

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on February 16, 2022, at 6:00 P.M at the Howland Township Government Building, 205 Niles Cortland Rd. NE, Warren, OH 44484

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch – Present
Dr. James LaPolla - Present

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to excuse Trustee Rick Clark for personal reasons.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to suspend the reading of January 12, 2022 meeting minutes and accept as written.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-012:

Per Resolution 1997-036 - Authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to transfer the following:

Unused Lodging Tax Money Received in 2020 for 2021 Budget:

Transfer out:	General Fund 1000-910-910	(\$2,426.77)
Transfer in:	Police District 2081-931-0000	\$ 2,426.77

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-013:

Approve to contract Grace Services Inc. to provide weed control in Township ditches, retention ponds, and cemeteries at the cost of \$2,505.00.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-014:

Authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to pay Ohio Public Risk Insurance Agency \$4021.29 - Invoice #'s 12491 & 14574, dated 1/8/20 & 1/14/21.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-015:

Authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to supplement the permanent revenue budget in UAN accounting program due to additional tax money reported on the Trumbull County Auditors Certificate of Estimated Resources.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-016:

Per the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Robert Costello, approve all Township Regular Blanket Certificate Purchase Orders not to exceed \$25,000.00 effective April 1, 2022, that said amount may be increased with the Trustees approval by resolution.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-017:

Approve to appoint Administrator Darlene St. George and Trustee Dr. James LaPolla to the Trumbull County Planning Commission's *Tax Incentive Review Council*.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-018:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve to appoint Trustee Dr. James LaPolla to represent Howland Township at the Trumbull County Health Board meeting on March 11, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-019:

Per the recommendation of Police Chief Nick Roberts, the Board of Trustees of Howland Township "DO NOT" request a hearing for the new D6, C1, and C2 liquor license for Meijer Stores, LP – 2112 Niles Cortland Rd. SE – Warren, OH 44484

- D6 – Sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours 10:00 am or 11:00 am and midnight.
- C1 - Beer only in original sealed container for carryout only.
- C2 - Wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carryout.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-020:

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to establish the following Fund, establish Revenue/ Appropriation accounts, and request an Amended Certificate from the Trumbull County Auditor to increase the budget by \$9,700.00. Money awarded from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice System’s Body-Worn Camera Grant

Fund 2906 – 2022 OCJS Body-Worn Camera Grant- Fund Total \$9,700.00

Revenue Budget:
2906-539-State Receipts \$9,700.00

Appropriate Budget:
2906-210-740 Machinery, Equipment & Furniture (\$9,700.00)

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-021:

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to establish the following Fund, establish Revenue/ Appropriation accounts, and request an Amended Certificate from the Trumbull County Auditor to increase the budget by \$6,553.32. Money awarded from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy for Continued Professional Training (CPT)

Fund 2907 – Continued Professional Training (CPT) (PD)- Fund Total \$6,553.32

Revenue Budget:
2907-539-State Receipts \$6,553.32

Appropriate Budget:
2907-210-318 – Training Services \$(6,553.32)

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-022:

Authorize the Trumbull County Engineer to advertise for bids for the Township's 2022 Road Resurfacing Contract Paving Program.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-023:

Per the recommendation of Public Works Director David McCann and Administrator Darlene St. George, accept the retirement of Ramon Lopez effective February 1, 2022, after 27 years of employment.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-024:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, Planning Director Kim Mascarella and Zoning Director Daniel Morgan approve the following:

Appoint Tyler Bradford Williams to the Zoning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-025:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Fire Chief James Pantalone, appoint Trustee Rick Clark and Trustee Matthew Vansuch to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund Board on behalf of Howland Township Fire Department. The term shall be one year and will be retroactive to January 1, 2022 serving until January 1, 2023.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-026:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Fire Chief James Pantalone approve to apply for the 2021 FEMA-AFG Regional Equipment Grant. The grant is for the replacement of hose and fire appliances that have passed their service of life. The grant is being submitted and hosted by Cortland Fire Department as a regional grant with five other departments and will have a 10% match of funds estimated up to \$12,328.60 depending on final grant award.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-027:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Fire Chief James Pantalone approve to apply for the 2022-2023 Ohio Department of Public Safety Annual Reimbursement Grant.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-028:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Fire Chief James Pantalone accept the 2022 Ohio Fire Marshal MARCS Grant funding of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of an additional MARCS radio.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-029:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Fire Chief James Pantalone accept the 2021 Ohio Fire Marshal Fire Training Reimbursement Grant funding of \$900.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-030:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve to apply for the 2022 Scrap Tire Grant Program through the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-031:

