

# Monroe Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Peck at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Forder-present, Ms. Jowers-present, Mr. Peck-present, Ms. Forder-present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guest Speakers:

Chris Smith:

Mr. Smith delivered an estimate for damage to his 2015 Chev. Silverado from an accident on Jett Hill Road that was involved with Monroe Township's Fire Truck. The police report indicates it was a no-fault accident. Ms. Forder will contact OTARMA to see if they will cover the \$500.00 deductible.

Ms. Carney from Clermont County Prosecutors Office:

Mr. Boots provided Ms. Carney a list of Nuisance Properties within the Township that need addressed. Ms. Carney explained to the Board of Trustees a new method their office is taking on these types of properties with the legal system. Addresses on the list: 1757 State Route 222, 2766, 2914, and 2916 Lindale Mount Holly Road, 3159 Christine Lane, 1323 US Highway 52, 1960 Laurel Lindale, 2534 SR 222, 1331 Clermontville Laurel Road and 2915 (lot 6) Fair Oak Road.

Ms. Carney will also work on a Noise Ordinance Resolution for the Township.

Solar: Ms. Carney explained to the Board of Trustees for 50 kWh or less the Township would make the decision on Solar Farms and any amount over this Clermont County would make the decision.

Motion# 49-2023 was made by Ms. Jowers to approve Ms. Carney to move forward with legal action for Monroe Township on the addresses on the list provided. Mr. Forder 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Mr. Forder-yes, Ms. Jowers-yes, Mr. Peck-yes

Joe Garrett with Energy Harbor: Mr. Garrett reviewed the First Amendment Master Agreement to provide services to an Aggregated Group. This contract will be at a price of 6.86 cent per kWh for a period of 24 months.

Motion# 50-2023 was made by Mr. Forder to approve the new Amended Master Agreement to provide services to an Aggregated Group at a price of 6.86 cent per kWh for a period of 24 months. Ms. Jowers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Mr. Forder-yes, Ms. Jowers-yes, Mr. Peck-yes

Motion# 51-2023 was made by Ms. Jowers to approve the Chair Trustee to sign off on the new contract with Energy Harbor for the natural gas price of no more that .65 cent per ccf. Mr. Forder 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Mr. Forder-yes, Ms. Jowers-yes, Mr. Peck-yes

Township Business:

Fiscal Officer Candace Forder

Motion# 52-5023 was made by Mr. Forder to approve the Monroe Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes dated March 9, 2023 as presented. Ms. Jowers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Mr. Forder-yes, Ms. Jowers-yes, Mr. Peck-yes

Monroe Township EMS received a donation in the amount of \$100.00.

Construction updates: The Contractor is waiting on pricing.

Zoning Mike Boots

Report in writing.

2 zoning permits issued since the last meeting, 14 new zoning violations, and 7 zoning violations resolved.

Maintenance Greg Schrichten

Maintenance is currently working on mowing of all locations. Mr. Schrichten presented information from Baxter Wilbert Burial Vault Service on Niche Community Columbarium that they sell for cemeteries.

Cemeteries Alvin Davidson

2 graves sold and 3 burials.

Fire/EMS Department Chief Steve Downey

Motion# 53-2023 was made by Ms. Jowers to enter into Executive Session per ORC # 121.22 (G) (a) employment of a public employee. Mr. Forder 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Mr. Forder-yes, Ms. Jowers-yes, Mr. Peck-yes

Entered into Executive Session at 11:22 a.m.

Returned to regular session at 11:29 a.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Forder-present, Ms. Jowers-present, Mr. Peck-present, Ms. Forder-present

Action taken:

Motion# 54-2023 was made by Mr. Forder to change the employment status of Jacob Vonder Meulen from LT to FF/Medic with a change of pay rate from \$17.80 per to hour \$17.24 per hour effective April 2, 2023. Ms. Jowers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Mr. Forder-yes, Ms. Jowers-yes, Mr. Peck-yes

Other Discussion:

Mr. Boots had questions on Country Lane business startup date.

Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday at 10:30.

Chief Downey will be out of the office most of next week.

Motion# 55-2023 was made by Mr. Forder to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Jowers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote: Mr. Forder-yes, Ms. Jowers-yes, Mr. Peck-yes

Meeting adjourned at 11:35

Minutes taken by Candace Forder

Mr. Forder \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Jowers \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Peck \_\_\_\_\_