Minutes of Greenfield Township Trustees Meeting

July 24, 2024 - Held 6:00 PM

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in regular session at the Greenfield Township Firehouse. Trustee Searle called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kent Searle, Dave Cotner and Lonnie Kosch were present.

Trustee Searle presented the May 15, 2024 Trustee Special Meeting Minutes regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. With no corrections noted, Trustee Kosch made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle presented the July 10, 2024 Trustee Meeting Minutes. With no corrections noted, Trustee Cotner made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

FLOOR:

Matthew McKenna. 3560 Dolson Court, Ascend Cannabis Dispensary, was the first speaker. He stated he worked for Ascend Cannabis Dispensary, and had spoken to Amy regarding the resolution that was passed at the last Trustee Meeting. He stated there was some confusion about the taxes, etc. and he was in attendance to present information and clear up any confusion. He stated his company is between the fifth to tenth biggest cannabis dispensary company in the country. There are 37 dispensaries nationwide, and they operate in seven states. He also noted they have the highest per revenue dispensary of anywhere in the country. He provided three informational packets to the Board, including a tax study done by The Ohio State University. He went on to note that the dispensary does a lot of community work supporting the local fire, police and schools, and noted the other locations in Ohio where the dispensaries are located, including Piqua, Coshocton, Cincinnati, Perkins Township, and there is a grow facility in Monroe; everything grown is within the state of Ohio. Mr. McKenna confirmed they currently only sell medical marijuana, but they are hoping to sell recreational marijuana, as well. Trustee Kosch asked if there was some type of additional permit or authorization for them to be able to sell recreational marijuana. Mr. McKenna stated there was almost no difference in the medical vs. the recreational marijuana;; however, due to the decision by the Board at the last meeting, the company will be going through the petition process. He noted the security level at the business is quite strict, with multiple ID checks. He stated if the Township would feel more comfortable with adult use sales, they could hire a security guard. He stated he understood there were tax questions, and suggested that the company would be willing to donate a percentage of sales to the Township, as they want to be a good neighbor. He noted they have not done this in Ohio, but they have in other townships, and they would be willing to work something out. Trustee Searle stated they would need to have legal counsel involved in order to work out any type of agreement, and noted that townships in Ohio do not have the ability to tax. Mr. McKenna noted the county currently receives the tax benefit from the medical marijuana. He went on to explain, according to the statute that he shared with the Board, there is a ten percent excise tax, and the township could receive 36 percent of the ten percent, so a 3.6 percent tax. He noted the way the state is funded, the state tax is distributed through the municipalities. The conservative estimate of the revenue from the recreational marijuana is approximately \$15.4 million, and that is what the tax number of \$540,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 is based on. He again stated they were willing to work with the Township on other

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concerns to make the situation better, such as security or hours of operation, etc. He noted the company is a job generator, as they have hired 56 people. The starting wage is \$19 per hour. Currently, the hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closing at 5 p.m. on Sunday. They would want the hours to change to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. when it becomes a recreational facility. Trustee Searle stated he would review the materials and the Board would discuss the issue. Mr. McKenna also shared his direct contact number. He also stated he would send an email to include the Board, Fiscal Officer Kull, and also include Amy.

FISCAL OFFICER: Jessica Kull, Fiscal Officer, reported on the following items:

She asked for a motion to pay the bills with warrants numbers 3374 to 3390, and electronic debits 132-2024 to 145-2024. Trustee Kosch moved to approve these payments; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes

Cotner: Yes

Kosch: Yes

Motion Passed 3-0

Fiscal Officer Kull stated the Trustees had been given an email from Fifth Third bank, as she had contacted them to inquire about investing some money from a CD that matured at the end of June. Fifth Third gave the following information as of July 23, 2024: The interest rate on a three-year CD was 4.3 percent. The CD that matured was \$250,000, and she stated she felt it was in the Township's best interest to reinvest that money; the Board agreed.

