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1. Call to Order – All present 7:30pm
2. Comments from the Community – Susan Porter inquired if anything could be done about Big Hand Road **DETOUR** and the traffic and dust **NOISE AND BIG TRUCKS**. Supervisor said there was not much the township could do but he had asked if the road commission would put up speed limit signs but **WAS TOLD** that would probably not happen. He also said that there is a local load limit and if the weighmaster found someone in violation they would be ticketed **AND SUGGESTED THAT IS A MATTER FOR THE POLICE. KIELMAN SAID THE ROAD COMMISSION HANDLES THE MAINTENANCE AND BIG HAND IS HARD TO DRAIN THE WAY IT IS BUILT.**

Steve Kaslik asked about the grant money for highspeed internet. He said that he had done the test for the survey and his internet is almost non-existent. Supervisor told him **THAT IT WAS BROADBAND PROVIDERS THAT HAVE TO APPLY FOR ANY GRANTS AND** that the township did the survey so that we would be ahead of others when the broadband company**IES** applied for the grant **MONEY. OUR STUDY WOULD HELP IN SECURING THAT MONEY TO BUILD IN COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP.** Supervisor said that **THE COMPANY THAT DID OUR SURVEY DISBURSED IT TO THE BROADBAND COMPANIES AND** Duke Broadband **OUT OF MARYSVILLE** was **ONE OF THE ONES** applying and that they were currently installing in St. Clair Township. Mr. Kaslik asked if there was anything that the residents could do to help the grant process. Supervisor said he would take his name and number and let him know if his help was needed.
3. Communications- none
4. Approval of agenda -Motion Duncan support Kielman to approve agenda. Kielman-yes, Dudek-yes, Christy-no, Duncan-yes, Biringer-yes. Motion Carried.
5. Routine Business

- A. Approval of minutes – Motion Duncan Support Kielman to approve minutes with grammar changes. Dudek-yes, Christy-yes, Duncan-yes, Biringer-no, Kielman-yes. Motion Carried.
- B. Treasurer Report – Motion Kielman support Dudek to file treasurer report. Christy-yes, Duncan-yes, Dudek-yes, Biringer-yes, Kielman-no. Motion Carried.
- C. Check Register Motion Kielman Support Dudek to add TK Inspections LLC to post audit checks for contractual work only, **\$600.00, \$600.00, \$500.00**. Christy-yes, Dudek-yes, Duncan-yes Biringer-yes, Kielman-yes. Motion Carried. Motion Kielman Support Dudek to approve 2 electronic and Checks 3546-3605 & 1 voided check totaling \$174,722.48. Biringer-yes, Kielman-yes, Christy-no, Dudek-yes, Duncan-yes. Motion Carried.
- D. Ordinance Officer's Report – Report from new ordinance officer Brian Card explain that he had done some of the liquor inspections and addressed several ordinance complaints. Motion Biringer support Duncan to file ordinance report. Duncan-yes, Dudek-yes, Kielman-yes, Biringer-yes, Christy-yes. Motion Carried.
- E. Assessor Report – none

6. Old Business

- A. Building Department Update Discussion – Tracy Kallek Building official **READ A PREPARED STATEMENT SHOWING A STEADY DECLINE IN BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUNDS AND STATED THAT WITH THE CURRENT FIXED FEE SCHEDULE EVENTUALLY THE MONEY WOULD RUN OUT AND THE GENERAL FUND WOULD HAVE TO SUBSIDISE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WHICH HE FELT WAS UNFAIR TO TAX PAYERS.** ~~presented an updated document to increase fees for the building department to be more in line with other jurisdictions in the state.~~ He proposed eliminating the \$150.00 application fee and replacing it with a \$75.00 nonrefundable application fee that would go to the township. He presented **AN EXCEL DOCUMENT SHOWING 3 different percentages USING THE INTERNATIONAL**

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CODE COUNCIL HOME VALUATION METHOD OF PERMIT FEE STRUCTURING and compared them to an example using the current **FIXED FEE** pricing system. He suggested using the $\frac{3}{4}\%$ multiplier **WHICH IS THE CURRENT INDUSTRY STANDARD, HE CITED SEVERAL OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS USING THE ICC METHOD.** The building official would get 75% and the township 25% of the fees. Clerk said that she did not think the township should raise fees at this time with the cost of everything going up this would be an additional burden. Trustee Dudek said **I THINK THE TIMING IS WRONG.** ~~he did not think this was the right time to increase fees.~~ Kallek presented a letter saying ~~at the current trend the fund balance was in a steady decline.~~ Clerk said that currently the rent being charged was \$1500.00 per month which totals \$18,000. per year and was started to offset the payroll of the deputy clerk, who was doing the building department clerical work. Currently we have a building department clerk who is paid out of the building department so the \$1500 rent is not really necessary and could be reduced. Dudek said if we reduced the rent, it would bring the fund balance back up. **AFTER TRYING OUT DIFFERENT PERCENTAGES IT WAS DETERMINED THAT AT $\frac{1}{2}\%$, LOW PRICED, SMALL SQUARE FOOTAGE HOME PERMITS WOULD REMAIN APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AND THAT LARGER, MORE EXPENSIVE HOME PERMITS WOULD COST SOMEWHAT MORE. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CURRENT FIXED PRICE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN STATIC SINCE 2014.** Motion Christy Support Kielman to adopt ICC fee schedule at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ with 75% paid to TK Inspections and 25% to township, charge \$75.00 application fee and \$75.00 reinspection fee **PLUS PLAN REVIEW.** To take effect the first day of the following month once the **FINAL WRITTEN** fee schedule **AND AMENDED CONTRACT** is approved by the township board. Christy-yes, Dudek-no, Duncan-yes, Kielman-yes, Biringer-no. Motion Carried.

