## **RUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

Rush Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building in North Lewisburg. Present were Cinda K. Bailey, Ed Funderburgh and Andy Heath.

Andy called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed made a motion to appoint Cinda Bailey as the Chairman for 2024. Andy seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All in favor. Motion passed.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2023 were read aloud and approved as read.

The following receipts totaling \$500.00 were reported:

01-2024 OTARMA 500.00

The following bills totaling \$2,605.81 were presented for payment:

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01-2024	OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION	106.70
02-2024	OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION	22.00
6489	NORTH LEWISBURG WATER & SEWER	65.00
6490	PIONEER RURAL ELECTRIC CO.	45.91
6491	AES OHIO	55.00
6492	AES OHIO	68.52
6493	MCAULIFFE'S ACE HARDWARE	36.38
6494	HERITAGE COOPERATIVE	115.78
6495	LACAL EQUIPMENT INC.	573.52
6496	RANDY L. HUNT	1517.00

Andy moved to pay the bills, Ed seconded the motion. All in favor. Fiscal officer instructed to issue warrants for the same.

Correspondence was gone over.

## Old Business:

Ed reported that Ed McCracken has agreed to serve another four-year term on the Township's Zoning Appeals Board.

There was some discussion in regards to the March closing of the North Lewisburg branch of Park National Bank. No decision was made as to the future of the Township's banking business with the bank.

## New Business:

Several guests were at tonight's meeting and chose to speak in regards to the Woodstock Solar Project. They were:

Jane Napier, Champaign County Assistant Prosecutor

Karen Bailey, Champaign County Auditor

Josh Holland, Grant Goddard, and Tim Kemper - concerned residents of Rush Township

Ms. Napier answered questions in regards to the recent four-acre substation on Burton Road. Ms. Napier stated that the Township has no ability to restrict them as they are under 50 megawatts. She stated that private counsel could not be paid for with township funds and recommended that the only way to pay private outside counsel would be with private monies.

Mrs. Bailey explained the CAUV program application process that farmers need to fill out each year stating if they are still farming on their land and what crops will be planted on each of the properties that they own. No application has been filed with her office on the land that the solar project is projected to be built on.

Josh Holland asked if each Trustee is in favor of or against the Woodstock Solar Project. The three Trustees each stated that they were opposed to the project.

There was further discussion with no decisions being made by the Trustees.

The next township meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Being no further business, Andy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_