Trustee Cotner made a motion to reinvest the \$250,000 with Fifth Third bank in a CD with 4.30 percent interest; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes

Cotner: Yes

Kosch: Yes

Motion Passed 3-0

Fiscal Officer Kull reported she had contacted the Auditor's Office regarding beginning the process for appropriating the money for the Road Department. The amount of \$140,000 had been discussed for the purchase of the cab and chassis, and the accessories through Henderson. She presented a resolution to be signed in order to finish the process. The Auditor's Office should have the appropriation done within a few days; they are a little backed up right now due to budget season.

She presented Resolution Number 2024-07-24-01 as follows:

Whereas, The Board of Greenfield Township has decided to purchase a piece of equipment for the Road Department - Fund 4903 - Road Capital Improvement. This would hereby increase appropriations in that fund by \$140,000 in order to purchase the new truck and accessory package.

Trustee Searle moved to approve this resolution; Trustee Cotner second the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes

Cotner: Yes

Kosch: Yes

Motion Passed 3-0

RESOLUTION 2024-07-24-01

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, Ohio (the "Township"), has decided to purchase a new piece of equipment for

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the Road Department from Fund 4903 Road Capital Improvement Fund

THEREFORE: The Trustees of Greenfield Township hereby increase appropriations in Fund 4903 Road Capital Improvement Fund by \$140,000.00 in order to purchase the new truck and accessory package.

Kent Searle, Trustee, moved to adopt the resolution; David Cotner, Trustee, seconded; and the vote was as follows:

Kent Searle - Yes David Cotner - Yes Lonnie Kosch, Sr. - Yes

Adopted: July 24, 2024

Fiscal Officer Kull raised the issue of the holiday schedule for the Trustee Meetings for the fall. She noted that Wednesday, November 27, 2024 is the day before Thanksgiving, and there is a Trustee Meeting scheduled. She asked if the Board wished to move their meeting date. The Board determined to move the meeting date to Monday, November 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse.

Trustee Searle moved to change the November 27, 2024 Trustee Meeting to Monday, November 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Greenfield Township Firehouse; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Fiscal Officer Kull stated the second meeting in December fell on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, which is Christmas Day, and asked if the Board wanted to move the meeting to the following week to catch any year-end items. After discussion, the Board agreed that they had done so in the past when the regular meeting date fell on the holiday. Trustee Searle moved to change the regular Trustee Meeting scheduled for December 25, 2024 to Monday, December 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greenfield Township Firehouse; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

ZONING DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Officer Kull reported the ad for the Zoning Inspector position ran in the Town Crier on July 22, 2024.

She also reported that Mr. Day had been in the office on July 18, and again today, July 24, 2024. He came to remind her to report to the Board that on July 18, 2024, the Health Department had been contacted by the EPA, and wanted to deem the property as a nuisance property. They were going to follow-up with him and tell him what happened. He reported today that the lot still has not been watered down, and the Health Department was there on July 18; however, Mr. Hicks called the police and had the Health Department employee(s) removed for trespassing. Trustee Searle noted he had received an email to this effect approximately two weeks ago.

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Fiscal Officer Kull reported there had been a request for a court reporter for the August 6, 2024 hearing, and there is an email thread relating to this request. Trustee Searle noted Brosious had made arrangements for the Township for a prior hearing, and the cost was quite high, approximately \$2,500. There had also been one prior to that event that was not as expensive, and after discussion, it was suggested to contact Amy or Stephen at the Prosecutor's Office to follow-up for more information. After further discussion about hiring a court reporter vs. recording the hearing and hiring a person to transcribe the recording, the decision was made to hire someone to transcribe the recording. Trustee Kosch suggested having a back-up recorder in addition to the regular recorder in case there are any recording issues. Jeff Williamsen stated the BZA has their own recorder that can be used as a back-up. Chief Smith had investigated a business to use, and found PRI Court Reporting. He sent their contact information to Trustee Searle and Fiscal Officer Kull, and she confirmed that she wanted to have this scheduled and set-up ahead of time. It was suggested Rick Ricketts could be consulted for a name for transcription, also. Fiscal Officer Kull will be the point of contact for the recording and transcription of the hearing.

ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENT: Tom Shafer, Road and Cemetery Superintendent, reported on the following business:

Berming and Roadside Mowing: This started at the end of last week, and continues. There has been a good bit of hand patching done, including Dolson, Helena and Claypool ready ahead of microsurfacing. Those are ready when that occurs.

<u>Liberty Township Chip Seal Agreement</u>: Tom had spoken with Dave Keller, Road Supervisor at Liberty Township, last Friday, and he took the signed contract from Greenfield so he could have his Trustees sign-off on it. The tentative start date is planned for the week of August 12, 2024. There might be a day at the end of the prior week to get things prepared, but Mr. Keller is only estimating three days to chip seal, and he hasn't heard anything from his Board about doing fog sealing.

Truck Cab and Chassis Purchase: Tom stated that he had told the Board he would report back on the deposit information for the body company, i.e. plow, spreader, hydraulics. Each Trustee had been provided a copy of the information. He asked the Board how they wanted to proceed, and confirmed the amount appropriated through the Auditor will cover the cost. With the deposit paid, it will save approximately \$2,700 on the cost of the items; however, a decision from the Board is not necessary at this point. Discussion continued as to the savings amount based on various percentages if the Board approved paying the deposit now. Fiscal Officer Kull stated the savings would be around \$2,400 to \$2,500 based on 3.5 percent on a \$71,000 purchase (approximately). She noted the Capital Projects account balance is currently at a balance of \$181,000, plus a little extra, with \$140,000 being appropriated. In January, 2025, \$45,000 will roll back into that account. If the deposit is paid now, the price will be locked in and the Township will not have to pay a potential price increase as of the first of the year. Tom estimated the delivery of the truck, per Henderson, at March of 2025, based on paying the total at this time; the cost would be \$72,645, before the 3.5 percent discount, which would be \$2,180. After discussion, it was determined to approve up to \$73,000 to cover all the costs.

Trustee Cotner made a motion to do the \$73,000.00 toward Henderson Body Company for the truck bed for the Road Department; Trustee Searle seconded the motion.

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With no further discussion, roll call was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

<u>Resolutions for Road Work:</u> Tom Shafer and Fiscal Officer Kull stated there were four resolutions to be presented for Township road work:

The first Resolution was 2024-07-24-02; this is the resolution to approve the contract with Strawser Construction for the Greenfield Township microsurfacing project: \$107,588.55.

Trustee Searle moved to approve the contract; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion. Trustee Searle asked which areas and roads this covered. Tom stated the microsurfacing is for all of Claypool, down by Tractor Supply, all of Dolson, and also all of Helena, where the public library is located.

With no further discussion, roll call was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

A resolution to approve the Contract with Strawser Construction, Inc. for the 2024 Greenfield Township Microsurfacing Project.

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, this Board of Greenfield Township Trustees awarded the Bid for the 2024 Greenfield Township Microsurfacing Project to Strawser Construction, Inc. for \$107,588.55, and

WHEREAS, since the Contract Materials are in order and this Contract Agreement has been approved by the Fairfield County Prosecutor, the County Engineer recommends that this Board of Greenfield Township Trustees sign this Resolution and the Contract Agreement with Strawser Construction, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of Greenfield Township Trustees approves the 2024 Greenfield Township Microsurfacing Project Contract with Strawser Construction, Inc. for \$107,588.55 by signing the Contract Agreement and this Resolution for this project to proceed.

SECTION 2: that the Fiscal Officer of this Board furnish the County Engineer with the Contract Agreement and Resolution for further processing.

Motion by:	Kent Searle	Seconded by:	David Cotner				
that the Resolution be adopted was carried by the following vote:							
YEAS:	3	NAYS:	0				

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awarded a Contra	act to Strawser Con	24, 2024, this Board of struction, Inc.; 1392 Dubli 24 Greenfield Township M	f Greenfield Township Trustees n Road, Columbus, OH 43215, in licrosurfacing Project .	
WHEREAS, Sect of Commenceme	ion 1311, Ohio Rev nt prior to commenc	ised Code requires the Pເ ement of performance, an	ublic Authority to prepare a Notice	
	County Engineer is reenfield Township		lotice be signed by the Chairman	
NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:				
SECTION 1: that this Board of Greenfield Township Trustees resolves to, and does hereby, authorize its Chairman to sign the required Notice of Commencement in the matter of the 2024 Greenfield Township Microsurfacing Project.				
SECTION 2: that the Fiscal Officer of this Board furnish the County Engineer with a signed copy of the recorded Resolution for further processing.				
Motion by:	Kent Searle	Seconded by:	David Cotner	
that the Resolution be adopted was carried by the following vote:				
YEAS:	_3	NAYS	: 0	
ABSTENTIONS:	0			

