Darby Township

A regular meeting of the Darby Township Trustees was held Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Darby Township meeting hall in Derby, Ohio. Present were the following trustees: Matt Corder, Chris Creamer and newly elected, Rob McNeal. As this was the first meeting in 2024, the fiscal officer opened the meeting and called for nominations for chairman of the board in 2024. Mr. Corder nominated Mr. Creamer. Mr. McNeal seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed and a roll call vote followed: Mr. Corder - yes; Mr. Creamer - yes; Mr. McNeal - yes. The meeting was turned over to Chairman Creamer who called for nominations for vice-chairman. Mr. Corder nominated Mr. McNeal. Chairman Creamer seconded the motion. Nominations were closed and a roll call vote followed: Mr. Creamer – yes; Mr. McNeal – yes; Mr. Corder – yes. Chairman Creamer then called for a reading of the minutes from the December 4, 2023 and December 29, 2023 meetings. Mr. Corder moved to approve said minutes as read. Mr. McNeal seconded the motion. Chairman Creamer approved the minutes with his signature. Also attending were Rob & Ally Hines, Joyce Schoetter, Jon Beckenhauser, Rick Graham, Jerrold Fields, Becky Moehl, Clyde Ohnewehr, Tim McCoy and James Glover.

In opening business, Mr. Corder moved to hold all 2024 regular trustee meetings the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the township meeting hall in Derby, Ohio with the following exceptions: There will be a regular meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2024 to consider the 2024 annual appropriation resolution; The regular meeting for February will be held Thursday, February 1, 2024 due to a conflict in scheduling; The regular meeting in September will be held Wednesday, September 4, 2024 in honor of Labor Day; The regular meeting in November will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2024 due to the general election being held at the township facilities; The annual year end meeting will be held Monday, December 30, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. With these exceptions, Mr. McNeal seconded said motion. A roll call vote followed: Mr. Creamer – yes; Mr. McNeal – yes; Mr. Corder – yes.

The trustees accepted a recommended comprehensive zoning amendment from the Darby Township Zoning Commission. Mr. Corder moved to pass resolution 01-03-2024 in regards to said recommendation and set a public hearing on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at which time the proposed amendment will be approved, denied or altered. Mr. McNeal seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Mr. Creamer – yes; Mr. McNeal – yes; Mr. Corder – yes.

Mr. Corder moved to accept the resignation of Jim Carter from the zoning commission effective January 1, 2024. Mr. McNeal seconded the motion. The trustees discussed the ill health of zoning inspector, Bob Hanrahan, who has been in the hospital since mid-December, 2023. Mr. Corder moved to advertise the vacant position on the zoning commission and an interim position as zoning inspector. These positions will be considered at the Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 trustee meeting. Mr. McNeal seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Mr. Creamer – yes; Mr. McNeal – yes; Mr. Corder – yes.

Rob Hines was in attendance regarding a trashed property adjoining his property on Blaine Road. This has been discussed at previous meetings. Mr. Hines expressed dissatisfaction with township and county officials in failing to have this matter resolved. Mr. Corder informed Mr. Hines when the trustees appoint the interim zoning inspector and the proper forms have been filed; he will personally deliver said forms to the proper officials.

Mr. Corder moved to approve a resolution requesting the county commissioners enact a 50% weight reduction on Blaine and Carson Roads. Mr. McNeal seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed; Mr. Creamer - yes; Mr. McNeal - yes; Mr. Corder - yes.

The trustees discussed installing a guard rail along Ballah Road at the St. Rt. 62 intersection. As per the Ohio Revised Code, this would need to be approved and supervised by the Pickaway County Engineer. The trustees will contact the proper officials regarding this matter.

As this was the first trustee meeting in 2024 and no funds have been appropriated, there were no bills paid. Mr. Corder moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McNeal seconded the motion. Chairman Creamer declared the meeting adjourned

Approved this 16th Day of January, 2024

Fiscal Officer: Mike Graham Chairman: The heave