

~~DRAFT MINUTES~~

March 23, 2023

**HARTFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Special Meeting**

- Chris Peck “The meeting will come to order”, 6:00pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call / Present – Chris Peck, Tom Cooperrider, Gib Grandstaff, Bob Callan, Adam Lanthorn.
- Guests – Keith Wilson, Rick Rosshirt, Carol Clever, Rick Bernard, Jen Bilderback.
- **MOTION #23-025** (Chris Peck/Gib Grandstaff), To approve March 23<sup>rd</sup> Agenda as written.  
3 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries.

Agenda Topics for Special Session

- **MOTION #23-026** (Chris Peck/Tom Cooperrider), Approved changing current audit from Agreed Upon Procedure (AUP) to a Full Audit.  
3 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries.  
Some discussion and comments concerning the estimated fire department budget shortfall for March 2024. Lydia Hill advised money had been saved reducing full-time salaries and switching payroll companies. Gib Grandstaff requested if the engine payment of approximately \$61,000 can be moved back later into March of 2024 to help. Resident advised ORC 505.84 mandates EMS billing be used in fire budget and Adam Lanthorn stated he would read the specific language and ensure that money is properly spent. Other discussion pertained to the frustration of the situation of making needed repairs while still balancing the budget.
- **MOTION #23-027** (Chris Peck/Tom Cooperrider), Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 8:00am has been set to appoint Adam Lanthorn as the new Fiscal Officer. 3 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries.
- Chris Peck agreed to post the new Assistant Fiscal Officer job announcement (vice Lanthorn) to the website. Adam Lanthorn will provide job description based on tasks needed such as extending any payment due dates and changing over account contact information during the transition.
- **MOTION #23-028** (Chris Peck/Tom Cooperrider), Shamrock Printing bill for the comp plan committee was due in February and trustees approved to pay it this month. 3 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries.
- **TABLED** / CodeRed bill for \$2,891.48 was table again until we can see what the demand is for this service and other functions that might be available for the residents.
- **TABLED** / Training Marbles bill for \$2,985.00 was tabled again until the trustees can get a motion and 2/3 vote to approve paying this bill. Some discussion pertaining to the chief authorizing this training with no authority, and if it will go to collections.
- **MOTION #23-029** (Tom Cooperrider/Gib Grandstaff), Up to \$1,000 approved to proceed with oil changes for both 1 tons. The estimate for the F450 is \$280 and the F550 is \$430. This money is to come from the 2011 Gas Tax Fund. 2 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstentions. Motion Carries.
- **MOTION #23-030** (Tom Cooperrider/Gib Grandstaff), Up to \$1,000 approved to repair zero turn with bad hydro seal. A couple of estimates have been received and Fackler’s was cheapest and could get the work done quickly with preference since it is township property. 2 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstentions. Motion Carries.
- **MOTION #23-031** (Tom Cooperrider/Gib Grandstaff), Fire Department Grass Truck needs new u-joints and carrier bearing replaced, it is currently out of service. Gib Grandstaff stated the issue could become a liability if not put back into service and we have a grass fire. 2 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstention. Motion Carries.
- **MOTION #23-032** (Tom Cooperrider/Gib Grandstaff), Approved up to \$1,000 to pay for removing tree and grinding the stump that is located in the cemetery and was struck by lightning. 2 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstention. Motion Carries.

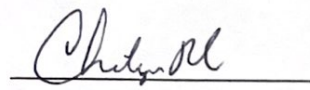
Comments

- Bob Callen Asked about using the part timer help on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. With the bad weather that is anticipated, budget uncertainty and a lack of urgent outside work Chris Peck did not feel it necessary. Tom Cooperrider asked if equipment maintenance could be done with help.

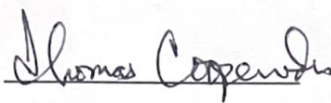
Adjournment

- **MOTION #23-033** (Chris Peck/Gib Grandstaff), "There being no further business to come before the board, this meeting is adjourned." 07:16pm. 3 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. Motion Carries.

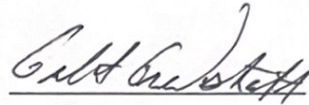
Approve Minutes



Christopher Peck  
Trustee

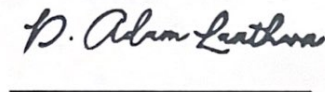


Thomas Cooperrider  
Trustee



Gilbert Grandstaff  
Trustee

Attest



Adam Lanthorn  
Fiscal Officer