The Howland Township Trustees approve to re-schedule their Wednesday, March 9, 2022 meeting to Wednesday, March 2, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea

REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Trustee Dr. James LaPolla

We will now have the department heads discuss their 2022 budget.

Fire Chief – James Pantalone

Presented a balanced budget for each of the 4 funds that we utilize for operations and included a 25% carryover balance for 2023

- All mandatory/required expenses for operation have been covered to include potential increases in line items similar to fuel expenses
- Highlighted the need for a few capital expenditures such as furniture replacements in living quarters for the crews
- Replacement of 10yr. old copy machines and administrative equipment including standards computer replacements.
- Requested the use of ARPA funds to purchase a new ambulance due to the catastrophic engine failure on 2010 ambulance.
- Reviewed secured grants and additional ones that we intend on seeking for the 2022 year.
- Requested the approval to purchase an inflatable safety house for fire prevention – we’ve already started gathering donations.
- Reviewed the need for restructuring to a new incident reporting software package – ESO

Police Chief – Nick Roberts

This year we will operate out of the 2081 Police District Fund for purchases due to the fact that the General Fund and the Police District Fund are now combined.

Property Tax in 2022 is projected to be \$30,586 more than was collected in 2021.

The following accounts are potential carry-over monies unless receipts are short this year.

2221 Drug Law Enforcement fund - \$25,414.68

2081 (Police District Fund) All Accounts (Unbudgeted) \$136,422.90

Bed Tax Collection: Potentially \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00

Our projected Carry-Over to 2023: \$261,837.58

Impound Lot

2020 – Collection Fees: \$28,615/ Vehicle Sales: \$15,724

2021 - Collection Fees: \$25,205/ Vehicle Sales: \$18,466

As you can see from my budget overview the needs of the police department are growing and the cost of doing business continues to increase on a yearly basis. I think the time has come for the trustees and the police department to explore the need for a police levy this November. I have made as many cuts to the police budget as possible without jeopardizing officer safety or community services that we provide and our residents expect.

The last levy the police department passed was in 2012 which was 10 years ago. New levy dollars would allow us to hire an officer which will bring our department up to full staff, which is 20 officers, which in turn will cut down on overtime expenditures. Levy dollars will provide us with the funding needed to purchase and maintain our fleet of vehicles. Maintain our level of professional training and Ohio Collaborative Policy & Procedure Certifications, purchase equipment, maintain our specialized units and pay for the ever-evolving technology that is needed to function as a professional police department. We will also be able to outfit every officer with a body-worn camera and maintain this program into the future. Technology has evolved over the last 10 years and the cost of doing business has and will continue to increase. That's why it is important that we realize maintaining the status quo of the police department will benefit everyone who enjoys living, working, and traveling to and through Howland Township. Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Road Superintendent – Dave McCann

Public Works Department 2022 Budget Request Summary

Motor Vehicle Fund:

An increase of 40% for fuel

- Gas Tax Fund:
- \$100,000 allotted for salt
- \$50,000 allotted for asphalt (skim paving program)

- Road and Bridge Fund:
- Salaries has 2% increase starting in July, also a reduction from Ray Lopez (retired)
- \$400,000 allotted for 2022 street paving (contract paving)
- \$50,000 reimbursement to the General Fund for the purchase of dump truck from the County
- \$60,000 for replacement of 1980's paving machine

- \$20,000 allotted for miscellaneous material purchases (skim paving), etc.
- Cemetery Fund:
- \$5,000 allotted for tree removal project which included \$1 ,000 cemetery grant .
\$15,000 for new Hustler mower
- \$15,000 for new equipment trailer for hauling the backhoe and excavator