- B. Deputy Clerk Pay – Clerk said that when the subject of the deputy pay was on the agenda in June the supervisor wanted to wait until July because Kielman was not at the meeting. She stated that it was not on the agenda in July and she felt that the deputy should have gotten a raise after 90 days. Treasurer said she is a very good worker and is always working and only comes a couple days a week. Motion Biringer Support Duncan to pay deputy \$20.00 per hour retroactively back to her 90 days. Biringer-yes, Duncan-yes, Christy-no, Dudek-no, Kielman-no. Motion Failed. Clerk said that they were heartless and vindictive and it was because of her and not the deputy. She said that the deputy had stepped in when she was needed at the primary election. Supervisor said you have been beating me up whole meeting. Clerk said that shows that this vote was for spite. Motion Duncan support Biringer to approve pay for deputy to \$20.00 per hour effective 8/1/22. Christy-no, Duncan-yes, Dudek-no, Biringer-yes, Kielman-no. Motion Failed.
- C. Server- Clerk presented a quote to move the server out of her office. Discussion followed. Trustee Kielman said that he didn't think it should go into the closet because it would be too close to the building office. Motion Biringer to accept quote for moving server **FPR \$891.42 BECAUSE IT IS A GOOD PRICE.** Motion died. Motion Kielman Support Dudek to table ~~decision on where to move server until more options are presented.~~ Duncan-yes, Christy-yes, Dudek-yes, Biringer-no, Kielman-yes. Motion Carried.
- D. DTE Lighting – Motion Dudek Support Duncan to update the 8 street lights to LED lighting at an upfront cost of \$2957.00 and get more information for lighting at the park. Christy-yes, Dudek-yes, Kielman-yes, Duncan-yes, Biringer-yes. Motion Carried
7. New Business
- A. Meetings recordings – Clerk stated she had asked the supervisor to put the recorded meetings on the flash drive and he had not. Kielman suggested supervisor upload the

recording to the website so residents and the board could access it. Supervisor said he would look into it.

- B. VC3 – Supervisor presented two quotes for new laptop at a cost of \$1435.09 and a **VPN CAPABLE FIREWALL MODEM** ~~personal server~~ at a cost of \$750.00 ~~to back it up~~. Supervisor stated that **IT RIGHT TOLD HIM THAT THE NEW SECURITY PRTOCOLS ON OUR NEW SERVER SAW HIS LAPTOP AS A VIRUS THREAT WHEN IT TRIED TO SYNC UP AND CRASH IT, ALSO THAT HIS LAPTOP IS WINDOWS 7 BASED FROM 2016 AND WAS REACHING THE END OF LIFE.** ~~the present server sees his current laptop as a virus and tried to shut it down.~~ Motion Dudek Support Duncan to approve purchase at a total cost of \$2185.09. Kielman-yes, Duncan-yes, Christy-yes, Biringer-no, Dudek-yes. Motion Carried.
- C. Dead Tree Removal – Motion Biringer to approve tree removal-cutting down & hauling away. for \$1500.00. Motion died. Supervisor suggested getting more quotes.
- D. Comcast proposal -Motion Duncan Support Kielman to pass on comcast offer to upgrade system at a cost of \$850.00 per month. Christy-yes, Dudek-yes, Biringer-yes, Kielman-yes, Duncan-yes. Motion Carried.
- E. Workmen's Compensation renewal – FYI
- F. Local road funding for 2023 – Motion Biringer Support Dudek to approve Resolution 8-1-22 to apply for local road funding assistance for 2023 for Palms Road **CHIP COAT REPAIR sealcoating**. Christy-yes, Duncan-yes, Dudek-yes, Christy-yes, Biringer-yes. Motion Carried.
8. Board discussion – ~~none~~ **SUPERVISOR ASKED CLERK FOR AN ELECTION RESLUT SUMMARY FROM THE AUGUST 2, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION. CLERK SAID SHE HAD NOTHING.**
9. Adjournment – Motion Dudek Support Biringer to adjourn at 10:27pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried