

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Cardington Township

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

January 13,

20 25

Cardington Township held their regular meeting on January 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the township office. The meeting was opened with pledge to flag and prayer by Heacock.

Trustees: Heacock, Patterson, Green Fiscal Officer: Hardwick

Zoning Inspector: Toombs

Employees: Moss & Meyers

Others: Gary Goodman – Fire Chief; Dan Cech & Patrick Buckley – Open Road Renewables.

DISCUSSION:

* Cech & Buckley of Open Road Renewables spoke of their solar project that is in the planning and permit phase. It would produce up to 92 megawatts. They are looking at 611 acres (not continuous) in Cardington, Lincoln, and Westfield Townships; the preliminary map has 15% of this project in Cardington Township. They will be renting office space in the insurance agency building in the Village of Cardington. They spoke of a substantial tax benefit – mostly for schools. This project plans to have landscaping as opposed to chainlink fence around the perimeter and implement livestock grazing. Open Road Renewables owns this project through the planning and permit phase and would sell the project to a construction company.

* Goodman reported that the fire department had 254 runs in 2024, and the fire department celebrated its 150 year anniversary in 2024. The fire department ordered a new tanker truck almost two years ago; they will go on Thursday to inspect the new truck and bring it back if it passes their inspection. He hopes to make all new purchased vehicles last at least 25 years. The Township fire levy expires tax year 2026 with collection in 2027. He asked trustees to consider a replacement levy.

MINUTES:

* Hardwick read the minutes of the January 6th organizational meeting. Patterson moved, Green seconded, to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call: Patterson yes, Green yes, Heacock abstain.

ZONING:

* Toombs reported about the zoning inquiries he has answered and issues he continues to monitor.

* A zoning board of commission meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 20; it has been postponed – date not yet determined. Patterson had new zoning maps printed by Plan4Land to distribute to zoning board of commission members. Trustees also discussed the vacancies on each zoning board.

ROADS:

* The road crew continues to salt and plow snow. They cleared a down tree on TR 136.

EQUIPMENT:

* The backhoe was down again; Moss replaced alternator on it from Southeastern Equipment Co. Moss had to obtain salt from Goodman Snow Services when backhoe was down.

* Green researched graders that he found for sale online. Looking at 10 graders, the average age was 44 years old, average price of \$13,800. Trustees believe the township's grader still has value, especially the engine. Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to sell the grader. Hardwick will work on ad for the newspaper and OTA magazine/website. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

MISC:

* Patterson reported that he spoke to Keith Acker about the Morrow County 9-1-1 plan. Acker explained it is new that the Sheriff's office is now dispatching all 9-1-1 calls.

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Resolution 2

Sheriff's office is using Next Generation program that few utilize. Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to approve the Morrow County 9-1-1 plan. (Resolution attached) Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

Resolution 3

* Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow Solid Waste District provided a five year plan update to implement waste reduction programs. Heacock moved, Green seconded, to approve the DKMM five year update. (Resolution attached) Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Joe Sherman said the township property does have a septic system. He will locate it when the weather breaks. Trustees discussed that the current electric aggregate expires in August. They would like to invite electric aggregate companies to attend a township meeting; Hardwick will reach out to vendors to schedule a time to come to a meeting.

FINANCIAL:

* Hardwick presented the Township's Cash Summary by Fund report and Fund Status report. The December bank reconciliation was distributed for signing by the board. Patterson moved, Green seconded, to accept them as submitted. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Patterson moved, Heacock seconded, to approve the resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

MISC:

* Trustees inspected deeds to properties. Heacock will make an appointment to meet with Wick, County Prosecutor to see if the Township can revert ownership of property on CR 11.

Patterson moved, Heacock seconded, to adjourn. Time 8:20 PM.

Darla Hardwick
Darla Hardwick, Fiscal Officer

Doug Heacock
Doug Heacock, Chairman

I. Michael Patterson
Michael Patterson

Daniel Green
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