume to [trustee@bazettatwp.org](mailto:trustee@bazettatwp.org)
- The Zoning Commission has an upcoming Public Hearing Scheduled for November 1, 2022, on a proposed Zone Change Map Amendment and Text Amendments to the Township Zoning Resolution.

The proposed Zone Change Map Amendment involves 60 (sixty) properties in the Ivy Hill area. This proposed zone change, if approved, will correct the current zoning designation to comply with the current use, which is Commercial C-3 to Residential R-A. We will also hear the proposed Text Amendments which will add regulations for Solar Panels, Windmills and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- We will be holding a Special Meeting at 7:00PM, immediately following the Public Hearing, to discuss and receive input from the affected parcel owners of approximately 13 (thirteen) parcels on Wilshire Drive. These properties are currently designated Residential R-A, and we are looking to correct the destination to conform with the current use and destination of the surrounding parcels

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: Nothing for the agenda**

Chairman Trustee Morelli to give update:

- No meeting was held
- There are 225 pickets, and we found a vender who will etch the picket for us. We will be selling them next month. We expect to make about \$15.00 dollars per picket. Proceeds will go towards the new mulch
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- The Lions club sign has been replaced and they will be helping us pay for the mulch as well
- We have cleaned the Mark Thomas Ford sign and were able to save it

Comments:

- Trustee McBride asked Fiscal Officer Marling, how much money is in the park Board Fund and Trustee Morelli stated there is about \$16,700.00 dollars

**ASKED TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA: No one**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: We will accept public comment at this time.**

If anyone has a question or comment

- Raise your hand
- The Chairman will recognize you
- State your name and address for the record

Multiple speakers at the same time will not be allowed

Comments:

- Amelia Ulbricht of 3434 State Route 5 – Is there any farmland in Bazetta and why is her land not farmland? Zoning Inspector Pizzulo advised a property needs to be at least five acres to be considered for agricultural use. On her deed it says its farmland, but it was changed to residential when the farmland was developed
- Stan Shrodek of Lakeshore Drive – Is there anything planned from the road department to seal any fissures in the road before winter? Acting Superintendent Tempesta explained they will fill in the large cracks. Mr. Shrodek suggests having Police presence at Township Hall events or at least the police check up on the event. Trustee Hovis explained we do not allow alcohol and we rent it for community events

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Resolution to adjourn meeting at 7:24PM.

**Motion:** Trustee Morelli

**Second:** Trustee McBride

**Vote:** Trustee McBride Yes Trustee Hovis Yes Trustee Morelli Yes

  
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Chairman Trustee Michael J. Hovis

10/25/2022  
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Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride

10-25-2022  
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Absent  
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Trustee Michael Morelli

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