

January 23, 2024

MINUTES OF JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING

Commissioners were all present. Staff and Commissioner Candidate Joe Sherman recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

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| V111-77                  | Minutes of January 18, 2024:   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-absent    |
| V111-78                  | Reimbursement to Pike Repair   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes     |
| V111-79                  | Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes        |
| V111-80                  | Transfer: Landfill to Transfer Station (new truck), Ditch to Pike Repair |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes     |
| V111-81                  | Resign A. Hullinger Job & Family Services                                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes        |
| V111-82                  | Reimbursement to Pike Repair   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes     |
| V111-83                  | Release of Funds, JFS to Public Assistance                               |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call; Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes        |
| V111-84                  | Payment of Ditch Maintenance Bills                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes     |
| V111-85                  | Resignation Vacation Payout to J. Burgbacher, \$6,472.86                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes        |

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills Administrator**, Sharon has done her best estimate based on their calculation on funds at Hardin Hills, not adding the Medicaid mistake. Profit was \$45,490 with loss for 2023 at \$110,511. Ending balance for 2023 is \$1,473,000. They have an estimated \$370-380,000 overpayment in December from Medicaid. Census is at 57 today. Average daily census was 61.9 for 2023. 2023 saw 56 residents admitted with 64 discharged. They filed an allegation with ODH that was not substantiated. No employees are currently on workers compensation modified job duty. Facility remains a 3 star by CMS. At 9:35 Sharon asked for **Executive Session** per ORC 121.22(G)(2). Commissioner Striker moved to enter Executive Session with Sharon Huston, for the stated reason. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. At 9:52 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session.

Commissioners attended, by google meet, a meeting with **Kenton City Schools** on *Safe Routes to Schools*. ONU Engineering students are working on a grant for the schools. This would be for sidewalks, etc. within two miles of the new school. This grant was received eight years ago for the new elementary school. Commissioners and staff toured the **North Annex** prior to Soil & Water moving in.

Jack Kramer, **Invenergy**, was in town and arranged meetings with McDonald, Lynn, and Roundhead Townships regarding the solar farms. Re-seeding the area around the switch yards, roadways and fence lines all hope to be addressed this year. Almost completed with their civil, grading, etc. work will be seeded. Increasing spraying and mowing this year. Plan to start one month earlier with mowing than last year. Commissioners noted it was one of the biggest issues that vegetation was not good or addressed. Once established they hope it will keep weeds, etc. down. Current status: open fields and mud. They have heard comments about the condition of roadways. REZ explained the mild winter-just cold enough to spray off the roadways. Brine was being sprayed which didn't help. With the temps increasing it should help. REZ will continue to spot check roadways. It is their responsibility to maintain the roadways per their agreement. His contact information is out there so they can be contacted. Phase II has been a while since established so they will be re-graveling. Most civil work and electrical is done. Solar panels are being delivered. Six weeks all should be on site. Larger

trucks to the lay down yard. They will keep the trucks on previously agreed routes. They will explore some road repairs this summer. He will let Luke take the lead on that project. A \$3 million road bond is in place for damages. Everything at this point will be cleaned up and look nice. Phase II should shortly follow with site testing later in the fall. Phase II will be commissioned first, 4th Quarter 2024. Everything is completed up to the module. Phase III will follow shortly. They established a Community Affairs Team-a partnership with community events. They recognize the eclipse event and want to participate and be aware of the traffic coming into the community and that the sites look nice and clean. Commissioner Striker noted the City has planned road work on the major streets in Kenton during the Spring. They are working to get more participation in the Safety meeting they hold twice a year. They continue to coordinate with OEPA. Re-routing of drainage and repairs are being done with local vendors. If Commissioners hear of any issues, he would like to know.

Roll call resulted as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
 President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
 Fred M. Rush

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
 Timothy L. Striker

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of the Board