

**Harlem Township Board of Trustees
Delaware County, Ohio
Regular Trustee Meeting September 27, 2023**

This meeting was called to order by Dave Jackson at 7:00 pm

Present: David Jackson, Chair
Jerry Paul, Vice Chair
Carl Richison, Trustee

Absent: Lisa Hursey, Fiscal Officer

Staff Present: Kendra Borrer	Assistant Administrator
Mike Cannon	Director of Zoning & Development
Thomas O'Brien	Fire Chief
Mike McKeen	Assistant Fire Chief

Also Present: Mike Kabler, Molly Snodgrass, Steve Eisenbrown, Joni Manson, Matt Jager, Tom Nied, Molly Ridge, Scott Beaver, Chris & Lisa Fountain, and Jessi & Ryan Ridenour, Chris Judge.

Via Zoom: Don Caudy, Keith Campbell, Courtney Hamilton, Ryan & Andrea Neer, Bruce McClary, Scott Buell, Vickie BrakeBill Swartz, Grant Smith, Kelly Nelson, Jim Steelesmith, Jim Summerfield, Lisa Hursey, Kevin, and Ricardo.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Mike Kabler – 2 dead trees at the park have been replaced with 2 new trees.

Steve Eisenbrown – SPC update on next phase to be taken by the committee.

Joni – HTH Chicken Noodle Dinner Friday Night 4-7 pm and Farmers Market & Food Truck tomorrow 4-7 pm.

Tom Nied – Parks Committee had a meeting on Tuesday with a park planner to plan the park growth.

ZONING / DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Richison made a motion to recess the regular meeting and move into the hearing. Trustee Paul Seconded. All Yes

At 7:15 pm Dave Jackson recessed the regular portion of the business meeting to reconvene the Zoning hearing on application HTZC23-07.

Tom Nied (SPC) & Molly Ridge (Crossroads Community Planning) gave a summary of Article XXXV County Line Road Overlay District, addressed questions and concerns.

Public Comments:

Scott Beaver spoke in opposition of the proposed Article XXXV County Line Road Overlay District coming over to Green Cook Rd.

Chris Fountain spoke in opposition to Article XXXV. What happens in the future to resolve abandoned businesses.

Chris Judge spoke in favor of County Line Road Overlay and thanked everyone who has worked on the plans.

Brian Ridenour asked for recommendations on how residents should prepare for the projected growth.

Molly Snodgrass spoke in support of the overlay district and our township leadership.

Ryan Neer expressed questions and concerns.

Board Comments:

The Board expressed their views and what they see coming and how the Township is trying to prevent annexation.

RES. 23-0920T-007 ADOPT OF ZONING APPLICATION HTZC23-07 ARTICLE XXXV-COUNTY LINE ROAD OVERLAY

Trustee Richison made a motion to adopt (September 27, 2023 @ 7:15pm) zoning application HTZC23-07 Article XXXV County Line Road Overlay. The DCRPC met on this application on August 31st, Zoning Commission recommendation to the Trustees on Sept 5th. Trustees received in a special meeting on Sept 7th. This proceeding was publicized in the Delaware Gazette on Sept 9th and notices were posted at the Township back door, on our website, the community calendar, the community sign, and social media for the required time. This motion is subject to a 30-day referendum period. Seconded by Trustee Paul. ROLL CALL Vote: Richison Aye, Paul Aye, Jackson Aye. Motion Carried.

Trustee Richison moved to return to regular session. Trustee Paul seconded. All Yes.

Mr. Jackson closed the hearing for application HTZC23-07.

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Jerry Paul noted that Mr. & Mrs. Chris Flakes from the Watts Subdivision on Gorsuch Rd and Mr. Dez Gatta and Doug Riedle from Delaware County Engineers Office wants trustees to consider taking over their roadway in their subdivision. Several things need to be brought up to spec before Township could do that. County to provide them with guidelines and cost to bring it up to County specs.

The Grange Hall needs to be powered washed. Joni Manson stated that Tim Summerfield may volunteer to power wash the front.

Dave Jackson notified us that Green Cook Rd. south of Fancher Rd. will be closed from Oct. 4th until Nov. 29th.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Kendra Borrer announced that Harlem Township has been selected to receive a Cemetery Grant from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing (REPL) for the fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$2500.00 for the purpose to purchase and stamp marker discs, survey lots and /or update the computer programming.

RES. 230927T-002 APPROVAL TO NAME SIGNER ON BEHALF OF TRUSTEES ON CEMETERY GRANT

Trustee Richison moved to approve the authorization of Jerry Paul to sign on behalf of the trustees for the Ohio Department of Commerce Cemetery Grant. Trustee Jackson seconded. VOTE: All Yes

RES. 23-0927T-003 APPROVAL FOR BENISTAR GROUP RETIREE HEALTH PLAN

Trustee Richison moved to approve Benistar Renewal effective January 1, 2024. The Group Medicare Part D Plan is increasing 4.80% while the Retiree Medical Plan is increasing 5.30%. The slight increases for one-year 2024 will remain locked in at the same rate for a total of 3yrs. Comparing 2 other companies having rates up to 12% higher with no lock-in guarantee for the next 3 years, we will continue with Benistar through 2026 at the proposed locked-in rate of \$260.95. Trustee Paul seconded. VOTE: All Yes

The Special Trustee Meeting scheduled for Thursday Oct. 12 @ 11:30am to discuss 2024 budgetary items with department heads has been cancelled due to scheduling issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

Trustee Richison motioned to move to Executive Session at 8:12 pm. to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee. Seconded by Mr. Paul. VOTE: Richison, Aye; Paul, Aye; and Jackson, Aye.

- Invited into Executive Session: Chief O'Brien, Mike McKeen, Kendra Borrer, Mike Cannon

Trustee Richison moved to return from Executive Session to the Regular Trustee Meeting at 9:22 pm. Seconded by Mr. Paul. VOTE: Richison, Aye; Paul, Aye; and Jackson, Aye

There was no more business to come from the Board

Trustee Richison moved to adjourn this meeting at 9:26pm. Seconded by Trustee Paul VOTE: All Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

Dave Jackson, Chair

Jerry Paul, Vice Chair

Carl Richison, Alternate

Attest:

Lisa Hursey, Fiscal Officer

Minutes Approved: 10/18/2023