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT (Section 1311.04 and 1311.252, Ohio Revised Code)

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STATE OF OHIO: COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD:

Now comes the Board of Greenfield Township Trustees of Fairfield County Ohio by Kent Searle, its Chairman, who after being duly cautioned and sworn, states the following in connection with the 2024 Greenfield Township Microsurfacing Project:

- The Public Improvement under construction is the microsurfacing of various roadways.
- 2. The name, address, and capacity of the Owner of the real property contracting for the improvement is the Board of Greenfield Township Trustees of Fairfield County Ohio; 4663 Carroll Cemetery Road NW, Carroll OH, 43112.
- 3. The name and address of the fee owner of said real property is the Board of Greenfield Township Trustees of Fairfield County Ohio; 4663 Carroll Cemetery Road NW, Carroll OH, 43112.
- 4. The name, address, and trade of the principal contractor is: Strawser Construction, Inc., 1392 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215, whose principal trade is that of road contractor.
 - 5. The fee owner of said property has no designee.
- 6. The date the public authority first executed a contract with the principal contractor for the public improvement was July 24, 2024.
 - 7. There are currently no lending institutions providing financing for this improvement.
- 8. The name and address of the surety on the bond guaranteeing payment of the original contractor's obligations under the contract for this improvement is Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.; 8044 Montgomery Rd, Ste 150E, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

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- 9. To Lien Claimants and Subsequent Purchasers: Take notice that labor or work is about to begin on, or materials are about to be furnished for, an improvement to the real estate described in this instrument. A person having a mechanics' lien may preserve the lien by proving a Notice of Furnishing to the above-named designee and his original contractor, if any, by timely recording an affidavit pursuant to Section 1311.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. A copy of this notice may be obtained upon making a written request by certified mail to the above-named owner, part owner, lessee, designee, or the person with whom you have contracted.
- 10. The name and address of the person preparing this notice is Amy Brown-Thompson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Fairfield County Ohio; 239 W. Main Street; Suite 101; Lancaster, Ohio 43130.
- 11. The foregoing information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 - 12. Further affiant sayeth naught.

Kent Searle Chairman, Greenfield Township Trustees of Fairfield County Ohio, Affiant

The next resolution to be approved was Resolution number 2024 07-24-04: A resolution to accept the contract with the Shelly Company for the 2024 resurfacing project. This bid is for \$150,303.50.

Trustee Searle moved to approve this resolution; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion. Trustee Searle asked which road/roads this project included. Tom stated this work was for all of Brook Road - 2.25 miles. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

A resolution to approve the Contract with The Shelly Company for the 2024 Resurfacing Project.

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, this Board of GREENFIELD Township Trustees awarded the Bid for the 2024 Resurfacing Project to The Shelly Company for \$150,303.50, and

WHEREAS, since the Contract Materials are in order and this Contract Agreement has been approved by the Fairfield County Prosecutor, the County Engineer recommends that this Board

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of GREENFIELD Township Trustees sign this Resolution and the Contract Agreement with The Shelly Company.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of GREENFIELD Township Trustees approves the 2024 Resurfacing Project Contract with The Shelly Company for \$150,303.50 by signing the Contract Agreement and this Resolution for this project to proceed.

SECTION 2: that the Fiscal Officer of this Board furnish the County Engineer with the Contract Agreement and Resolution for further processing.

