

Trustee Chairman Hozalski opened the **October 17, 2022** meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Trustee Hozalski, present; Vice-Chairman Trustee J. Woodrum, present; Trustee Ristas, present; Fiscal Officer Ciarrone, present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pete Brubaker, Karol Cornelius, Bud Helms

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Ms. Cornelius thanked the Trustees for considering adding Kipton Village as a static page on the Township website. She gave an overview of content she hoped to have included on the Village page, should the Trustees agree to allow the Village to tag onto the website.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Woodrum moved to approve the **September 19, 2022** minutes as submitted. Trustee Ristas seconded the motion and all voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hozalski moved to approve the **October 3, 2022** minutes as corrected. Trustee Woodrum seconded the motion. Trustee Ristas abstained as he was not in attendance at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

**ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. None

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

1. The Firetrucks were sent for pump pressure tests.
2. The Fire Chief did not have any news on the grants.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

**#22-72**

1. Maintenance Supervisor Helms reported that a hydraulic line on the backhoe was blown and has to be repaired. Trustee Hozalski moved with **Resolution 22-72** to authorize up to \$3,000 to fix the hydraulic line on the backhoe. Trustee Woodrum seconded the motion. All voted yes and the resolution was adopted.
2. The refrigerators at 303 need upgraded. The Maintenance Supervisor repaired the door. Also, two handles on the refrigerators are broken and need to be replaced.
3. The water pump on the generator at the 303 complex also may need to be replaced.

**#22-73**

4. The Maintenance Supervisor presented an application from Rebecca Wright for part time maintenance help. That was followed by discussion of whether she needed a BCI background check. The Trustees decided that unless an employee had a CDL, they would not have to get a background check done.

Trustee Ristas moved with **Resolution 22-73** to hire Rebecca Wright to replace Dan Solnick, who is leaving Township employment. Trustee Woodrum seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative and the resolution was passed.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

- CLCJAD Ambulance Report: The new ambulance needs mirrors.
- LORCO Report: None: None
- ODOT Random Drug Test: None drawn
- RLCWA Report: None

1. Trustee Woodrum made a motion to allow Kipton Village to have a static page on the township website. Trustee Ristas seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion carried.
2. Trustee Ristas update the Trustees on information from Schmid Architects. They estimated that building a new fire station would cost 1.2 million to 1.6 million. Trustee Woodrum will also investigate a 50/50 grant with the USDA.

3. Trustee Ristas reported that the Cruz property on Baumhart Road looks improved and cleaned up appropriately. There are still two campers in front. He also spoke with neighbor Tracey Carroll and she seems satisfied with the work being done at that property.
4. Trustee Ristas spoke with custodian M. Dillon about making sure the halls were cleaned after each rental.
5. The Trustees reviewed the meeting minutes from the most recent Zoning Commission meeting.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**#22-74**

1. Trustee Woodrum moved with **Resolution 22-74** to accept the 2023 tax amounts and rates as determined by the Lorain County Budget Commission. Trustee Hozalski seconded the motion. All voted yes and the resolution was adopted.

**#22-75**

2. Trustee Woodrum motioned with **Resolution 22-75** to approve payment for all zoning personnel to attend the October 27 seminar conducted by the county Prosecutor's office at the New Russia Township hall. Trustee Hozalski seconded the motion. All voted yes and the resolution was passed.
3. The BWC audit was completed. Results were shared with the Trustees.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Fiscal Officer gave a reminder that the monthly Township Association meeting will be held Thursday at the community college and candidates for local and state office will be featured.
2. The Fiscal Officer reported that all our four Verizon lines will update to 4G and the old phones will be replaced at no charge. The zoning cell will be dropped as it is being unused.
3. The Lorain Public Library is holding a craft fair October 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Recycle Building. A resident also wants to do a biannual craft fair and is exploring options with the township.

**PAY BILLS:**

Trustee Ristas moved to **pay the bills** provided the fiscal officer says the funds are in place. Trustee Hozalski seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Ristas moved **to adjourn the meeting at 8:45** Trustee Woodrum seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING:** Board of Trustees Meeting Monday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at 42 Court Street, Kipton, Ohio

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Fiscal Officer

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