2022 Paving Projects:

- \$400,000 contract paving (approximately 8-10 streets) - \$70,000
skim paving

Equipment Purchases:

Small dump/plow truck \$140,000
Asphalt Paver \$60,000
o replaces 1980's paver
Hustler mower- \$15,000
o replaces 18-year-old
Hustler

Planning Director – Kim Mascarella

The 2022 budget represents a continuation of services provided by the planning and zoning department. The GPD Group reviews all new development plans for stormwater compliance and traffic impacts. Based on anticipated development trends in 2022, we have allocated \$32,000 for engineering reviews, which is \$7,000 more than what was allocated last year.

We also set aside \$20,000 to update the 2010 Comprehensive Community Plan. Although \$20,000 is insufficient to complete a full update, it will launch the process and provide outreach and some data analysis. The budget includes \$1,500 for professional development for staff, the BZA and Zoning Commission. The American Planning Association just released professional development assistance materials to enhance the performance of community boards to ensure they remain effective.

We anticipate a zoning text amendment in 2022, therefore we set aside \$1,000 to print zoning resolution books and zoning maps. In the event the Township would need to remedy unhealthy property conditions, we have allocated \$3,000 for this task. We are keeping our eye on a few properties that may need to be demolished this year. However, we are not accounting for demolitions in this budget as ARPA funds can be used for that work. The 2022 budget includes the ongoing maintenance of critical zoning software (IWORQ) and ESRI GIS software (mapping and data analysis). Anticipated equipment needed in 2022 includes replacing one desktop computer and an IPAD for property maintenance fieldwork.\

Trustee – Dr. James LaPolla

Thank you for your reports.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2022-032:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Howland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, the following sums are hereby set aside and appropriated for which expenditures are to be made during said fiscal year, as follows. (see attached)

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

Trustee – Dr. James LaPolla

Now we will open up the meeting to public comments.

Summary of Meeting:

Bruce Gump – 1441 Springwood Trace

I wanted to bring up a zoning issue down on Mines Road where some property was transferred to Niles. Do we know why they wanted to transfer to Niles?

Trustee – Matthew Vansuch

Utilities. Niles was offering them utilities that we don't offer. We don't offer electric.

Bruce Gump

Is there any movement to try to make that happen? It seems to me that we just lost another chunk of Howland.

Trustee – Matthew Vansuch

When we talk about losing a chunk of Howland, this is annexation where the property stays in Howland and it becomes part of the city Niles. The Cafaro company will be paying Howland property taxes and Niles income taxes. The company could have done a full annexation which would have taken the property out of Howland. That's a type one annexation. They did not do that. They asked that it'd be done by a type two, which would keep it in Howland. In the late 1990s, early 2000s, because of the Township Association, they were able to lobby to change the annexation laws. So, there are three types of annexations. You won't hear about the third one. There're really two types of annexation and the first one is still a full annexation, where the township loses the property and it goes to another city. The boundary line is changed to annexation. In exchange for keeping the property in the township. There is a criteria that is met. If the criteria are met the township cannot object to the type two annexation. That is why you did not see us

going in and objecting to it because the Cafaro company dotted their I's and crossed their T's and by keeping it as a type two became non-adversarial. So that's why we had no legal basis to challenge that. And so, type two annexations are what we consistently supported as opposed to full annexation because we lose on a full annexation. We lose, police, fire, everybody loses the property tax. That does not happen with the type two. So that property was done specifically for utilities. Niles as part of their development Incentive agreement that they're pushing if you want the utilities for that and five acres you'll have to do an annexation. Cafaro said it's not going to be a full annexation it's going to be a type two and the property taxes are going to stay in Howland.

There were questions about creeping toward your development, remember that that property is surrounded no annexation. So, all of Meijer's is protected. Cafaro's father signed that agreement and Mitch Shaker signed that agreement and it's recorded at the recorder's office and it will never change. That property cannot go to Niles.