Motion by:	Kent Searle	Seconded by:	David Cotner
that the Resol	ution be adopted was o	arried by the following	vote:
YEAS:	_3	NAYS:	0
ABSTENTION	S : 0		
Commence for Trustee Cotner	the Resurfacing Project.	Trustee Searle moved Vith no further discussion	05 to approve the Notice to to approve the resolution; n, roll call was as follows: Motion Passed 3-0

A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the 2024 Greenfield Township Resurfacing Project

WHEREAS, by Resolution on July 24, 2024, this Board of Greenfield Township Trustees awarded a Contract to The Shelly Company, P.O. Box 266, 80 Park Dr, Thornville, OH 43076, in the amount of \$150,303.50 for the 2024 Greenfield Township Resurfacing Project.

WHEREAS, Section 1311, Ohio Revised Code requires the Public Authority to prepare a Notice of Commencement prior to commencement of performance, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer is requesting the attached Notice be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Greenfield Township Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

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SECTION 1: that this Board of Greenfield Township Trustees resolves to, and does hereby, authorize its Chairman to sign the required Notice of Commencement in the matter of the 2024 Greenfield Township Resurfacing Project.

SECTION 2: that the Fiscal Officer of this Board furnish the County Engineer with a signed copy of the recorded Resolution for further processing.

Motion by:	Kent Searle	Seconded by:	David Cotner	-
that the Resolut	ion be adopted was carried	by the following	vote:	
YEAS:	3	NAYS:	0	
ABSTENTIONS:	0			
	NOTICE OF C	OMMENCEMENT 11.252, Ohio Revis		

STATE OF OHIO: COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD:

Now comes the Board of Greenfield Township Trustees of Fairfield County Ohio by Kent Searle, its Chairman, who after being duly cautioned and sworn, states the following in connection with the 2024 Greenfield Township Resurfacing Project:

- 1. The Public Improvement under construction is the Resurfacing of various roadways.
- 2. The name, address, and capacity of the Owner of the real property contracting for the improvement is the Board of Greenfield Township Trustees of Fairfield County Ohio; 4663 Carroll-Cemetery Road NW, Carroll OH, 43112.
- 3. The name and address of the fee owner of said real property is the Board of Greenfield Township Trustees of Fairfield County Ohio; 4663 Carroll-Cemetery Road NW, Carroll OH, 43112.

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- 4. The name, address, and trade of the principal contractor is: The Shelly Company, P.O. Box 266, 80 Park Dr, Thornville, OH 43076, whose principal trade is that of road contractor.
 - 5. The fee owner of said property has no designee.
- 6. The date the public authority first executed a contract with the principal contractor for the public improvement was July 24, 2024.
 - 7. There are currently no lending institutions providing financing for this improvement.
- 8. The name and address of the surety on the bond guaranteeing payment of the original contractor's obligations under the contract for this improvement is Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.; 8044 Montgomery Rd, Ste. 150, Cincinnati, OH 45236.
- 9. To Lien Claimants and Subsequent Purchasers: Take notice that labor or work is about to begin on, or materials are about to be furnished for, an improvement to the real estate described in this instrument. A person having a mechanics' lien may preserve the lien by proving a Notice of Furnishing to the above-named designee and his original contractor, if any, by timely recording an affidavit pursuant to Section 1311.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. A copy of this notice may be obtained upon making a written request by certified mail to the above-named owner, part owner, lessee, designee, or the person with whom you have contracted.
- 10. The name and address of the person preparing this notice is Amy Brown-Thompson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Fairfield County Ohio; 239 W. Main Street; Suite 101; Lancaster, Ohio 43130.
- 11. The foregoing information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 - 12. Further affiant sayeth naught.

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Kent Searle Chairman, Greenfield Township Trustees of Fairfield County Ohio, Affiant

<u>Oak Creek Subdivision Damage</u>: Tom Shafer stated the Board had also received a separate proposal from Strawser regarding repairs to the damage that occurred in the Oak Creek Subdivision in the cul-de-sac in May. The claims representative he has been working with claims to be extremely busy; however, he has all the information regarding the damage, including pictures. The quote from Strawser to complete the microsurfacing is \$6,020, which is over the dollar amount threshold for Tom to proceed without Board approval. He stated he understood why it made more sense to complete the microsurfacing on the entire cul-de-sac as opposed to just the specific damaged area. It is hoped that the company who caused the damage will eventually provide the reimbursement for the work that needs to be done; however, the claim has not been finalized as yet. Strawser estimates they could complete the work during the first or second week of September. After further discussion, Trustee Searle stated he preferred to wait until closer to that timeframe to make a decision on this issue, and find out if the company comes forward and says they will pay the damages, so the issue was tabled at this time.

