

**MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on August 11, 2021, at 6:00 P.M at the Howland Township Government Building, 205 Niles Cortland Rd. NE, Warren, OH 44484.

**Roll Call:** Matthew Vansuch -yea  
Dr. James LaPolla -yea  
Rick Clark -yea

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to suspend the reading of July 14, 2021 meeting minutes and accept as written.

**Roll Call:** Matthew Vansuch -yea  
Dr. James LaPolla -yea  
Rick Clark -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to pay all outstanding invoices incurred and approve all warrants issued. (attached payment listing)

**Roll Call:** Matthew Vansuch -yea  
Dr. James LaPolla -yea  
Rick Clark -yea

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-083:

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to appropriate the following money and request an Amended Certificate from the Trumbull County Auditor to increase the Township budget due to money received for the American Rescue Plan / Local Fiscal Recovery.

**Fund 2902 Local Fiscal Recovery**

Revenue Budget	2902-519-0000	\$859,901.45
Appropriation Budget	2902-490-590	\$859,901.45

**Roll Call:** Matthew Vansuch -yea  
Dr. James LaPolla -yea  
Rick Clark -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-84:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Planning Director Kim Mascarella, accept the bid that was advertised by the Trumbull County Engineer for the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments-High Street/Willow Drive Pedestrian Enhancement Project by Foust Construction, Inc., 1700 Wilson Ave., Girard, OH for the amount of \$85,895.90.

Other Bids Received - TRU-High St./Willow Drive Sidewalks

Daniel A. Terreri & Sons	Youngstown, OH	\$118,800.00
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<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-085:

ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Authorizing the Chairman of Howland Township's Board of Trustees to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation ("Settling Distributors") pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

WHEREAS, Howland Township, Ohio herein is a Township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by the misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviated the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and Howland Township has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially

effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain participants; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal, and McKesson (collectively the "Settling Distributors") to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to agree to the material terms of the purposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement with the Settling Distributors (the "Proposed Settlement").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWLAND, OHIO.

Section 1. That the Chairman of the Board of Trustees is authorized to accept the Proposed Settlement on behalf of Howland Township, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-086:

Approve the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Howland Township, to sign the Economic Development Transfer Form (TRES) for Liquor Permits D-1, D-2, and D3 from Bahama Breeze Holdings, LLC to RARE Hospitality International, Inc., 1980 Niles Cortland Rd. SE., Warren, OH 44484

- D1 Beer only for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carry out only until 1:00am.
- D2 Wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1:00am.
- D3 Spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only until 1:00 a.m.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-087:

Accept the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022 (resolution attached in its entirety).

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-088:

Approve the School Resource Officer Contract between the Board of Education for Howland Local School District and the Board of Trustees of Howland Township for the period September 7, 2021 through June 3, 2022 for a total cost of \$78,745.10 (complete contract attached in its entirety).

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-089:

Approve the School Resource Officer Contract between the Board of Education for Howland Local School District and the Board of Trustees of Howland Township for the period September 7, 2021 through June 3, 2022 for a total cost of \$36,597.79 (complete contract attached in its entirety).

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-090:

WHEREAS, the following list of properties have been cited during the months of July/August 2021 in violation of the Howland Township Zoning Ordinance Section 8, A-8, Howland Township Resolution 2003-58 (Abatement, Control or Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse or Other Debris), and Howland Township Resolution 2002-93 (Establish Fines) where the yards have not been maintained; and

WHEREAS, Howland Township has received complaints from neighbors of said properties that the condition interferes with the reasonable enjoyment of use of the property and high grass and/or garbage, refuse or debris poses a safety and health threat to the neighborhood. The unsightly appearance of the properties is detrimental to the aesthetic value of the neighborhood and would cause a depreciation of property values; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Office has not heard from any of the property owners, by telephone or mail.

WHEREAS, At least seven days before providing for the abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, the board of township trustees shall notify the owner of the land and any holders of liens of record upon the land that the owner is ordered to abate, control, or remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, the owner's maintenance of which has been determined by the board to be a nuisance.