Trustee Dr. James LaPolla

With this type two we get taxes at the approved value. If it's a vacant lot now per se and it has X dollars, we now get the tax at the approved area. I think in the last couple of years the funeral home and the car dealership were type two annexations.

Bruce Gump

The other thing is the issue of safety associated with Howland Springs 46 intersection. I know there was another accident down there fairly recently. That's just going to get worse. As more and more traffic is forced in there when interchange is cut off. I know that there's road up there by Dunkin Donuts up there but I think it has the potential to open up that area. Back then I would think the owner would be very happy to have that opened up something partially developed or developable right now it's basically not. I just wondered, is there any possibility of anybody looking into that?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

There's a lot of federal legislation going through last year. One of those was in transportation, transportation infrastructure. Project, that scope would be almost our entire budget so we would need help to fund that. So, I was holding off on pressing particular buttons waiting to see what happens with federal legislation because if there is suddenly a large dollar amount that's available for projects that's a different ask.

Administrator Darlene St. George

The developer was more than willing for a road to go thru the property. That conversations already been had. And where does this money come from. We're all waiting to see is this infrastructure opened up and will it open up money? We keep our eye out all the time for funds to make that happen. So far we haven't found one.

Bruce Gump

What I have been hearing is that it is on your agenda, looking for a way to make it happen.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

We get emails. I sent one over, I think today and I forget what it was for the different grants that are coming through the ARPA money. There's so many little grants that were coming up a little bit in this legislation that everyday we're getting emails on here. Do you have this particular project that you're looking for? I just send them over to everybody, make sure that we are keeping our eyes open for that and I'm hopeful that the infrastructure will go through that that would have opportunities for local funding like that for safety because we're always looking for safety, infrastructure. Safety always seems to have a separate line item to be able to fund those types of projects. The DDI is doing what is definitely coming from safety as well, that they were able to justify for those purposes.

That's the other question I have because this is happening because of this state effort to close that off. I wonder if the state wouldn't be willing to have to be a part of this also. Only from the standpoint of money or whatever that may be. Our representatives might be happy to help us with just another opportunity.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

I am reminded of a certain federal legislator that happens to live in your quadrant of the township. He will be able to get out of his house a little bit easier if that road could be moved especially when some of ODOT plans have happened. I think we're watching things happen phase by phase by phase by phase and I think when construction starts and they start seeing as ODOT has in their mind, what they think people are going to do and how things are going to happen and you and I share a view that may not exactly why things is going to happen with the way people go. We'll have to wait and see when that starts happening and traffic patterns go.

Bruce Gump

We're not going to wait until they close that off before we start this?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

No, but I think you're going to start seeing some construction soon. So, I think not closing it off but just the DDI.

Bruce Gump

I'm actually looking forward to DDI. I've been through it before. The traffic flows so smoothly and easily and there's no left turns in front of people.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

We just put our blindfolds on and we get to the end of it. I think we're all going to be happy.

Ed Palumbo – 201 Sanctuary

It's different. I don't know I mean the construction thanks for Hello 201 Sanctuary. What did you say the carryover was this year?

Administrator Darlene St. George

I think it right around \$3 million dollars.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Which then funds the first quarter of next year.

Ed Palumbo

Why is it the County Commissioners did get involved in that land deal?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

The county commissioners are the final borderlines in the county, so they have to approve any type of annexation or any type of county municipal boundary line.

Ed Palumbo

But I find it strange that they never got involved in the original annexation. Is that still on, what started this in the first place?

Matthew Vansuch

Niles started the ball and threw first shot but they didn't actually ask for any properties to be annexed yet. What happens is instead of me filing a complaint with the court I file a petition with the commissioners that says I petition my property 201 Sanctuary to be moved from Howland to Warren. So that goes to the county commissioners and then that starts the process through. Niles never did that. Niles just said, we are establishing our law that is if you want to receive utilities, even as existing users you must agree to annex into the city. They never actually went to commissioners.

Ed Palumbo

Are the commissioners the final say so?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Yes, but they have certain limitations.

