

**SWANTON TOWNSHIP**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF: REGULAR MEETING**

**HELD: DECEMBER 12, 2023**

Chairman Jeff Michael called the December 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Swanton Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Trustee Jeff Michael	- Present
Trustee Kyle McPherson	- Present
Trustee April Grajczyk	- Present
Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael	- Present

Visitors Present: 10

**Business of the Fiscal Officer**

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting. Seconded by April Grajczyk. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 96-2023.**

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to approve Purchase Order 21-2023 to Stevens Disposal & Recycling Service in the amount of \$4,300.00 for the December Refuse Pickup Service. Seconded by April Grajczyk. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 97-2023.**

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to approve Purchase Order 22-2023 to TopCut Builders in the amount of \$62,525.00 for the down payment on the Manore Road Maintenance and Storage building. Seconded by April Grajczyk. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 98-2023.**

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to pay Warrant Numbers 7465 through 7483 and sign the payment report. Seconded by April Grajczyk. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 99-2023.**

Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael reported that the November bank statement has been reconciled and signed by the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer Peggy Michael entered the correspondence into the Record.

**Zoning Report**

1. Trustee April Grajczyk gave the Zoning report.

**Roads Report**

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**Cemetery Report**

1. Trustee Kyle McPherson gave the Cemetery report.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

1. Authorization requested by the Lucas County Prosecutor Office for them to initiate legal action for zoning purposes..

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to authorize the Lucas County Prosecutor Office to initiate legal action on the zoning issue presented to them. Seconded by April Grajczyk. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 100-2023.**

2. Approval to draft legislation prohibiting Recreational marijuana cultivators, dispensaries, and processors as was done for Medical marijuana.

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to authorize the drafting of legislation prohibiting Recreational marijuana cultivators, dispensaries, and processors as was done for Medical marijuana and present the resolution at first Regular Meeting in January. Seconded by April Grajczyk. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 101-2023.**

3. Manore Road Maintenance and Storage Building.

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to accept the estimate of \$104,925 from Topcut Builders for a 50'x80'x16' Pole Barn and pay a downpayment of \$60,000. Seconded by April Grajczyk. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 102-2023.**

4. Schedule the 2024 Organizational Meeting

**Motion** by Jeff Michael to schedule the 2024 Organizational Meeting for January 9, 2024 at 7:30, with the Regular Meeting immediately after. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 103-2023.**

5. John Deere RE40 Brush Cutter

**Motion** by Jeff Michael to approve the purchase of a John Deere RE40 Brush Cutter and Hydraulic Quick Disconnect from TRULAND Equipment for up to \$9,000. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 104-2023.**

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**Public Hearing (7:45 PM) – Third Amendment to the Toledo Express Airport Joint Economic Development District Contract**

Chairman Jeff Michael suspended the Regular Meeting at 7:53 PM and opened the Public Hearing to allow for public comment regarding the Third Amendment to the Toledo Express Airport Joint Economic Development District Contract.

This Joint Economic Development Contract is amended pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.70.

Chairman Michael verified that everyone has signed in and stated that notices were posted as required by the ORC.

Chairman Michael stated that this is a Public Hearing and any testimony given is under oath.

The purpose of the amendment is to add four parcels to the JEDD.

Trustee Michael read an email from the Monclova Township Law Director that stated, “The parcels that are not near the airport are being included at the request of the owner/developer who applied for a zoning change from Monclova Twp on that property and as a gesture of cooperation agreed to be included in the JEDD. No commercial property owner in Monclova Twp had ever petitioned to join the TEA JEDD, so this is Monclova’s first opportunity to appease its JEDD partners.”

Chairman Michael asked for initial comments from the Trustees. No comments made.

Chairman Michael opened the floor for comments from our attendees. No comments made.

Chairman Michael closed the Public Hearing and Resumed the Regular Meeting at 7:56 PM.

Chairman Jeff Michael reported that in accordance with Section 715.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, before the legislative authority of any of the contracting parties adopts a resolution approving an amendment to a joint economic development district contract, the legislative authority of each of the contracting parties shall hold a public hearing. After the public hearing each contracting party may adopt a resolution approving the amendment to the contract of a joint economic development district.

Chairman Michael stated we will now consider the amendment to the contract of the Toledo Express Joint Economic Development District.

Chairman Michael asked for any further comments.

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**Motion** by Jeff Michael to adopt a resolution approving the Third Amendment to the Toledo Express Airport Joint Economic Development District contract, the purpose of the amendment is to add four properties to the JEDD. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 105-2023.**

**Executive Session**

1. To consider the employment of public officials pursuant to ORC § 121.22(G)(1).

**Motion** by Jeff Michael to go into executive session at 8:15 PM to consider the employment of public officials pursuant to ORC § 121.22(G)(1). Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 106-2023.**

Returned from Executive Session at 8:29 PM. No action or voting took place while in Executive Session.

Trustee April Grajczyk announced that effective December 31, 2023 she is resigning the position of Swanton Township Trustee due to her private work requirements. Trustee Grajczyk read her letter of resignation. The elected officials and members of the audience thanked Trustee Grajczyk for her service and elected officials told her she was a pleasure to work with and will be greatly missed.

Trustee Jeff Michael announced that with Zoning Commission member Mike Nowicki becoming a Trustee effective January 1, 2024 and his resignation from the Zoning Commission effective December 31, 2023 there will be a Zoning Commission position available. Trustee Michael reported that Johnnie Bryce submitted a letter of interest for the unexpired term.

**Motion** by Jeff Michael to appoint Johnnie Bryce to the unexpired Zoning Commission position with the term ending April 10, 2025. This appointment will be effective January 1, 2024. Seconded by Kyle McPherson. Roll Call: Jeff Michael, yes; Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 106-2023.**

**Motion** by Kyle McPherson to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Seconded by April Grajczyk. Roll Call: Kyle McPherson, yes; April Grajczyk, yes; Jeff Michael, yes. Motion Carried. **Resolution 107-2023.**

Signed:   
Peggy Michael, Fiscal Officer

Signed:   
Trustee