WHEREAS, if that vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris is not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provision for its abatement, control, or removal is not made, within seven days, the board shall provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred by the board in performing that task shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Howland Township declares and finds the following properties to be a nuisance.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel ID</u>
3503 Birchwood Ave	Parcel 28-094550
3448 Beechwood Ave	Parcel 28-300351
100 Quail Hollow	Parcel 28-106609
8141 Castle Rock	Parcel 28-121275
1458 Castillion Drive	Parcel 28-006282
3681 High Tree Ave	Parcel 28-181787
8848 Kings Graves Rd	Parcel 28-322475
6060 Mines Rd	Parcel 28-390900
332 Niles Cortland Road NE	Parcel 28-596850
1575 Niles Cortland Rd NE	Parcel 28-549200
2878 Niles Vienna	Parcel 28-573401
568 North Road SE	Parcel 28-482900
2915 North Road NE	Parcel 28-334200
8618 Old Orchard RD	Parcel 28-222850
3478 Overlook Dr	Parcel 28-598100
3479 Overlook Dr	Parcel 28-590000
3231 Overlook Dr	Parcel 28-393450
3273 Valacamp Ave	Parcel 28-409700
3589 Valacamp Ave	Parcel 28-304650
3709 Valacamp Ave	Parcel 28-354500
7720 Glenn Oaks	Parcel 28-088740
3546 Highlawn	Parcel 28-636900
2699 Fairview	Parcel 28-554520
1318 Rosewood	Parcel 28-508755

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-091:

Per the recommendation of Darlene St. George approve to accept the quote from BlackJack Asphalt Sealing for the asphalt sealcoating and re-striping of the Township Administration, Police and Fire Department parking lots for \$5,750.00.

**Other Quotes Received:**

Pantalone Paving	\$6,100.00
Hunter's Asphalt Services	\$8,250.00

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

**Summary of Meeting:**

**Jenny Lynn Smith – Clover Recycling**

I am a 10- year army veteran. I grew up and graduated from Austintown Fitch. I live in Maryland but I purchased the Trumbull Howland Recycling Center from my dad in January of this year. We recently requested some grants from the county level. We got approved for about \$22,000 in grants. We will use that for equipment at the location. We purchased a conveyor and bailer with a \$10,000 grant. We had an electrician come out to try and wire it up. The building we have is not capable of supporting a 480 phase and the building supports a 220. We would need an upgrade for the transformer at the pole as well at the box. The electrician said it is probably about \$10,000 to make this bailer work.

The goal of Clover Recycling is to be a niche recycling center where you bring your recycling in and then take it home. We have a new glass crusher. It makes decorative glass or sand that can be used in crafts or mulching.

This is our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our biggest challenge some overgrowth along the fence line and most of it is poison ivy. We would like to beautify the front as it will allow people to see that we have a facility there. We would like to get some top soil in there so we could plant things and do some landscaping.

The parking lot has a swimming pool throughout. Most of our visitors are seniors so this becomes a challenge. In the winter time it becomes ice and slush.

We have between 150 – 300 cars a day at the facility. They are starting to line up at the gate and down the road. We only have 6 parking spaces. We are requesting some input about how we can make a round about in the parking lot.

We are doing triple the capacity now. Not being able to increase the power at the building and increase parking spaces we would have to consider another building. We have been at this location since 1972. Next year will be our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I do have to consider the business aspect of safety and capacity.

**Trustee Matthew Vansuch**

We have had a great response for our come together fest for September 4. We have another meeting tonight and I can report that we have a lot of donations from the community. That all the activities are already covered by businesses. We will have music by Take 2 from three o'clock to five o'clock. From five o'clock to seven 7:30 pm we have the Dave Cannon trio. There'll be five or six food trucks along Orwig park, starting at three o'clock. They'll be a parade at 3:30. There will be family activities. Christie's Dance Academy will be teaching dance, dance moves and steps to the, to the young kids, I will not be participating in that but I know my kids will be. Amanda Beagle Studio

will be performing and free style karate will be providing demonstrations for the kids. I keep getting emails from people who want to keep participating, so that list may keep going on and on. Then the end of the night, we're having an outdoor movie. We got a 26- foot screen, and we'll be showing either Raya and the last dragon, Skoot, and the trolls World Tour. One of those three as we are putting out for people to vote on. All of that, the movie, the licensing, all that stuff is completely covered by donations from the school PTO, TLC and 717 credit union. So, the response from the public has been great. We are looking forward to a great afternoon and evening that day. Hopefully we'll see everybody out there.

