

# Pike Township Trustees

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11766 Troy Road  
New Carlisle, Ohio 45344

August 20, 2024

The Pike Township Trustees met in a regular session August 20, 2024 for the purpose of conducting the business at hand.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by the President Adam Steele, with Vice President James Davidson answering the roll call. Also in attendance was Jerry Donnelly, Bob Miller and Cheryl Sigler

All attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **R# 69 / 2024 APPROVE AUGUST 6, 2024 MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded by Mr. Davidson approve the August 6, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Jerry advised 1 person in Medic school, 1 in EMT school and 1 in Fire class. Everyone received the email about a meeting at German Township on September 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm regarding a district. The meeting regarding the dispatch issue was held with a County Commissioner Sasha Rittenhouse and future Sheriff Chris Clark, apparently there was a trainee dispatcher, training a trainee, they advised trainees are in training for 3 months. We currently have 2 BWC claims among the EMT personnel. Jerry advised him completed his online AOS Bulletin 2024-05 Fraud training, all current employees and new employees are required to do this online training, Cheryl will add to her "new hire" checklist.

Bob advised the fence at Black Cemetery was ripped out by the adjoining land owners, Mr. Steele got a call from Mr. Kesler, he went down to look at it and agreed we should pay half of the cost.

## **R# 70 / 2024 PAY HALF OF THE COST OF BLACK CEMETERY FENCING**

Motion by Mr. Davidson seconded by Mr. Kaffenbarger to pay half of the fence replacement at Black Cemetery totaling \$ 2,200.00. Motion passed.

8:51 A.M. Joe Garrett with Trebel enters/

Bob tried a demo of a brush cutter on the mini excavator, he was very impressed by it, would like to purchase one as this type of equipment cannot be rented. He received a quote for a new Blue Diamond Brush cutter, mount, blades and shield for \$ 7,913.15.

## **R# 71 / 2024 PURCHASE A BLUE DIAMOND BRUSH CUTTER AND KIT \$ 7,913.15**

Motion by Mr. Davidson seconded by Mr. Steele to purchase a Blue Diamond Brush cutter, blades and shield for \$ 7,913.15. Motion passed.

Chip & seal was supposed to start last week, was postponed until today, then they had a breakdown so it has once again been delayed. Discussion about the right of way on Fields Road and the resident who was upset about the tree trimming, multiple email docs sent from Dean Fenton at the County Engineers office. The road is 17' wide. Mr. Kaffenbarger will send an email to the resident and we will note to contact residents before trimming in the future. Bob has the excavator in for 50 hour service.

Mr. Steele is getting a quote from Hasting Excavating for grading on Spence Road N, once that comes back we will review and discuss Unit 1 replacement options.

Joe Garrett brought an authorization letter to be signed due to the change in power at Trebel. He also provided a spreadsheet for electric usage in the township for the period of July 2023 through July 2024 and it shows a cost savings of \$ 484,205.87 for the township as a whole. He also discussed having an addendum signed around November so if they get a good deal on pricing they can jump on it right away without waiting for us to have a meeting to make a decision, when the pricing can change daily.

Discussion regarding the farm on Ballentine Pike with the weed issue, Mr. Farmer has been trying to spray the weeds but apparently there is an issue with his sprayer and it is not killing them, it is mainly in 1 certain area. Mr. Davidson received another complaint about these weeks, he will contact Mr. Farmer again and see what the plan is for spraying in 2025.

The Trustees held their work session last week regarding Solar Farms and Zoning, they thought the session was helpful, Mr. Davidson sent an email to the county prosecutor regarding the solar farms wanting to know if they can have another work session with him regarding this. Someone also wandered what the county has in their zoning laws regarding these farms. Mr. Garrett discussed a bit as well.

**R# 72 / 2024 ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR THE 2025**

Motion by Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded by Mr. Davidson to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for 2025.

Roll call vote: Mr. Steele; yes Mr. Davidson; yes Mr. Kaffenbarger; yes Motion passed.

**R# 73 / 2024 APPROVING THE CLARK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Kaffenbarger to approve the Clark County Solid Waste Management plan.

Roll call vote: Mr. Steele; yes Mr. Davidson; yes Mr. Kaffenbarger; yes Motion passed.


9:32 a.m. Mr. Kaffenbarger exits.

Cheryl advised the shredding company is coming today, she confirmed with Jerry that the BWC safety grant was resubmitted with changes.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 3, 2024 motion to adjourn at 9:36 a.m.



Adam Steele, President



Cheryl Sigler, Fiscal Officer

**TUESDAY**

**8:30 a.m.:** The Pike Township Trustees will hold their regular scheduled meeting at 83 Church St., North Hampton.