

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF ZANE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
August 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Henry at 8:00 AM. Those present included Trustees Jack Graham, Steve Lithgo, Rod Watkins, and Joni Cox, along with 23 local residents.

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

Jack Graham made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Steve Lithgo seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

2. Virtual Meeting Request

A local resident requested the possibility of attending future meetings virtually. Information about Zoom and its benefits was presented to the trustees.

3. Petition Regarding Freedom Gun Range

A local resident presented a petition signed by 64 concerned residents regarding the Freedom Gun Range, which was allegedly not properly permitted. The resident requested the enactment of a cease and desist order and the scheduling of a joint meeting of the BZ and BZA boards to draft a zoning resolution restricting public gun ranges in the township.

Aaron Smith from LUC offered to have the zoning commission review the gun range situation. He noted that enforcement is managed by the zoning inspector and the prosecutor. Aaron also presented updated solar language for zoning resolutions. Zane Township currently has a zoning resolution and discussed potential updates.

Doug Henry stated that the Prosecutor is addressing the gun range issue and suggested that it would be beneficial for the Board of Zoning to convene. A member of the Logan County Fish and Game Association expressed various safety concerns.

Steve Lithgo proposed having a representative from the Logan County Fish and Game Association attend the BZ board meeting to assist in developing rules and requirements. Steve and Jack Graham recommended that residents contact the Prosecutor to file complaints.

A resident raised concerns about the lack of a physical address for the gun range, noting that the address listed is the owner's home address. Allen Township Captain indicated that in case of an emergency, the lack of a proper address could lead to severe consequences.

The trustees discussed the new driveway at the gun range location and whether a culvert had been installed. Doug Henry noted that he had been informed about the field entrance but not about the gun range. The purpose of the double-wide entrance is now questioned.

4. Financial Reports

The financial reports for June and July were presented. Jack Graham moved to accept the financial reports. Steve Lithgo seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

5. ARP Funds Resolution

A resolution was presented to transfer funds from the ARP Fund to the General Fund. Doug Henry moved to approve Resolution 4-2024. Jack Graham seconded the motion. **The resolution was approved.**

6. Union Propane and Office Supplies

Joni Cox presented a proposal for Union Propane's level billing/pre-buy option. **The proposal was approved.** Joni also requested approval to purchase office supplies for the township, which was approved.

7. BZA Updates

The BZA requires updated paperwork. Doug Henry appointed Jim King as a temporary replacement for Kevin Grove, and Jim agreed. Jeremy Gerrard was appointed as the new BZA Chairman.

8. Reports from Trustees

- Jack Graham reported attending ethics training and a chip and seal meeting. He asked Joni Cox to confirm payment for the chip and seal work.
- The chip and seal program for 2025 will be decided in September. An estimate from Eubanks Electric for a community room generator was received, with a quote of \$16,090.00 for a 24kW generator.
- Steve Lithgo had no updates.
- Rod Watkins noted that he has a funeral coming up.
- Doug Henry reported clearing trees growing in the culvert on State Routes 151 and 177. He mentioned a tree on Route 172 that was too large for him to handle and removed flags but asked about reinstating them during election periods.
- Jim King noted that the temporary light at the intersection of Route 287 is causing visibility issues. Doug Henry will inquire about adjusting the light.

9. Township Building Upgrades

Doug Henry requested quotes for various upgrades to the township building, including improvements to the bathroom, water heater, lights, flooring, and air conditioning. **Quotes will be sought before the end of the year.**

10. Adjournment

Steve Lithgo moved to adjourn the meeting. Jack Graham seconded the motion. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.**

Chairman, Doug Henry _____ Date _____

Jack Graham _____ Date _____

Steve Lithgo _____ Date _____

Joni Cox _____ Date _____