#### **Trustee Dr. James LaPolla**

Congratulations on your committee. It definitely sounds like you guys have been working very hard on. Last time we talked about conservation. So, Howland Township applied for the Clean Ohio Conservation and Green Space Funding. The East Gate Regional Council of Governments, earlier in the summer, to acquire and preserve 84 acres of floodplain and wetlands in the Mosquito Creek corridor. Eastgate announced that our project was successful. Within the next six months the Malphit parcel will become an important part of the publicly owned, and protected Mosquito Creek Corridor. The projected cost is \$177,000. Clean Ohio will pay \$132,685 and Howland is using the timber value as a local match of approximately \$45,000. This does not mean that the site will be timber. The timber has a value that can be used for the match for protecting the purpose of all this is basically to protect the property and insure the mosquito corridor remains intact, and functional. Providing hunting, fishing, photography, hiking, camping, boating, birdwatching, as an educational part of our local economy. The sizeable economic contribution to Trumbull County is vital. So, this is something that Darlene St George, and Kim who was part of it also, helped ensure, I think it's a fantastic attribute to our township so I'm happy to say that their due diligence, has been successful in getting this corridor completed. That is my report.

#### **Trustee Rick Clark**

Chief Pantalone?

#### **Fire Chief James Pantalone**

Just a couple of items. Number one, has got the monthly or annual inspection of hydrants, which seems like something that just happens. The guys spend hours on a little over 1000 hydrants in the township. Each one needs to get lubricated. All the fittings come off and make sure they are oiled properly, spins properly and flows properly. It's a daunting task, but when the incident happens, we all want that to work right just like we do. So, that happens every year. And my only other item is that next month, I would ask that we step back to last year during the pandemic. We hired several firefighters, opened up a new fire station and promoted a gentleman to Lieutenant. As customary and traditional for the fire department we used to do a swearing in ceremony. So, next month I'd like to put it back on. Going back to that, maybe a little swearing in ceremony, and recognizing those gentlemen. We might have to hold on the cake, but kind of a traditional fire service to recognize our staff and your support.

#### **Trustee Rick Clark**

I don't know if you saw, there was a fire in Champion last night. The fire hydrants were not working and they had to carry the fire hose 1,500 feet.

#### **Fire Chief James Pantalone**

2700 feet of five inch was laid from Mahoning Avenue. You know that facility and those hydrants are not public hydrants. They were private and when that facility went dormant, some of the maintenance was limited. You know they had to lay in from Mahoning Avenue. So, a little over 2,700 feet. We did have an engine over there. Engine 32 went over around 2:30 in the morning or so.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Questions for the chief? Chief Roberts?

**Police Chief Nick Roberts**

Two new officers, Slusher and Jones, are still in their field training right now. They're doing a nice job and coming along very nice. Hopefully within the next couple of weeks they'll be on sole patrol. We're really glad to have them and they're experienced, just more or less, getting to know our procedures and the township roads.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Any questions for the chief? Dave McCann?

A couple of little issues in the last month, flooding issues with the intense rains we've had. Sometimes the systems that we have cannot handle some of the extremes rains. But other than that, this past weekend we did our scrap tire curbside pickup throughout the township. We picked up an excess of 400 tires throughout the neighborhoods and still picking tires up. We are doing grass cutting throughout the township, sidewalks, Sloas farms community gardens and the cemetery. That's still going with the rains, it really hasn't slowed down. Normally this time of year it starts to slow down a little bit, but grass is growing. We started working on some catch basin repairs we've been doing that actually since the spring trying to take care of some of the catch basins that need to be fixed before our second Paving Program. Last month we finished up paving last year's 2020 paving program. We've got the 2021 paving program about to start next week. It will be Shelley and Sands. We are actually meeting with them on Friday to go over some of the streets that are going to be paved. So, I anticipate that may be before the end of the month, for them to do that second payment program. We recently started our skimping paving program. It is our in-house skin paving program which is what we do with our own forces. We put down a real thin layer of asphalt on areas throughout the township. It is not complete street repaving but portions of the streets that are starting fall apart. We want to hold together before we can actually, have our contract paving on the streets. We started the program two weeks ago, but the paver broke down. We had a problem with getting a part for that. It's getting pretty old and probably this time next year hopefully we might have a new machine. It's been giving us some frequent problems in the last few years. We finally got the fuel pump for that and got it moving. We actually put a little bit of asphalt down in front of the fire station. I'm glad we did that because at least we know we can get back on the streets again and take care of it. Other than that, just continue with our summertime operations.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Any questions for Dave? Kim, planning & zoning?

