

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of

**SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

**SPECIAL SESSION HELD AT**

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_  
**May 6, 2024**  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Tony Palmer, Chair	Present
	Laura Kunze, Vice Chair	Present
	John Oberle, Trustee	Present
	Michael Farley, Fiscal Officer	Absent

**Attendance:** Supt. Tom Kayati,

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Chair Palmer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Palmer noted the single issue on the agenda as a special meeting.

**TRUSTEES**

**Old Business:**

**Coordination of Response to Columbus Class B Biosolids Management Program/Mt. Air\***

Palmer noted that this topic was on the agenda for the previous meeting on May 1, 2024. Palmer stated that Perry Township is slated to have a special meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Kunze provided a listing of information she knows. Perry Township has hired an environmental expert and environmental attorney. Kunze noted the meeting occurring on Wednesday at the Worthington Hills Country Club.

Kunze discussed the various conversations she has participated in since becoming aware of the permit.

Kunze noted a conversation with the firm distributing the biosolids—Deer Valley. Kunze expressed concern to the vendor about the use of Sharon Township roads. The vendor told Kunze that Mr. Hadden told them to use those roads. The vendor stated that they would discontinue use of Sharon Township roads due to the weight limit concerns.

Kunze recounted discussions with a local expert on the issue. Kunze noted her desire to collaborate with Perry Township on response. Kunze explained that Perry Township is a home rule township and has significantly more authority in matters such as this.

Palmer discussed that the number one thing the Trustees can do is to provide and distribute information. Palmer expressed interest in the details of the permit and what was asked for in order to distribute the information to residents.

Oberle reported that he had several conversations with the Ohio EPA and an expert will be provided. Oberle also explained that the Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office has assigned counsel on this matter. Oberle is particularly concerned that the permit holder operates within the scope of the permit. Oberle also expressed a desire to understand any ramifications from the various applications of the waste.

Palmer expressed a desire to understand who all the players in the current situation are. Particularly, there is a desire to understand how often the application permits are granted.

Kunze explained that the City of Columbus has stated that the City of Columbus has no obligation to test the soil outside of the property that is receiving the application.

Palmer stated that once information about various requirements are understood, this information should be conveyed to the residents. This will empower residents to make complaints to the correct entities. As an example, Palmer discussed the required signage for notification requirements.

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Palmer summarized that legal counsel has been consulted about authority, information is being sought about the permit, and a strong desire to get all of the information to the public.

Oberle discussed the parameters of potential partnership with Perry Township. Oberle noted that Perry Township has greater resources to engage experts and legal counsel.

Kunze expressed the desire to be able to act if needed. Oberle noted that there are several good resources Sharon Township can use currently.

Oberle asked Supt. Kayati if Kayati has made the connection with Franklin County about weight limits on the Mt. Air roads. The reasons for weight limits are needed for more reasons than the current usage. Palmer summarized that Franklin County is likely the party able to limit weight and manage speed limit.

Palmer summarized that Oberle has opened dialogue with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office and Ohio EPA. Palmer noted that the information should be put out to the public. Oberle asked if Aqua had been contacted. Kunze stated that Perry Township has commenced that dialogue. Oberle noted that Aqua has expertise in this field.

Kunze stated that she will attend the Perry Township Wednesday meeting. Palmer noted that two members of the Sharon Township Trustees may not be able to attend the meeting under the Ohio Public Meetings Act.

Palmer stated he would look into the potential authority for enforcement.

Palmer asked Kayati to investigate what the Trustees could ask for in a letter dealing with weight limits to the Franklin County Commissioners.

Palmer asked that information be reported out at the next meeting to further inform residents.

Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

5/15/2024  
Date

  
Chair

  
Fiscal Officer