

Zane Township Trustees  
Record of Proceedings  
Minutes – November 11, 2024

The meeting of the Zane Township Trustees was called to order by Co-Chairman Jack Graham at 8:00 AM. The following individuals were present: Trustee Steve Lithgo, Rod Watkins, Joni Cox, Allen Township EMS/Fire representative, and two local residents.

**Financial Reports and Minutes:** Jack Graham presented the financial report for October. Trustee Steve Lithgo made a motion to approve the financials, which was seconded by Jack Graham. The motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the October meeting were presented for approval. Trustee Steve Lithgo made a motion to approve the minutes, and Jack Graham seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Zoning:** Jack Graham presented a proposed amendment from the Zoning Commission. Joni Cox read the recommended changes aloud. Trustee Steve Lithgo made a motion to approve the proposed amendments, which was seconded by Jack Graham. The motion carried.

**Fire & EMS:** Steve Brose introduced Chad Heminger and his new role with the Allen Township Fire and EMS. Joni Cox inquired about businesses in the Enterprise Zone, asking about abatement rates and agreements. It was agreed that the township should consider reviewing the rates and abatement agreements, possibly in consultation with Ben Vollrath from the Chamber of Commerce. The Trustees expressed their appreciation for the services provided by Allen Township Fire and EMS.

**Agenda Items:** A resident raised a concern about a building being constructed on CR 153 near Stokes Road. It was confirmed that no permit had been issued for the project. The Mr Graham will contact the zoning inspector to address the matter.

Rod Watkins provided an update, reporting that two burials had been conducted recently, both of which went smoothly. He also noted that the current leaf collector is experiencing issues and that a replacement may be necessary. Rod will attempt to continue using the current equipment through the remainder of the season.

Steve Lithgo will follow up with the sign company regarding the community building.

Jack Graham presented Resolution 7-2024, which proposes funding increases based on township population. Trustee Jack Graham made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Trustee Steve Lithgo seconded. Joni Cox will forward the resolution to the County Auditor.

Jack Graham extended a heartfelt thanks to all Veterans in recognition of Veterans Day.

**Safety Grant and Training:** Joni Cox presented information regarding a safety grant from OTARMA for \$1,000, which will be completed by December 31st. She also mentioned upcoming training opportunities she plans to attend.

**Executive Session:** At 8:44 AM, Jack Graham made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Steve Lithgo. The executive session concluded at 8:58 AM, following a motion by Jack Graham and a second by Steve Lithgo.

**Adjournment:** No further business to discuss, Jack Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Steve Lithgo. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.