I do have a report. Dan gave me some figures he wanted me to share in August. He's been busy issuing permits, we've added \$1.4 million in valuation projects, just in the month of August. One new home is being built over on Forrest Point Court. So that's good news. We're always surprised to see these new homes popping up. We don't think we have many lots left, and people are really searching high and low for that little spare lot in these older subdivisions. Dan is doing a fabulous job working through property maintenance code violations, he's got 117 active property maintenance and zoning violations that he is keeping up on. I know he was in court this past week, trying to get a property to get cleaned up and resolved. On the non-residential end of things, we have about 10 projects in the review pipeline. We just had a pre-construction meeting with Mod Wash on Niles Cortland Road. I believe that house has in the process of being demolished or has been demolished. We'll see Mod Wash starting their construction, very soon here. And the other projects are new big constructions and some of them are small parking lot additions or some other things like that. Another big one up to about a three story 40,000 square foot storage building. They're all in different stages of the review pipeline, sometimes that takes 60 to 90 days to go through that entire pipeline so we'll keep you up to date on that. All of 2020 is probably not the



ideal year to establish a baseline total valuation how the township did in terms of building. In all of 2020 we did about \$7.4 million in total valuation. Year to date we're almost at 9 million, and we have 10 projects in the pipeline so we're anticipating this year being pretty good. Probably making up ground from last year, so I'll keep you up to date on that. And I think, I think that's it. I don't want to miss anything that Dan gave me to, to share with you the ECA grant, whatever variances were for that storage facility, they did.

**Trustee Matthew Vansuch**

That's about the extent of what we can do right with our truck. About three stories.

**Fire Chief James Pantalone.**

Our new truck reaches 107 feet. The new ladder truck, actually when we did purchase that we looked at infrastructure to make sure that we measured well. Our previous truck was only 75 feet.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Bob, any correspondence?

**Fiscal Officer Bob Costello**

No, I have nothing for discussion this evening.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Now's the time that we open up the meeting for anyone to address any of us. Stand up and give your name and address and go for it. Yes, ma'am.

**Robin Japuncha – Englewood Drive**

We would like to address the issue of when these kids get out of school, the speed that they're rolling from Englewood because they jump on there because of lot of stop signs. They hit the curb at the top, to try to beat everybody else up to 46. It's been an issue for years. At the end of last year, they were all back together and it seemed the speed had increased. So, is there anything that we can do? One time they put one of those monitors down there so they could see their speed. I think it was fun for them. I was working from home, you can set your clock, and you knew schools out. It's also kind of become a running joke on our street, because everybody knows, don't go out because you're going to get hit. Well, I went down to my mailbox, a kid came around the corner. It was going to be me or the telephone pole, so he had to stop. It a major issue. I get that our schools speed limit is 20. It is 25 from the Fieldhouse parking lot to the stop sign, which is like roughly 50 yards or so. Is there anything that you guys can offer. Police, township, otherwise, or help us construct something near the school. You used to have somebody go out.

**Police Chief Nick Roberts**

I can make it a priority to have one of our officers sit there when school lets out and start stopping these cars and issuing citations.

**Robin Japuncha**

Yeah, they used to back in the day so that would be helpful because it's pretty bad.

**Police Chief Nick Roberts**

Would you have a problem with an officer sitting in your driveway?

**Robin Japuncha**

Absolutely not.

**Police Chief Nick Roberts**

Can I have your address?

**Robin Japuncha**

8174 Englewood. I appreciate that.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Anyone else care to address the board? Yes, ma'am.

**Barbara Blackshear -253 Clifton**

I have the same problem, we can't even get our mail when there's cars, even one car coming down the road because they are speeding. It's just like late at night they're running up and down the street, all this noise. There's only one sign that says 25 miles an hour, and it's at the end, closer to East market.

**Police Chief Nick Roberts**

When these complaints come in, I mean there's so many residential neighborhoods and there's so many people calling and complaints. if we start getting complaints, I'll send the entire shift to take care of that situation. We kind of try to get to each neighborhood as many times as we can. But yeah, we'll get down there and we'll try to take care of this problem for you. And I'm not sure it's going to be an ongoing issue but, you know, every time we get these complaints, we'll send them out there and they'll do their job.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Anyone else?

**Unknown**

I'd like to know if we can get some streetlights on our street. Could we get a light at the end of Clifton and East Market Street?

**Administrator Darlene St. George**

Well, we have a light policy. So, the township has a lighting policy and street lights go at the end of the street. I'll check. Actually, I'll checked tonight and see if there is one at the end of the street. There should be one there, and then 1000 feet before there's another one, unless there's an intersection. So probably the next street light is probably at Fairhill and Clifton. I'll check and see if we're we have one there. If we don't have one according to the township lighting policy, I'll call Ohio Edison and have them install one. I'll just have to check on it and see I'll drive down there tonight. If you have decorative streetlights like some streets have you'd have to do a lighting district. Then each property owner is assessed for the cost of those street lights. When you, if you go into any neighborhood in Howland and you see decorative streetlights on the street, they're paying for those street lights. So, there is that option as well. You would have to petition by neighborhood, and have everyone buy into it, and we'd have to send that to Ohio Edison. They come out and they install the streetlights so that's how those decorative lights get put up. Other than that, there's a township set township policy on streetlights. So, once every once every 1000 feet and at an intersection.