Road Flooding on Election House Road: Tom stated he had received a call from a resident on Election House Road who had concerns about flooding issues in that area with the predicted rains. He explained this was in the vicinity of the Kincaid property that he has discussed in the past. He also spoke with Eric McCrady of Fairfield County Engineer's Office about this issue, and Eric is well aware. However, he is not sure what the fix is. Various other factors about how and why the issue is happening were discussed. Tom stated he would like to have an in-person meeting at the site with Eric McCrady and Trustee Kosch so they can evaluate the situation and attempt to determine what could possibly be done to alleviate the flooding problem. The Board agreed this would be a good idea.

Tom presented a vacation request from Road Department employee Jeff Bondurant for the period of August 19 through August 24, 2024. Tom stated this time off would not interfere with anything he has planned, as he hoped to have the cape sealing at Liberty done in the prior week. The Board had no issue with the vacation request.

Tom stated he had some comp time questions, and Trustee Searle stated the Board would go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the issue.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Brad Smith reporting on the following items:

EMS Billing: He noted he is still working through some hurdles with the new company. There are some numbers that belong to Greenfield that are also associated with the Columbus Division of Fire, so those things need to be worked out.

Grants: An award was received through the Ohio Ambulance Impact Industry Program. The amount received was \$91,352, and they will try to reallocate that money into salaries to help

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supplement the fund in the budget for increasing wages. It is allowable, but it needs to be done the right way. The Prosecutor's Office will be consulted about how to proceed.

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Trustee Cotner reported there is a meeting with the mayor of Lancaster and the commissioners tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. to work on the CEDA's and NCA's.

Trustee Searle inquired as to whether there were any firefighters off duty due to injury. Chief Smith confirmed that all firefighters are back to work full duty.

Trustee Searle raised the issue of the solar installation, stating an email had been received asking about fees and the timeframe for how long the permit is in place. Fiscal Officer Kull stated she believed Tom Erlenwein had told her it was a \$150 charge under a miscellaneous section of the code for solar to be installed on a house; however, there is no separate line item for solar. It was noted there haven't been any permits requested, although there are solar installations around the Township. Fiscal Officer Kull noted she had seen a permit for solar during her time gathering items for the audit.

Chief Smith stated he had been contacted by the EMA Director about additional building occurring at the Airport. He asked if Zoning Inspector Erlenwein could be consulted as to whether he has received anything related to this. Trustee Cotner stated he would call Tom tomorrow to check on this.

Trustee Searle reminded everyone about the public hearing on the Resolution Amendment 415 on July 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greenfield Township Firehouse.

Tom Shafer stated he had received a phone call from a taxpayer who had nothing but complimentary things to say about Ascend being a business in the Township. Trustee Cotner stated he had also received an email from a young man who wanted to be certain that Ascend would continue to be open for medical marijuana purposes in the Township.

Trustee Searle moved to go into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

Kosch: Yes

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.

Trustee Searle moved to come out of Executive Session; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes

Motion Passed 3-0

Motion Passed 3-0

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Trustee Searle stated the Board discussed the Road and Cemetery - non-bargaining - personnel policy, and the fact that comp time earned has been at one for one, and overtime has been at time and a half. He noted the Fire Department contract calls for comp time to be earned at time and a half. The Board had determined that the Road Department - non-bargaining - should be the same.

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Trustee Searle made a motion to change the comp time earned for the non-bargaining unit employees to one and a half times, effective next pay period; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Kosch asked if another meeting was going to be scheduled for the next Comprehensive Plan meeting and map review. It was noted that Marshall McCormick was currently working on it, and the Board would need to wait to meet again once he completes what he is working on, specifically the Carroll Southern area.

Trustee Cotner made a motion to adjourn; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.