

Sandstone Charter Township Regular Board Meeting

Monday March 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Members present: Supervisor Dwight VanWinkle, Clerk Kimberly M. Britten, Treasurer Betty Sue VanWinkle,
Trustees: Chris Crisenbery, Jeff Hale, Steve Noble

Absent: Cheryl Marks

Members of the Public: John Robe, Marcia Robe, Tyler Everts

Public Comment: None

Agenda: Add Energy Efficiency Grant to the agenda

Approve Agenda: Motion by Noble to approve the Agenda, supported by Hale. 6 Ayes. Nays none. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Noble to approve the Consent Agenda supported by D. VanWinkle. 6 Ayes. Nays none.
Motion carried.

Reports:

Police Report: Deputy Robert

- 57 Calls for Service
- 4 Traffic crashes
- 22 Traffic stops
- 14 Citations
- 2 Arrest

Sgt. Sam Sukovich will be at our April 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting to discuss Flock cameras

Building Report: Bryan Powers

- 4 Electrical
- 5 Mechanical

Discussion: Sign on Sandstone Rd. House on Bennett Rd. We need to appoint a Hearing Officer for Sandstone Charter Township.

Planning Commission: Chris Crisenbery

- PC meeting 3-5-2024 minutes attached
- PC requests that the Township complete an engineering assessment of the existing private roads. Attached letter to the Board.

Motion by D. VanWinkle to approve the Planning Commission to have a meeting every month. Supported by Crisenbery. 6 Ayes. Nays none. Motion passed.

Motion by D. VanWinkle to have the Planning Commission do an RFP (Request for proposal) for maintaining the private roads, then bring it back to the Township Board. Supported by Noble. 5 Ayes. 1 Nay. Motion carried

Treasurer Report: Betty Sue VanWinkle

- We have collected 95.99% taxes to date
- See attached reports

Clerk Report: Kimberly M. Britten

- 9-day (2-17-2024 to 2-25-2024) early Voting update; 22 voters
- 2-27-2024, Election day, 865 residents voted
- No May election

Fire Board Report: Steve Noble

- Discussion: The Chief proposed a holiday pay program for the fire fighters. It was approved to pay the fire fighters for 7 days (double pay) if they work on a holiday. Also discussed, the roof on the Parma/Sandstone Fire Barn is need of being resealed.
- Report attached

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board of Review Appeals meetings, March 11, 2024 9:00 to 3:00 PM. and March 13, 2024 3:00 to 9:00 PM.

Discussion regarding Clerks pay.

Kimberly M. Britten, township clerk, handed out and read the excerpt that she received from MTA attorney Catherine Mullhaupt regarding increasing Clerks salaries this year.

- ✓ The office of township clerk has always been an importance one with a wide variety of statutory duties, not the lease of which is administering elections for the township.
- ✓ While the statutory duties of the office of clerk-including recordkeeping, accounting and financial reporting have expanded over the years with new laws and requirements that impact even the smallest townships, the recent changes in different aspects of Election Law have radically changed the office of clerk in a way not experienced before.
- ✓ MTA supports townships paying township clerks an appropriate salary of the office for their very important duties, especially election functions. And we recognize that the greatly expanded election functions due to extensive amendments to the law in a short period of time, as well as increasing numbers of elections being scheduled, even in what would normally have been considered previously to be "off years," means that all township should review their lawful options for appropriate clerk's compensation.
- ✓ For this reason, MTA encourages township to consider increasing the salary of the office of clerk to account for the recently increased voter registration and Early Voting duties of township clerks.

Motion by Crisenbery, supported by Noble to adopt the Annual Clerk payroll Resolution for the 2024 budget year of \$40,000. Roll Call: Crisenbery yes, Noble yes, Britten yes, D. VanWinkle no, B. VanWinkle no, Hale no. 3 Ayes. Nays 3. Vote fails.

Motion by Hale supported by Crisenbery to adopt the Annual Clerk payroll Resolution for the 2024 budget year. (See attached) Roll Call: Hale yes, Crisenbery yes, B. VanWinkle yes, Noble yes, D. VanWinkle yes, Britten no. 5 Ayes. 1 Nay. Motion carried. Resolution 2024-1

Motion by Crisenbery, supported by Hale to adopt the Annual Treasurer Payroll Resolution for the 2024 budget year. Crisenbery rescinded his Motion and Hale rescinded his second.

Motion by D. VanWinkle to abstain from voting on the Treasurer Payroll Resolution for 2024 budget year. Seconded by Hale. 6 Ayes. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crisenbery, supported by Hale to adopt the Annual Treasurer Payroll Resolution for the 2024 budget year. (See attached) Roll Call: B. VanWinkle yes, Crisenbery yes, Hale yes, Noble no, Britten no. 3 Ayes. Nays 2. 1 Abstain. Motion carried. **Resolution 2024-2**

Motion by Crisenbery, supported by Hale to adopt the Annual Deputy Clerk Payroll Resolution for the 2024 budget year. (See attached) Roll Call: B. VanWinkle yes, Crisenbery yes, Noble yes, Britten yes, D. VanWinkle yes, Hale yes. 6 Ayes. Nays none. Motion carried. **Resolution 2024-3**

Motion by Crisenbery, supported by Hale to adopt the Annual Deputy Treasurer Payroll Resolution for the 2024 budget year. (See attached) Roll Call: D. VanWinkle, B. VanWinkle, Crisenbery yes, Hale yes. Britten yes, Noble yes. 6 Ayes. Nays none. Motion carried. **Resolution 2024-4**

Motion by Crisenbery, supported by Hale to adopt the Annual Office Assistant Payroll Resolution for the 2024 budget year. (See attached) Roll Call: Hale yes, Crisenbery yes, D. VanWinkle yes, Britten yes, B. VanWinkle yes, Noble yes. 6 Ayes. Nays none. Motion carried. **Resolution 2024-5**

2024-2025 Final Budget Hearing, Friday, March 22, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Township Hall.

S. Noble is checking on the "energy efficient grants" through the state for local units of the government. This might apply to the Parma/Sandstone Fire Department as well.

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Hale, supported by Noble. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly M. Britten, Clerk
Sandstone Charter Township
Recorded the 11th day of March 2024