

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Wells Township

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

February 04, 2025

Held _____ 20 _____

The Board of Trustees of Wells Township met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, February 04, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Officials present were:

Rodney Roe, Trustee Chairman
Jeffrey J Kamerer, Trustee
Bernardus Batenburg, Trustee
Leslie Harvey, Fiscal Officer
Bruce Clark, Solicitor

Others in attendance:

Sean Norman, Butch Keyoski, Lew Eiler, Bub Lazear, Chrissy Crawford, Ricky Crawford, Sarah, Mickey Nest, Dan Hutchison, Georgia Jarman

Trustee Roe requested to abstain from the reading of the January 21, 2025 minutes. If anyone would like, a copy will be made for them.

25-02-01 Trustee Kamerer motioned to abstain from reading the previous meeting minutes from January 07, 2025. Trustee Batenburg seconded and it passed 3:0.

25-02-02 Trustee Batenburg motioned to approve bills totaling \$52,887.24. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe noted the Township's property tax bills have been received, totaling \$1,943.56. He entertains a motion to pay the full year amounts at this time, totaling \$1,943.56 to Raymond A Agresta.

25-02-03 Trustee Batenburg motioned to approve payment to Raymond A Agresta for the 2024 Wells Township property taxes in the total amount of \$1,943.56. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe stated the fireworks contract from Pyrotecnico has been received and needs authorized. The fireworks are scheduled for July 3, 2025 for Wells Township beginning at dusk. Pricing for the 2025 fireworks is \$8,950.00. He entertains approval for the \$8,950.00 in two installments and signing the contract.

25-02-04 Trustee Kamerer motioned to accept and sign the Pyrotecnico contract for the 2025 fireworks set for July 3, 2025; and approval to pay the total fee of \$8,950.00 in two installments. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe noted the application for Food Service Operation (pool concession) has been received. He entertains acceptance of the application and payment of the licensing fee in the amount of \$455.67.

25-02-05 Trustee Batenburg motioned to authorize the application and to pay the licensing fee in the amount of \$455.67. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe stated there are nuisance letters to be signed and sent out certified return/receipt. These letters will be sent to the following:

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Michael and Amanda Ohle	200 Smithfield St, Brilliant OH
Carrie Nicole Shoulders	3858 Township Rd 157, Rayland OH
Frostie Eastham	2146 County Rd 17, Rayland OH
Dessie Reynard	182 Township Rd 167, Rayland OH
Clyde Wilson	1360 County Rd 17, Rayland OH
Joshua D Barnhart	1031 County Rd 19, Mingo Junction OH

25-02-06 Trustee Kamerer motioned to approve signing and mailing certified return receipt the nuisance letters listed above. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe stated the Road and Bridge department are in desperate need of replacing their old end loader. Columbus Equipment Company is contracted with Sourcewell to offer state pricing on equipment. Columbus Equipment's state pricing under Sourcewell listed at \$175,308 with additional options totaling \$22,883.00 for a total price of \$198,191.00 less trade-in of \$18,000 on the old Case 621D. Trustee Roe entertains approval to purchase the new Komatsu with the Case trade-in value for a total payment of \$180,191.00

25-02-07 Trustee Batenburg motioned to approve the purchase of a Komatsu WA270 8 wheel loader to include the trade-in price of \$18,000 for the Case 621D for a total price of \$180,191.00. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Kamerer stated Trustee Roe, Fiscal Officer Harvey, and himself attended the 2025 OTA Winter Conference in Columbus January 29-31, 2025.

Trustee Kamerer noted the Brilliant American Legion did a nice job on their Night at the Races raising money for their ball teams.

Trustee Batenburg stated he and Trustee Kamerer attended a water board meeting, informing Trustee Roe after, the Water Dept has applied for a \$3,000,000 grant to replace various water lines beginning this summer. Engineering is complete on this upcoming project, replacing lines in the village area. There will be a lot of interruptions during this time. The water department offered the Township two options, one being to cut two feet wide trenches in the roads, fill in and pave just that area. In discussions with Butch Keyoski, this option will be a nightmare. We need to look at budget and how the Township might be able to repave portions of what the water department is going to be tearing up during this process. Butch Keyoski will assign a road worker to be right with the crew the whole time the water department is doing their replacement work. This could take an additional part time employee to hire during this time to assist the road department with their required activities. This will be an inconvenience for those who live on the streets affected by this project. The water department will also be in the process of increasing their rates. In order to receive this grant/loan, they have to show enough income to be approved, hence the rate increase. Dan Hutchison stated there was a notification on the most recent water bill that was sent out regarding a pending rate increase.