Ed Palumbo

I don't understand what we were fighting for? Commissioners made this decision just like that. The original one is still hanging. Are we still paying lawyers?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

No, for the original we're not paying lawyers because we never filed a complaint. Because we are not going to discuss, like conversations for lawyers out in public, if I'm not going to do it. So, what I'm telling you is that Niles passed an ordinance. We hired lawyers to prepare us to fight the ordinance and to fight any annexations that would have been filed under that. If Niles went to Mr. Gump and said Mr. Gump we're going to shut off your electricity unless you sign this agreement

and agree to be annexed into Niles. We were ready and I'm telling you we are ready to file in court. Should Niles make that move. Niles never made that move because we spent a lot of time in discussions with Niles. They still have the ordinance on the books but they haven't come to Mr. Gump yet and forced that hand. Mr. Cafaro went to Niles and said I want utilities. Niles said we'll give you utilities if you agree to annex. Mr. Cafaro said I'll agree to annex but I'm not going to agree to a type one. I will agree with a type two. He negotiated with the city of Niles. They agreed to that. They filled out the petition and Niles passed it. They went to the commissioners, filed with the commissioners. Commissioner sent us a notice, we got the notice and we went to our lawyers. We looked at it and we said that they crossed all the t's and dotted all the i's. The answer is yes. We have no basis for objecting. I'll give you an example. of something that didn't happen. That Staton-Borowski Funereal Home filed four times a type two annexation. They didn't dot their I's and it didn't cross their T's and Howland Township sat at the commissioner's office at the hearing and said they didn't do it right. You need to deny it. Deny four times and finally got it right. But once they get it right. The commission and the commissioners do not pass the resolution. They will be sued in the writ of mandamus in the Supreme Court or Common Pleas or the court of appeals to force them to approve the annexation.

Ed Palumbo

Is that piece of property in Niles or Howland Township?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

It will be in the incorporated part of the Township. You live in the unincorporated portion of Howland Township. Mr. Gump and his wife live in the unincorporated I live in the unincorporated. Mr. Whetstones property is in the incorporated part of Howland Township.

Ed Palumbo

Concerning the ARPA money, I guess the county has got lawyers and you're using lawyers. If this money is so difficult to spend, why bother?

Trustee Dr. James LaPolla

It is getting easier.

Ed Palumbo

If it's so difficult to appropriate this money because of government laws is it worth it?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

It's not because the government's laws, it's because of the auditors. Because the lawyer at Baker Deublkar has worked a niche of understanding the rules and the regulations of which there are numerous through the federal agencies and with the auditors and Bob will tell you we went through a federal audit. And what they want to see is a legal opinion that says that these funds are authorized under federal laws. And that's what Baker Deublkar does. I believe that who was engaged by the county as well. Mr. St. George is able to call her up and she reviews the facts. She provides the opinion letter that goes in the auditing files that when the auditors come in to see Bob, they look

at that and there aren't questions that we are misappropriating federal funds, that then we have a legal opinion that says what we are doing is legal. If we call the state auditor they won't tell us. They say ask your lawyer. So, we go to the lawyer and that's what we have to do that because of the state and state auditors are auditing on behalf of the federal government. It's complicated, but that's why we get the legal opinion. So, when you hear Chief Roberts mentioned it or Chief Pantalone mentioned it that's why they've gone through and they've made sure every one of those expenditures is approved by the lawyers, providing an opinion under their signature and their license and their malpractice insurance.

Ed Palumbo

The Cares Act money we thought everybody spent it, but some of the people spent half of it and sent half of it back to the government.

Administrator- Darlene St. George

Actually, it didn't go back to the government. What happened to the cares act money is if you didn't spend it went back to the county and it was redistributed to other areas. So, if there was public entity in Trumbull County that received cares act money and they didn't spend it, it went back to the county auditor and he redistributed it. Everybody spent theirs in Trumbull County.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

If there's no other public comments, I move to convene to Executive Session.


A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to convene into Executive Session at 7:40 for the purpose of discussing: to consider the appointment, of a public employee official. No action taken:

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea

Approved by:  Dated: 3/3/22
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:  Dated: 3/3/22
Dr. James LaPolla, Vice Chair