

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF THE
XENIA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:**

**SPECIAL MEETING
April 17, 2024**

6:00 P.M.

NOTE: These minutes are a summary of the discussion and are not a word for word account of the discussions. The proceedings were electronically recorded. The meeting was held at the Xenia Township Office, 8 Brush Row Road, Xenia, Ohio. This was a Special Trustee Meeting advertised on the Xenia Township website within 24 hours of scheduling this meeting.

Chair Steve Combs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Steve Combs, Trustee; Chair, Scott Miller, Trustee, Jeremy VanDyne, Trustee. Jacqueline Robinson, Fiscal Officer, Absent

In attendance: Alan Stock, Township Administrator.

Guests: Rodney Keadle, Greene County Expo Center Manager.

Mr. Keadle presented an overview of the Expo Centers progress over the past years. He went on to present that he did not want to be charged fees from the Township because the events are meant to serve the community and other non-profits. He went on to say that charging fees limit the promoters from continuing at events and would cost \$1,000's in tax revenue and would also take money from local businesses. He further stated that events are the only source of income to the Expo Center.

Mr. Combs stated that the Township supports the Expo Center and asked what fees he would like waved. Mr. Keadle said that he wanted the tent and food truck fees waved because there are already State regulations in place for them, and that the ATV fees are tools for EMS to accomplish their job.

Mr. Stock presented past invoices to the Expo Center, and invoices with the FEMA rates to show the differences of charges. He went on to say that EMS is given fair passes and food passes. Mr. Stock then explained that the inspections of tents and food trucks is to look for safety and compliance.

Chief Beegle stated that FEMA rates are established to assess fees for services rendered by EMS and the necessary apparatus needed to provide the services. He went on to say that if staff is at the Expo Center, they are not able to serve the Township. He also stated that Kil Kare is charged fees for their Night of Fire. Chief Beegle then stated that it costs the Township to pay staff to be at the Expo Center.

Mr. VanDyne stated that losing a few dollars at the Fair is ok because it is a County event and everyone is involved, but can not justify taking tax money to give away to other events. Mr. Keadle stated that events bring in tax money for the community. Mr. VanDyne stated that the tax money does not come to the Township. Mr. Miller explained that the only tax money collected by the Township is through property taxes and drivers license taxes. He further stated that since the Expo Center is tax exempt, the Township receives no other revenue from them. Mr. Keadle stated that it should be advocated that the Township should receive some of the tax revenue generated by events.

Mr. Combs asked how citizens of the Township would feel about using their money to provide services only to the Expo Center for free. Mr. Keadle asked how people that live in the Township, but have businesses in the City would feel about losing revenue from events. Mr. Keadle went on to say that he did not want the Township to work for free, but he wanted the for the Township to be paid by tax monies and not fees.

Mr. Combs stated that the Township is losing money, not gaining money from events. Mr. Keadle stated that the Expo Center only gets money from events, that they do not receive tax money. Mr. Combs stated that the Township is limited in their funds because tax money is the revenue, and that Mr. Keadle has no limit in gaining additional funds. Mr. Miller suggested renting storage space at the Township Road Garage to offset fees for services. Mr. VanDyne stated that the Township did not want to make money off the Expo Center, but to only break even.

Mr. Stock asked what the charge is to rent a space at the Fair. Mr. Keadle stated that it is around \$550.00 per space. Mr. VanDyne asked if a flat rate per event would be a solution. Mr. Keadle stated that he does that with vendors and it works, so it could work with this situation also.

Mr. Keadle left.

Chief Beegle and Mr. Stock explained the process of inspecting for life and safety issues for events held at the Expo Center. It was stated that the Greene County Sheriff does not charge for events, but that they have a bigger budget that is reimbursed through tax monies. Chief Beegle explained that EMS needed to be at bigger events to offer services to people in need quickly, and that it would be difficult to accomplish this if off site because of traffic and navigating through traffic.

It was agreed to table this discussion to a later date.

FIRE:

Chief Beegle presented a discussion on the application packet, new hire book, Roster, apparatus check off procedure/current list.

Chief Beegle presented a conversation on training tips from the Engle Mill barn fire.

Chief Beegle presented a presentation on the potential capital purchases next three to five years.

Chief Beegle presented a discussion on the Pierce and Sutphen bid back for new engine/tanker eliminating need for second tanker.

Chief Beegle presented a discussion that the AccuMed transition going very well. He stated that they suggest adding two Township policies, both under legal review.

Chief Beegle asked the Trustees to move to accept the new transportation rates at provided.

It was decided to table this request to gather more information.

Chief Beegle asked the Trustees to move to accept Sean Woodmansee resignation effective April 30, 2024. He would be eligible for re-hire.

Mr. Combs moved to accept Sean Woodmansee resignation effective April 30, 2024. He would be eligible for re-hire. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Combs – aye, Mr. Miller – aye, Mr. VanDyne - aye. Motion PASSED by roll call of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-057

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR:

FISCAL OFFICER:

Ms. Robinson was absent; Mr. Stock presented a discussion of the biannual audit happening in next two months, and that a third-party vendor of State.

Ms. Robinson was absent; Mr. Stock asked the Trustees to move to approve bills as presented.

Mr. Combs moved to approve bills as presented. Mr. VanDyne seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Combs – aye, Mr. Miller – aye, Mr. VanDyne - aye. Motion PASSED by roll call of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-058

Ms. Robinson was absent; Mr. Stock asked the Trustees to move to approve payroll as presented.

Mr. Miller moved to approve payroll as presented. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Combs – aye, Mr. Miller – aye, Mr. VanDyne - aye. Motion PASSED by roll call of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-059

Ms. Robinson was absent; Mr. Stock asked the Trustees to move to accept Trustee Minutes: Regular TM, April 4, 2024.

Mr. Combs moved to accept Trustee Minutes: Regular TM April 4, 2024. Mr. VanDyne seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Combs – aye, Mr. Miller – aye, Mr. VanDyne - Aye. Motion PASSED by roll call of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-060

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Combs moved to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Combs – aye, Mr. Miller – aye, Mr. VanDyne – aye. Motion **PASSED** by roll call of 3-0.

Xenia Township Board of Trustees

Date Approved: _____

L. Stephen Combs, Chair

Resolution # 2024-_____

Attest:

Scott Miller

Jacqueline Robinson, Fiscal Officer

Jeremy VanDyne