

DARBY TOWNSHIP
January 9, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: Dennis Blumenschein, James Scheiderer, David Huston, and Connie Friday. Also present was Scott Smith, Josh Cross, Ohio Edison, Jim Rings.

Chairman Blumenschein called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the December 12, 2022 regular, and December 27, 2022 special meeting, and the January 4, 2023 Budget and Reorganizational meetings of the Darby Township Trustees were emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Sheriff's Report:

Mr. Blumenschein asked if Deputy Anspach had any follow-up information on the low hanging wires on Robinson and Unionville Roads. Deputy Anspach indicated that the dispatcher had left a message for the business that is responsible for the wires, but had not received a response. He will ask the dispatcher to contact the business again. Information will be forthcoming.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

Mr. Cross with Ohio Edison asked if the Township had any questions in regards to the residents whose electric is serviced by Ohio Edison. The Trustees indicated they had not received any concerns from the Township residents.

Mr. Rings inquired about purchasing a cemetery lot in the Unionville Center cemetery. Mr. Scheiderer explained the process and Mr. Rings, purchased a cemetery lot in the new Unionville Center cemetery.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Mr. Smith had no permits to present.
- Items Discussed: (see attached sheet for specific information on below items)
 - Coffee Tree Lane – continue to monitor
 - Riverbirch – closed
 - Pleasantview – Andrews Drive collection basins – continue to monitor
 - Robinson and Taylor Road – continue to monitor
 - Burns Road – demo of concrete pad – no issue
- BZC hearing for revisions to the Darby Township Zoning Resolution has been scheduled for January 30th at 6:30 pm. Mr. Smith will attend the January 12th LUC meeting, which will address Darby Township's proposed revisions. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion that Mr. Smith be compensated for mileage driven outside of the Township at the 2023 IRS rate of .655 a mile. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to remove Brent Gilmore as an alternate to the BZC due to his inability to attend meetings. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea, and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

- Mr. Scheiderer shared information on the most recent Pleasant Valley Fire District meeting.
- The Pleasant Valley Fire Department will assist Darby Township in obtaining a occupancy permit.

Old Business:

A. Speed Sign

A discussion was held on the speed sign, and the need to have it out during good weather. It was noted that the Township missed several great opportunities by not having the sign out this fall.

Mr. Huston shared that the sign is undercover at his home and he will deliver it to Mr. Scheiderer.

B. Township Web Site

- a. Mr. Huston has provided Richwood Marketing with the questions from the December 27th meeting. He is awaiting their response.
- b. Mr. Huston continues to work with Mrs. Nina Boerger on the Darby Township historical facts for the website. Information will be forthcoming.
- c. Unionville Center Council will discuss the Darby Township website at their next meeting and decide if they would like a presence on the website during that meeting.
- d. A decision was made to mail the website announcement post cards after the website is live.
- e. Mr. Huston continues to work with the Union County Engineer's Office on addresses for the Unionville Center and Mitchell cemeteries.

C. Continue discussion on the use of ARPA Second Tranche Funds –

- a. Mr. Scheiderer indicated that he is still waiting on pricing for the tornado siren from Mr. Brad Gilbert, Union County EMA. The Trustees are considering providing the tornado siren funds directly to the school. Information will be forthcoming.
- b. Mr. Thayne Gray, Union County Prosecutor, has indicated that Darby Township can use ARPA funds for the purchase of new playground equipment. Mr. Huston has met with two companies on the equipment. He has received a proposal from Kinetic Recreation, and expects to receive the other proposal soon.

D. Other Business – no other business was presented.

New Business

A. Union County Engineer's Participating Funds - 2022 – Mr. Huston made a motion to provide the Union County Engineer's Office \$70,000 in 2022 participating funds. Mr. Scheiderer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

B. Union County Soil and Water Participating Funds – Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to provide the Union County Soil and Water \$1000 in 2022 participating funds. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston yea. Motion unanimously passed.

C. Darby Township Highway System Mileage Certification – Mr. Huston made a motion to accept the 2022 Ohio Department of Transportation Township highway system mileage certification of 8.792 miles. Mr. Scheiderer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

D. 2023 Memorial Day

- a. Mr. Scheiderer indicated that he has contacted newly elected Union County Commissioner, David Lawrence in regards to speaking at the Darby Township 2023 Memorial Day ceremony. He has not received a response back. A discussion was held on possibly asking Mr. Joe Newell if he would be interested in speaking if Mr. Lawrence is not able to. Information will be forthcoming.
- b. Mr. Huston will contact the Fairbanks Band Director in regards to the band's participation in this year's parade and ceremony. Mr. Huston will also speak to the Band Director in regards to the availability of the Fairbanks Quartet and their available to participate in the ceremony. Information will be forthcoming.
- c. A discussion was held on possibly holding a Township Community Meal after the Memorial Day ceremony. The meal would consist of hot dogs, buns, chips and cookies/brownies. Mrs. Priday will contact Mr. Thayne Gray and ask if the Township can pay for this event. Information will be forthcoming.

E. Other

- a. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion that the Township purchase three white plastic banquet tables for the Township building and a lighted outside display board at an amount not to exceed \$700. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed. Mr. Huston indicated that he will get the tables.

Cemeteries

- A. *Signature of Cory Bunsold 2023 Contract* – The Trustees signed Mr. Bunsold's 2023 contract for the opening and closing of graves for Darby Township.
- B. *2023 Mowing* – Mr. Scheiderer indicated that Tim Underhill will provide a proposal for the 2023 mowing season.

Playground

Mr. Huston will email the playground report to Mrs. Priday.

Management Reports

The monthly Management Reports were available for the Trustees to review and provide comments.

Roads

The monthly Road Report was completed.

Communications/Correspondence- No correspondence was received.