Trustee Roe announced if anyone notices street lights out to please contact Trustee Roe or Trustee Kamerer.

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Chrissy Crawford announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 12 at the north field across from the Legion. She also needs to start advertising for lifeguards as she only has two returning from last summer. The employment application for lifeguards will be uploaded to the website. Chrissy is in need of ordering a new flow meter, not sure how long shipping takes. Also, not sure of pricing at this point. Will look into pricing and get back to Trustees for approval. The food operating license application has been received. The requirement is to have someone obtain a food handler certificate. Chrissy is going to take the online training through ServSafe for that, at a cost of \$80.00. She requests approval for reimbursement after taking the course and passing. Trustee Batenburg noted Chrissy stated there could be an issue attracting kids at the current rate of \$12.00 per hour, which Wells Township is the highest hourly rate in the area.

25-02-08 Trustee Batenburg motioned to approve the purchase of a flow meter for the Wells Township Community Pool, pricing unknown at this time. Trustee Kameron seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Sarah Lucas from Rivers Landing is in attendance to announce she is looking to start a food pantry for Wells Township. Prior to getting started, she asks if there is any possibility of obtaining a room at the new Township building for storage and distribution? Trustee Batenburg and Trustee Roe stated yes, there is room. Trustee Batenburg noted this is a real good idea. Sarah will have more information to present at the next meeting.

Butch Keyoski stated the EPA reports have been completed and filed. The department has completed approximately 7 tons of coal mix patching pot holes. Trucks have had routine maintenance performed on them.

Trustee Batenburg asked Butch to look into something. Trustee Batenburg went through the legislature and there is 1.2 million dollars available for salt containment for townships that do not have it. This is grant money. Wells Township does not have a salt dome. Butch stated property above the flood zone would be most desirable. Trustee Batenburg stated this is something to look into.

Mickey Nest asked if the concession stand will be available for the July 3rd events that the Legion could use it to sell from? Trustee Batenburg stated the Legion could have the concession stand for the July 3rd events.

Mickey also asked about update on the flag pole. Trustee Kameron stated pipe was found and approval has to be given and Township will get the pipe.

Mickey noticed a lot lately the exit at Market St and Penn the traffic coming off the highway doesn't realize the oncoming traffic does not have to stop. He asks if there is something that can be posted to alert the exited traffic.

Mickey stated the Legion raised over \$6,000 dollars at the Night at the Races. They will be supporting two teams this year. It was the biggest crowd he has ever seen at that event. Legion Fish Fry's will be back up beginning February 21, 2025.

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Dan Hutchison noted he will take care of getting the fireworks contract back to Pyrotecnico. Dan also noted he talked to the Land Bank, knowing Trustee Batenburg has talked to Tabitha a good bit. The Land Bank would like a list of addresses of properties that could be eligible, so if the Trustees have any to let him know. Trustee Batenburg stated he turned in the Walkup property which is the one two houses up from the Methodist Church going north. Tabitha told Trustee Batenburg if there was money available, they would look at that property. He did not have any others. He would like to turn the one in on High St but there are people living in it. Dan stated the Land Bank is waiting for the 2025 budget to come out to see what monies are available. Solicitor Clark suggested letting the Land Bank know if there is property that becomes available, to let the Township know for possible acquisition for the purpose of storing the Township's road salt.

Trustee Roe asked if anyone had ideas of getting rid of geese. There is a problem on the old football field. Mickey Nest suggested fake dogs.

Trustee Roe entertains a motion to enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22 G for personnel matters at 7:12 pm.

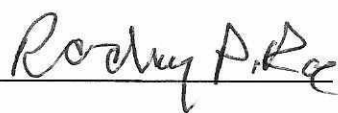
25-2-09 Trustee Batenburg motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:12 pm under ORC 121.22G personnel matters. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

25-02-10 Trustee Roe motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:43 pm. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.


No action taken during Executive Session.

With no further business, Trustee Roe entertains adjourning this meeting.

25-02-11 Trustee Kamerer motioned to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Trustee Batenburg seconded and it passed 3:0.


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Fiscal Officer