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Supervisors
Brandon Coleman-Chairman
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John Gradel

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2024

Supervisors present Brandon Coleman, Charles Clukey Jr. and John Gradel
Brandon Coleman. Called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Secretary Minutes:

Reorganization meeting and regular minutes

Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to accept minutes.

Seconded by John Gradel All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in General Fund	\$ 19,147.62
Balance in General Money Market	\$170,671.93
Balance in Sewer Fund	\$161,438.63
Balance in Sewer Money Market	\$244,791.47
Balance in State Fund	\$ 20,259.88

Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to accept Treasurer's report.

Seconded by John Gradel All approved.

Public Comment:

1. Tyler Bates with Castanea Fire Co.: Would like to get some signs at corner of Brown St. and Jarrett and McElhattan Ave and Brown St. Trucks are getting lost and turning around in the Fire Co. lot and unloading supplies as well they are going to M & J and making up driveway. Tyler said he has pictures.
Brandon Coleman asked Tyler if he could get the pictures to Brandon and he will go and talk to the guy that bought the church about his trucks. We have had a lot of complaints about the other trucks. Discussion about the trucks and what signs we need.

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Tyler Bates said he is Deputy Chief of Castanea Fire Company and we want to replace our 2001 Engine with a Pierce Engine the next thing we want is Electric Fan and Radio for the new truck. Tyler said he heard the Township was giving the fire co another donation this year of \$15,000.00 (on Budget) for projects for the Fire Co.

Brandon asked Tyler if he had a copy of bills we can look over. Tyler gave 2 bills to Brandon and Brandon figured them up to \$10,384.24 and Brandon asked the other 2 supervisor what if they were ok with the purchase for the fire co. Charles and John had no problem with the bills and Brandon told Tyler if you have something else you can bring it to us and we can see if it is ok to add.

Motion by Charles Clukey Jr to have Fire Company purchase equipment for the Castanea Fire Co. and have sent bill sent to Township.

Seconded by John Gradel All approved.

2. Christine Hess report she has proof that here neighbors garbage is blowing in her yard. Brandon asked what is the address Christine said 205 Keller Street. Christine said here is a part of letter with her name and address you can have. Brandon gave the paper to Jim Phoenix code officer to take care of it.

3. Bonnie Poorman what ordinance are you going to talk about. Brandon said it is for Grass and Weed, garbage, junk cars and dogs. Paul Ryan will be here for that meeting and will move it to 26th at 6:00pm.

Bonnie also reported the compost pile is getting high, are you going to take care of that. Brandon said that we are trying to keep leaves in one spot for compost and we have millings in another part and if you look we have been cleaning it up.

Bonnie also asked who's paying for the lights at the ball park. They are part of the street light in the whole Township.

3. Keith Masorti asked you started looking into side by sides to being on the road. Brandon said that Porter Twp. did that and Brandon said he will look into it. **4.**

4. Tom Levine reported in teams meeting Mary Pat Dion and representative from DCNR and the note he took away.

1. Need letter up front of any donations sent to Tom.
2. Open up a Checking account for the funds.
3. Need a contract with Tom to make sure it is being done correctly.

Tom reported on McElhattan Avenue sewer line project:

1. Talked to Jim Phoenix about the inspections.
2. Spoke to Paul Ryan to get his interest and approval of Township using a Co-Star Contract to borrow money. Only thing we will have to do is register as a participate. Tom said his wife will help us.
3. Reported on the recording of the sewer system he had done. Put things together and see how soon we can put it out for bids

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Public Comment Continued:

Joe Miller reported about the cars racing across Grape Street.

Also he said that every time he come in here you are talking about sewer. We pay our water to bill to city and they take care of the water and we pay sewer to city why don't they take Care of the sewer lines.

Brandon told Joe you pay us the money for the sewer and we take care of the sewer. Sewer lines are Township reasonability.

Joe said he was down at the Train Station and there was orange marks over the water line. Brandon said he thinks it might be something to do with the rails for trails. The rail is going out across Allison Street to the guard rails across bridge to Hanna St.

