

Florence Township Trustees
11011 Chapel St., Wakeman, OH 44889
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Regular Meeting
2-2-2022

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

John Krumwiede	Present
Orville Saylor	Present
Bill Turnbull	Present

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 1/19/2022

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Orville Saylor
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Bill Turnbull
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO:

APPROVAL OF FUND BALANCE/PAYMENTS

MOTION TO APPROVE balance & payments	Orville Saylor
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO:

NEW BUSINESS

BZA Alternate

Jennifer King-Sekulic agrees to serve as an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 Term is 5 years and will expire on March 20, 2027.

MOTION TO APPROVE appoint alternate	Orville Saylor
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Bill Turnbull
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO:

RESOLUTION 3-2022

A.R.P.A. Funds

Authorizing Expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds
 (See attachment for full language)

MOTION TO APPROVE A.R.P.A.	Orville Saylor
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO:

Zoning Boards Secretary is currently an independent contract position held by Mary Morog. She is interested in changing that to an employee position. Trustees will look into creating a job description/compensation and changing the position.

Geographical Information System (G.I.S.)

A new contract for the G.I.S. for 2023-2028 is being drafted. The Annual cost for Florence Township is \$2,493.18 .

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROADS

2022 roads program due to the engineer March 11th.

Trustees will purchase another 100 tons of road salt. \$45.00/ton

MOTION TO APPROVE purchase	Orville Saylor
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO:

ZONING

There is a zoning commission work session on Feb. 9th 7pm

CEMETERY

There was one burial.

MEETING ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn	Orville Saylor
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Bill Turnbull
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO:

2/7/22	\$703.02	Jeffery P Fantozzi
2/7/22	\$807.73	Nicholas A Halliwell
2/7/22	\$376.25	Caleb Hewlett
2/7/22	\$1,389.69	Misty Johannsen
2/7/22	\$891.12	John K Krumwiede
2/7/22	\$887.16	William Turnbull
2/7/22	\$1,078.35	Edgar Allen Carder
2/7/22	\$2,333.14	Tom J Murray Jr
2/8/22	\$584.24	Cheryl Park
2/9/22	\$172.46	OHIO EDISON
2/9/22	\$74.98	OHIO EDISON
2/9/22	\$557.36	OHIO EDISON
2/9/22	\$691.85	Columbia Gas
2/9/22	\$99.99	Time Warner Cable - Northeast
2/9/22	\$356.89	Columbia Gas
2/9/22	\$329.55	Columbia Gas
2/9/22	\$382.80	CenturyLink
2/9/22	\$86.21	Coles Energy - Mickey Mart
2/9/22	\$557.03	Huntington National Bank
2/14/22	\$56.80	SCHOOL DIST INCOME TAX
2/14/22	\$2,068.63	US Treasury
2/14/22	\$315.32	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO
2/15/22	\$362.70	Huntington National Bank
2/15/22	\$164.30	John Deere Financial
2/15/22	\$27.44	Lakeshore Tool & Equipment
2/15/22	\$453.20	ERIE MATERIALS, INC.(ERIE GROUP CO'S)
2/15/22	\$464.91	CARRICO TRUCKING
2/15/22	\$652.23	Lehigh Hanson
2/15/22	\$29.75	Atlantic Emergency Solutions
2/15/22	\$119.00	FIRELANDS REG. MED. CENTER
2/15/22	\$70.00	Mercy Occupational Health
2/15/22	\$159.99	NAPA AUTO PARTS
2/15/22	\$422.00	EHOVE CAREER ADULT CENTER
2/16/22	\$232.02	CARRICO TRUCKING
2/16/22	\$91.81	NAPA AUTO PARTS
2/16/22	\$100.00	Lorain County Fire Chief's Association
2/16/22	\$809.00	Gold Star Awards
2/16/22	\$10,145.00	Lorain County Fire Chief's Association
2/16/22	\$480.00	Infiniti web design

FUND BALANCES

1000 General	\$345,958.09
2011 MLV	\$7,721.44
2021 Gasoline	\$65,834.16
2031 Road & Bridge	\$22,507.64
2041 Cemetery	\$10,041.44
2191 Fire	\$30,039.54
2273 A.R.P.	\$123,815.75
4901 Fire Equip	\$108,981.08

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2022

Authorizing Expenditure from American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Erie County, Ohio

Be It Resolved by the Township Trustees of Florence Township

WHEREAS, this date, February 2nd, 2022, Trustee Orville Sayler moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Township has received a distribution of monies (the “ARPA Funds”) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Act effective March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19); and

WHEREAS, Section 603(c) generally provides that:

(1) USE OF FUNDS. Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover costs incurred by the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county, by December 31, 2024 -

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Department of Treasury Final Rule, published on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022, provides in part that:

Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.” [The “standard allowance”].

WHEREAS, the Rule further observes that:

The standard allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple, convenient way to determine revenue loss particularly for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund’s smallest recipients. This change is intended to promote administrative efficiency and simplify revenue loss calculation for smaller recipients.

WHEREAS, the Rule further clarifies that recipients can use:

SLFRF funds on government services up to the revenue loss amount, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the [Final Rule four-step process]. Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless treasury has stated otherwise.

WHEREAS, some common examples of “government services” expressly recognized by Treasury are as follows:

- Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure
- Health services

- General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities
- Environmental remediation
- Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles)
- Maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure
- Modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure

WHEREAS, “Government services is [deemed by Treasury] the most flexible eligible use category under the SLFRF program, and funds are subject to streamlined reporting and compliance requirements;” and

WHEREAS, funds utilized pursuant to the standard revenue loss allowance continue to have certain restrictions, including:

- Deposit into pension funds
- Satisfaction of settlements or judgments
- Contributions to financial reserves or “rainy day” funds

WHEREAS, the Final Rule states that recipients must elect either the standard allowance or calculate revenue loss pursuant to the 4-step process and recipients may not use both methods; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees seeks to adopt the standard allowance as serving in the best interest of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Board that:

1. The Township elects to use the standard allowance and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund government services.

Trustee John Krumwiede seconded the Motion, and thereupon, the votes in favor of this Resolution were recorded and reflected by the signatures hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Township concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Township Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Township Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted the 2nd day of February, 2022.