

**MINUTES
PARADISE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: At 6:58 pm by Chairman Lance Biesecker

SUPERVISORS IN ATTENDANCE: Lance Biesecker, Clark Craumer,
Dean Bentzel

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

APPROVE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS... addition of Reorganization Minutes approval. Clark Craumer moved to approve the agenda with the additional item, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVE MINUTES: From DECEMBER 11, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting... Clark Craumer moved to approve the minutes as printed, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: Lance Biesecker read the December Treasurer's report, Clark Craumer moved to approve the Treasurer's report as read, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Persons who have made prior arrangements to be placed on the agenda will have first priority. Please note due to time limitations 3 minutes will be allotted for each citizen.

- 1) Tom King was present to ask if his DEP paperwork was submitted. He was told it was delayed because of some missed signatures but would be sent shortly.

Fire Department Reports:

- 1) **Station 110** – Chief Lease reported 11 total calls
- 2) **NAF** – Lance Biesecker reported 22 total calls/3 for PT, for 2023 year end there were 409 total/76 in PT

- 3) **United 33** – Lance Biesecker reported 59 total calls/3 in PT for 2023 year end there were 764 total/76 in PT
- 4) **Life Team** – no report

SUBDIVISION PLANS:

- 1) New Era Plan extension...expires 1/28/24... Neal Doyle reported this plan is being withdrawn
- 2) Myers Subdivision Plan...Clark Craumer presented information on the 11-acre subdivision. Doug Stambaugh and Kevin Barnes had no further comments. Dean Bentzel moved to approve the plan without conditions, 2nd by Lance Biesecker, Approved by 2-0 vote with Clark Craumer abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Beaver Creek Road bridge is finished and open. There was a \$2250.00 savings on the total cost because Paradise and Hamilton Townships provided labor for the old bridge guide rail removal
- 2) FEMA update.... Paradise Township received \$509,897.70 from FEMA for Ida damage to bridges. This award was split equally with Hamilton Township after some administrative cost for completing and submitting the paperwork were deducted by Paradise Township. This award significantly reduced the outlay of money by the Township to replace four bridges in the last 18 months. There could still be more money coming from PEMA. Neal Doyle was praised by the Supervisors for all the tedious and repetitive work he did securing these funds especially working with numerous, replacement FEMA reps during the process.
- 3) Lance Biesecker commented on the digital signs posted at the recycling dumpsters referring to no plastic bags allowed. Republic Services sent notification they would be charging us a per plastic bag fee originally quoted as \$75 per bag which was lowered to \$25 per bag. They are instituting the charges because the plastic bags clog their processing equipment. The Township started looking into other recycling services but as of the this meeting another Sales Manager became involved and got the charges rescinded but plastic bags are still an issue and now that AI cameras have been installed on the recycling trucks the situation will continue to be monitored.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) There is no new business

RECREATION PARK:

- 1) Nothing to report

REPORTS:

- 1) **Emergency Management:** Neal Doyle report he was busy the last month with the FEMA bridge reimbursement paperwork. Also, there was an illegal fire recently in the Township and three people were cited for illegal fires within the last year.
- 2) **Zoning Officer:** Neal Doyle provided a copy of permit activity
- 3) **Engineer:** Doug Stambaugh provided a written and oral report of engineering activity and thank the Township for GHI being reappointed as the Township Engineer and for the new appointment as SEO.
- 4) **Planning Commission:** Kevin Barnes reported the last meeting discussions centered around the French and Myers subdivisions
- 5) **Police:** Clark Craumer report incidents in PT were up 18 from the same period in 2022 and up 8.8% for the year over 2022 totals. Bid packages for the new building should soon be ready to be sent out.
- 6) **Solicitor:** Evan Gabel had nothing new to cover
- 7) **Roadmaster:** Dean Bentzel reported the road crew did a fine job clearing the last snow event. He received no complaint calls. Lance Biesecker report that the plow crews know of two mailboxes receiving damage from the heavy slush coming off the plows which the Township has no control over. It is not the the policy of the Township to replace or repair mailboxes damaged by snow removal.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Approve Bill Lists ... Clark Craumer moved to approve the bill lists and adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.
- 2) Adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Approved at the February 12, 2024 BOS meeting

Elwood Miller

Secretary
Paradise Township