Correspondence and Communications: Speed reduction on the Lower Creek Road from 25 miles to 15 miles and make one lane so that PennDot can work under the 220 bridge. **John Gradel made motion to send letter for approval to PennDot giving ok to close one lane and reduce mile per hour to 15.**

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

Report of Officials and Committees:

A. 1. Charles Clukey Jr. Read sewer report- no report

2. John Gradel-Said that he went to school and that is all they have.

3. Brandon Coleman- asked Charles when does he think he can help the guys get the Christmas lights down. Told Charles maybe he can call Weaver's and see if we can get the lift truck and use.

Brandon reported on the new rain gauge down at the pump station as it is on the Web page and you can review it anytime you want it tell temp, rain, it has a lot of information.

B. Auditors-Kristy Sellers, Mary Margaret Winton and Bonnie Poorman: Kristy Sellers gave Auditors report.

Bonnie Poorman said she went over the time cards and you are doing a very good job. Need a little more information on the cards.

C. Engineer-already reported

D. Code Officer- Jim Phoenix: So far during my regular duties of the township I am writing down what I see in the Township like the property on E. Keller St. I want to sit down with Paul Ryan to see what I can do and not do and what I can say. Then I am going after them and anyone else in the township. Brandon said that they have a few more Properties that we will give you the addresses to take care of them.

Joe Miller asked what is "skilled labor" where did it come from. Brandon said it is job description. Joe asked do you have any training. Brandon said yes.

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E. Zoning Officer-Jeremy Kreiser –Brandon read his report.

F. Police Office Report: Brandon read his report for Police.

G. Planning Committee: Nothing

L. Recreation Committee: Rick Schultze reported that they have a tentative list for 2024-25 and some are not confirmed as he has to check with Brandon Myers at the fire company. We have a plan at the fire co if we get the ok. On March 23rd we want to have a photo shoot with the Easter Bunny (Rick said Charles Clukey volunteered to be the Easter Bunny). Everyone started laughing, as it was not true. There will be a little party with candy Community Yard sale is June 8th, will be into parade for Best of Clinton County. June 27th Tie Dye in the park for Children. July 20th Castanea Days, etc.

Rick said that there is a company that have Christmas Trees that are outdoor trees and the cheapest one \$4300.00 but we were trying to get a donor for that.

On January 25, 2025 we want to have a Castanea Chestnut Festival and we are going to submit a tourism grant for the festival. They want to attract people 50 miles outside of the Castanea.

Rick wanted to thank Mary Pat for posting monthly meetings.

Old Business:

1. Appoint new Plow Driver for Drivers List:

Received 2 resume and Brandon would like to approve Steven Killinger Jr...

Brandon Coleman made motion to appoint Steven Killinger Jr. as Plow Driver for the Township.

Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.

2. Bridge Update: Brandon reported that we received the \$130,000.00 grant from the County Commissions and it was sent out to the Ohio Bridge so they can start it.

3. Brandon wants to put the Dodge on the Municibid for sale.

Brandon Coleman made motion to put the Dodge Truck on Municibid as soon as possible and run it until March 4, 2024 until noon. That includes Truck, plow and Spreader box.

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.

Charles Clukey Jr. asked about who is to sign for the truck. Brandon said that Charley was already set to do the signing for the new truck.

New Business:

1. Approve to put lighting on the Castanea Sign on Brown St.:

Brandon explained we have an electric pole and we can cover the front of the sign with one LED light cost of \$192.50 (light only) not installed. Brandon asked for a motion to approve.

Charles Clukey Jr. made Motion to purchase LED light for the sign.

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.

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2. Approve approving checking account for Park DCNR grant money.
Pass resolution for grant money.

**John Gradel made motion to pass Resolution 2024-4 for checking for park grant.
Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.**

3. Approve E-mail accounts for Township departments /Supervisors.

**John Gradel made motion to make E-mail accounts.
Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.**

4. Approve to move work session from Feb. 19, 2024 to Feb. 26, 2024.

**John Gradel made motion to move the work session to Feb 26, 2024.
Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.**

Review and Pay Bills:

Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to pay the bills

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.

Brandon abstain

Brandon Coleman made a motion to close meeting

Meeting was closed at 7:55 pm

Attest: Susan Heaton

Secretary/Treasurer