

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 26, 2023

The Clearcreek Township Trustees met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. with the following members present: Mr. Gabbard, and Mr. Muterspaw.

Mr. Gabbard opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gabbard asked if the Board members had any consent agenda item or items that they wished removed. No removal from the consent agenda was requested.

Mr. Gabbard called for Public Comment. No comments were noted.

At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Gabbard asked if the Board wished to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) and (4).

- (1) To consider the compensation of public employees.
- (4) Reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment

Mr. Muterspaw moved to enter executive session. Mr. Gabbard seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; and Mr. Gabbard-yea.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:17 a.m. with Mr. Gabbard immediately resuming the regular meeting.

Mr. Gabbard asked for a motion to approve 2024 pay rates for all non-bargaining personnel as journalized in the Board's staff roster to be recorded with this meeting's Record of Proceedings. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Gabbard seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; and Mr. Gabbard-yea.

Mr. Terrill, Police Chief, asked the Board to approve the purchase of emergency replacement ballistic body armor plates from Dayton Armor at a total cost of \$19,470. Chief Terrill noted that the original plates were manufactured in China, but stamped "Made in USA," which was one of the main reasons for purchasing the body armor. Chief Terrill stated that the armor either was not tested, or failed ballistic testing according to a letter from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and needs replaced. Chief Terrill noted that there is an active investigation by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Homeland Security regarding how this was fraudulently marketed. Mr. Gabbard asked from who the Township purchased the vests. Chief Terrill stated the vests were purchased from Shot Stop Ballistics. Mr. Gabbard asked how much we spent on the vests. Chief Terrill stated \$28,000 or \$29,000 with most of the money coming from grants. Mr. Clark, Township Administrator, noted that he had contacted our insurance to see if this was eligible for a claim. The agent contacted stated it was not eligible for a claim. Mr. Gabbard asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Gabbard seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; and Mr. Gabbard-yea.

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Chief Terrill noted that additional grant funding for the night vision equipment purchased at an earlier meeting had been secured from Dickey's Barbecue corporate in the amount of \$8,230.

Mr. Wade joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Mr. Jones, Road Superintendent, asked the Board to approve the purchase of mower axle brackets from Parson's Equipment at a total cost of \$10,397. Mr. Jones gave a short explanation for the needed repair. Mr. Gabbard asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; Mr. Wade-yea; and Mr. Gabbard-yea.

Mr. Agenbroad, Fire Chief, thanked the Road Department for their cooperation during recent trench rescue training.

Mr. Gabbard asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Muterspaw so moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to the Board:

- 1 Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2023, Regular Session.
- 2 Current Bills and Financial Report.
- 3 Accept the resignation of employment of Taylor (Armstrong) Clay effective December 30, 2023.
- 4 Compensate Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals board members as indicated based upon attendance in 2023 meetings.

Mr. Wade seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; Mr. Wade-yea; and Mr. Gabbard-yea.

With no further business, Mr. Gabbard asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:23 a.m. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; Mr. Wade-yea; and Mr. Gabbard-yea.

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