

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF THE
XENIA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:**

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2013 7:00 PM.**

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 place was the Xenia Township Office, 8 Brush Row Road, Xenia, Ohio.

PRESENT: Amy Lewis, Chairman; Scott Miller, Trustee; Jim Reed, Trustee; Barbara Miller, Fiscal Officer; Alan Stock, Administrator.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was a Regular Trustees Meeting advertised on the Xenia Township website within 24 hours of scheduling this meeting.

Mrs. Lewis stated that there were several guests who wished to speak tonight. She went over the rules and stated that each guest would be given three minutes to speak.

Stanley Michael, 1910 Stevenson Road, spoke about his feeling regarding the Stevenson Road covered bridge. He stated he has not been informed about any of the plans the County may have had for the proposed park at the covered bridge. He feels that the residents of the area are not being heard. He is concerned about safety issues, flooding issues, cars running stop signs, trash, an increase in crime and vandalism, an increase in fire danger, an increase in noise and trespassing. He feels there may be pollution of the waterway. He states that he has a petition signed by 22-24 property owners in the area, and they are all in agreement with Mr. Michaels. They do not want the covered bridge project to go forward.

Suzanne Lowry, 1851 Stevenson Road, stated that their property adjoins the bridge. She feels that the bridge is a historic treasure that future generations should be able to enjoy. Mrs. Lowry stated she is trying to work something out with Greene County that is less invasive to neighbors. She is also worried about accidents and crime.

Shaun Lowry stated he does not want a road to be built or even a parking area. He believes that the bridge is a historic treasure. He owns the land in front of the bridge and maintains it.

Joel Taylor, 1851 Jones Road, objects to the \$630,000.00 that is to be spent on this project. He also has the same concerns as Mr. Michael regarding crime, vandalism, trash and disruption of the lives of the residents.

Steve Miller, 928 Lewis Creek Court, also feels that too much money is being spent for the project. He stated that he thought moving the bridge to another location or park that Greene County already owned was a good idea.

Mrs. Lewis stated that bridge was practically in her back yard. However, this is a Greene County issue and the Township has no jurisdiction. She is also very interested in what happens to the bridge because it is practically in her backyard.

Mr. Reed stated the Township could make a symbolic resolution from the Trustees supporting the area residents. He asked if the other Trustees would be willing to sign such a resolution. Mr. Miller stated he was not aware of all of the facts and could not make an informed decision until he had an opportunity to review all the information.

Mr. Stock mentioned the items in the read file.

FISCAL OFFICER:

- Motion to accept bills in the amount of \$21,709.10 was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 2-0. Mr. Reed abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-133

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- Motion to accept payroll in the amount of \$23,689.65 was made by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-134

- Motion to retain visiting clerk in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 was made by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-135

- Motion to contribute \$250.00 for the purchase of flowers with Firefighters Association also contributing \$250.00 was made by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-136

- There being no further business, Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-137

XENIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
TRUSTEES

Resolution Number

Amy Lewis, Chair

Date Approved

Scott Miller, Trustee

ATTEST:

Jim Reed, Trustee

Barbara Miller, Fiscal Officer