

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 22, 2022, 7:00 pm
Bazetta Fire Department
3000 Warren Meadville Road.
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Present:

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

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, 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

Comments:

196 -22 Resolution to accept the meeting minutes from the November 8, 2022, Regular Trustees Meeting.

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Morelli
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli YES

197-22 Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Office to pay all outstanding invoices and approve all warrants incurred from November 22, 2022, through December 27, 2022.

Motion: Trustee Morelli
Second: Trustee McBride
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli YES

Comments:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing for the agenda

Report from Chief Rink:

- Congratulation to Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, Gianfranco Serpone, successfully completed his one-year probationary period.

Comments:

- Trustee Hovis noted they did a great job at the food drive

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Nothing for agenda

Report from Chief Herlinger:

- Updated Facebook with the road closure information that will start on Monday
- Shop with a Cop and Fireman will be held Saturday, December 17, 2022
- Food drive was a success. We took in just under \$2500.00 dollars in donations and 1,850 lbs of food at our location
- Update will be forthcoming with more information on their recent events

Comments:

- Trustee McBride asked if the cars have been sold and Chief Herlinger replied it is in progress. There are seven cars to be sold
- Trustee Mc Bride asked about the weed control. Chief Herlinger explained the Road Department took care of the leaves; they filled the holes in the parking lot
- Acting Road Department Superintendent Tempesta advised they didn't spray, and the weeds are dormant now. Trustee McBride advised to spray them in the spring
- Chief Herlinger gave update on the furnace issues with wiring issues. The wire is cut to the thermostat. Lee Collins will repair later in the week. One compressor is shot and is on back order and will have a price. Trustee McBride advised to have them all checked, and filters should be changed once a month
- Trustee Hovis commended Chief Herlinger and the department for a good job handling the recent shootings and keeping the public aware of what's going on

- Trustee Hovis asked the Chief if he could share information regarding the Safe Exchange zone in light of the recent murders in Warren and asked Chief Rink to help with that as well
- Chief Rink advised they are providing a safe package drop off again this year at the Fire Station starting in December

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Nothing for agenda

Report from Acting Superintendent Tempesta:

- They have received all the salt for the winter which is 500 tons
- Thanked Trustee Morelli for helping them crack seals the road for a couple days
- The machine was picked up this morning
- The new truck has an issue with the wire that runs to the oil pressure on the hydraulic system and is being repaired
- Another truck has brake issues and we have the parts to fix it and Doug will be here next week to give us a price and to fix it

Comments:

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

Zoning Inspector Pete Pizzulo to report:

- Apologized for anything he may have said that was offensive at the prior hearing. He also apologized for calling out Commissioner Boggess. He feels if she has a question about that we discuss it before we go to a hearing so we can actually fix it before we get to this before we have to do it all over again. Commissioner Boggess explained she didn't realize the issue until Trustee Morelli brought it up at the hearing. Trustee McBride added Commissioner Boggess saw it right when it was brought up. Inspector Pizzulo has been frustrated for five years and we finally have a board that wants to do something. It costs about \$400.00 dollar per year to have the Commissioners and its money well spent to fix the wrongs and things that have been overlooked for the past 30 years. He believes we are making good strides.

Comments:

- Trustee McBride agrees Trustee Morelli brought up good points that it's going to cost the businesses money using Menards as an example of when they were required to add piping when they purchased the property from Walmart. Inspector Pizzulo agreed we need to be careful how we tread and not be too restrictive, but we need to be aggressive as well.
- Trustee Hovis added he feels regulation is in everyone's best interest.
- Trustee McBride added we want people to come to the township and we don't want to have a negative where we are doing it but someone else isn't. I want to draw them in here not push them away. It's bad enough with the water retention that went in 15-20 years ago.

- On the letter we received from Attorney Poteet on the Ivy Hill Property, I will send her the information she requested on that.
- We do have interested builders looking at the township both for residential, commercial, and industrial development. We are not a dead township. If the Commissioners would become aggressive in our favor and get us the utilities we need for real growth, Route 5 and Route 46 could be true business corridors
- Trustee Hovis explained that on the Commissioner's agenda is for them to approve the water line for Route 5. The one that's been on the books for about 5 years. It's on the agenda to decide how much ARP funding they will give to supplement the costs for residents and such. In a discussion with Fire Chief Rink that once the waterline gets in there, the commercial properties' cost for insurance will go down and it helps our ISO rating out for the township that affects anyone who owns property in this township. Anyone can reach out to the Commissioners.

ZONING BOARD OF COMMISSINERS AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: See agenda items

- Zoning Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing on November 29, 2022, 6:00PM on the Consideration of changing the current zoning of more than ten properties on Wilshire Drive from their current designation of Residential R-A to Residential R-1
We had a special meeting on it, and everyone was in favor of it including the developer. Trustee Hovis spoke to him as well. Inspector Pizzulo explained that land at the end is landlocked and owned by the State, it will never be developed.

Comments:

- Trustee McBride asked if they would have to put a cul-de-sac at the end of that street? Inspector Pizzulo replied According to our Resolution and Trumbull County there can be no dead-end roads. But we can't go back and make a builder who has been out of business for 30 years come back and put a cul-de-sac in there. There is a "T" turn -a-round for the school buses that the Fire Department uses as well.
- The Zoning Commission rescheduled their next Quarterly Meeting to Monday December 12, 2022, at 7:00PM to comply with the request of the Trumbull County Planning Commission to allow time to receive their recommendations.
- Both meetings will be held at the Administration Building in the township hall

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: Nothing for the agenda

Chairman Trustee Morelli to give update:

- Next meeting in January
- Residents from the community gave us some ideas about Christmas and maybe we can look at that for next year. There is some infrastructure that needs repaired
- Will be meeting with Lakeview Athletic Club to receive a donation and to discuss plans for the use of the park next year, they plan on expanding with more projects

Comments:

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:

Deanna Boggess 2761 Beaver Trail

- She attended the Annual Salute to Elected Officials held at the Grand Resort and spoke with Beth Carmichael from the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau. Beth would like the us to notify her of the park opening date as they would like to do a promotion for it and the Storybook Trail.
- Thanked Chief Herlinger and the officers for the great job they did with the recent shooting events, people at the event mentioned it to her as well.
- Addressed Inspector Pizzulo and explained she did not understand the language in the Electrical Vehicle Charging Amendment that it was going to required them to be installed. She thought it only required property owners to be required to comply with the regulations.

198-22 Resolution to adjourn meeting at 7:28pm.

Motion: Trustee McBride

Second: Trustee Morelli

Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli YES



Chairman Trustee Michael J. Hovis



Date



Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride



Date



Trustee Michael Morelli



Date