So, if you if you decide that you want to do decorative lighting up and down the street. I can help you do that, you know, help you get the petition to the neighborhood. Whatever you want.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Yes sir?

**Ed Allen**

Yes sir. My name is Ed Allen. I'm from Hubbard, and I was asked to help out some people here that are in the township. Their name was Paul and Paula Vanesky and they're having a problem with their garage falling into a sink hole. They wrote this stuff and got this to me. And I told him that I would come down and help out. They have a special needs child that they're really worried about who goes into the backyard. They're really concerned about what's going on with this property. I looked at it and the garage floor is actually collapsing and falling into the point to where they can't even use a garage at all anymore. It looks to me from just visually it looks like there is a storm sewer drain possibly ran down through there at one time maybe back in the early 1900s. It was put in to pull water down off the hill across 46 and drain it down that way long before that housing project was ever put in there. I just wonder if I could just get somebody to come out and we can just look at this and see what's going on and see if there's some way to resolve the issue that we have out there. She really fears for her son being outside and her grandchildren playing out there. I'm just trying to help them out because she doesn't have time because she's so tied up with the special need's child, and he works very late hours. She bought this place as a single mom, in the beginning and then got married. So, she didn't know this issue existed when she bought it. It happened about five or six years after she bought it, she noticed the garage floor cracking and breaking and starting to fall in. I just thought maybe I could bring it to you guys and maybe somebody can contact me. There again, I don't know what's in that area, but they're up there on a cul de sac. Give me a call, maybe we can meet up there and take a look at things.

**Road Superintendent Dave McCann**

I will call you.

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Anyone else care to address the board?

**Ed Palumbo – 201 Sanctuary**

Item number four, is that the \$1.7 million from the state?

**Trustee Rick Clark**

Yes, we get half of it this year and half next year.

**Ed Palumbo**

Did they give you any guidance on how it can be spent?

**Trustee Matthew Vansuch**

Final regulations have not come out. We have the general parameters what the categories are but we don't have the final regs that they're going to audit us by, and that governs how we can spend that money.

**Ed Palumbo**

Well I'm going to request again that all of this money be transparent on your website to see how it's spent.

**Administrator Darlene St. George**

We just finished a state audit. They just were here, auditing prior Cares Act money. There's no problem with how we spent the money. On this ARP money we do know that this is a different type of expenditures for the money. This is 80% geared towards infrastructure improvements for in particular water and sewer type improvements. There's no road paving. There's no purchasing of equipment. There's nothing like that. So, it's an entirely different type of money. Looks like an entirely different type of expenditure. I attended a webinar and I'm attending another meeting

tomorrow evening about it. You're actually going to see a lot of different things happening because there's this pot of money. The county engineers that is in charge of a separate part money that we'll be looking at. So, we'll be looking at doing some improvements. There's another pot of money from ODOT that townships can apply for up to \$250,000 for 100% paid for projects that will be geared more towards roads. It's quite extensive. It's taking a lot of time and a lot of research.

**Ed Palumbo**

I don't think they know themselves. From what I understand, if you spend that money, and the federal government decides that it wants to increase current social programs or start new social programs and you've spent that money, you've only got one place to go for it and that's back to the federal government. Then they've got you.

**Trustee Matthew Vansuch**

Don't forget we were a township, we can only do certain things. So, we're not a city. We don't operate any of those programs, we don't have the authority to. Matter of fact, that was the question I asked the feds. They say we can use the money for this but the state says that we're not allowed to so what do we do? That's why we're waiting for final regs.

**Ed Palumbo**

Well there's also a program called AFFH, you better look that one up.

**Administrator Darlene St. George**

We're not engaging in that. Ours is going to be ours is pretty simple.

**Ed Palumbo**

Well that's a federal government program that can go anywhere and they can look at the city or community and say, well, there's not a balance here, so we'll build a high rise and put people in a balanced the community. So, you've got no control over that.

**Administrator Darlene St. George**

I understand.


**Trustee Rick Clark**

Anyone else care to address the board? Going once, going twice. I'll take a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 PM.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James J LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

Approved by:  Dated: 8/13/21  
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:  Dated: 8/14/21  
Rick Clark, Chairperson-Trustee