

1                   BEFORE THE ALLEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2                                   VAN BUREN, OHIO

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4 In Re:   Allen Township Trustee Meeting

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6                                   TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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8                                   Tuesday, May 7, 2024  
9                                   7:00 p.m.  
10                                  Allen Township Center  
11                                  12829 State Route 613  
12                                  Van Buren, Ohio 45889

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9 On behalf of the Allen Township Trustees.

10 BOARD MEMBERS:

11 Milford "Joe" Smith, Chairperson  
12 Mark Schimmoeller, Fiscal Officer  
13 Roger Clark  
14 Kevin Flanagan

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1 TUESDAY EVENING SESSION  
2 May 7, 2024  
3 7:00 p.m.

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5 P R O C E E D I N G S

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7 BE IT REMEMBERED THAT, on the 7th day of  
8 May, 2024, this cause came on for hearing before the  
9 Allen Township Trustees. And the parties appearing in  
10 person and/or by counsel, as hereinafter set forth,  
11 the following proceedings were had:

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13 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I'm going to call the  
14 meeting to order.

15 Everybody stand for the Pledge of  
16 Allegiance, please.

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18 And, thereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was  
19 recited.

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21 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: All right. Mark, if  
22 you'd read the minutes, please.

23 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: April 2nd, 2024. The  
24 Allen Township Trustees met in regular session at  
7:00 p.m. in the Allen Township Center with all

1 members in attendance. Cindy Land from the Hancock  
2 County Prosecutor's Office was in attendance.

3 Approximately 40 members of the public were also in  
4 attendance.

5 The minutes of March 5th, 2024 were read and  
6 approved.

7 Fiscal Officer presented a list of warrants  
8 and electronic payments totaling \$32,149.21 for  
9 outstanding bills.

10 Flanagan moved to pay these bills with Clark  
11 seconding. Roll call - all yes.

12 Hancock County Engineer Doug Cade and  
13 Findlay Assistant City Engineer Lee Rausch were in  
14 attendance to discuss the Township Road 230  
15 reconstruction utility extension project, and the  
16 Township Road 99 sanitary sewer improvement plans.  
17 Both of these projects are related to the Sheetz  
18 project.

19 Doug has reviewed the plans and recommended  
20 the Trustees approve both plans as presented. The  
21 Trustees signed the mylar plans approving both  
22 projects.

23 Fire Chief Hickman provided an update on the  
24 fire department operations. A small team of firemen

1 will be traveling to Minnesota -- is that Minnesota or  
2 Wisconsin?

3 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: Wisconsin.

4 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: I thought that sounded  
5 wrong.

6 ...traveling to Wisconsin for the prebuild  
7 meeting on the new fire truck.

8 Tony Humphrey provided an update on the road  
9 maintenance and the cemetery. He will be taking the  
10 road mower up to John Deere to be serviced. The  
11 cemetery mowers have been serviced and are ready to go  
12 for the season.

13 All three Trustees reported receiving  
14 drainage calls due to the recent rains in the area.  
15 There are a number of tiles on the list to be jetted  
16 once water levels have gone down and the machine  
17 becomes available.

18 Flanagan advised that the Township Road 218  
19 tile crossing, which has been repaired several times,  
20 continues to fail and needs to be replaced. He  
21 presented an estimate from Boes Brothers for  
22 \$13,500 to replace the 12-inch and 18-inch crossover  
23 pipes.

24 Smith moved to accept the estimate with

1 Flanagan seconding. Roll call - all yes.

2 After additional discussion with respect to  
3 potential costs, Flangan moved to rescind the previous  
4 motion with Smith seconding. Roll call - all yes.

5 Flanagan moved to authorize Boes Brothers to  
6 replace the crossover pipes on Township Road 218 at a  
7 cost not to exceed \$20,000.

8 Smith seconded the motion. Roll call - all  
9 yes.

10 Flanagan advised that the Van Buren FFA is  
11 willing to pick up the road trash in Alan Township  
12 again this spring and moved that the Trustees  
13 authorize them do so.

14 Clark seconded the motion. Roll call - all  
15 yes.

16 Flanagan and Smith attended a Tax Incentive  
17 Review Council meeting that was held.

18 The Fiscal Officer advised that \$34,160.78  
19 remains uncommitted in the American Rescue Plan Fund.  
20 These funds must be committed prior to yearend 2024.

21 Flanagan moved to go into Executive Session  
22 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

23 Smith seconded the motion. Roll call - all  
24 yes.

1 Flanagan moved to come out of Executive  
2 Session at 8:08 p.m. with no formal action being  
3 taken.

4 Clark seconded the motion. Roll call - all  
5 yes. Trustees then proceeded with the meeting.

6 Cindy Land advised that Jereme Kent is  
7 challenging the zoning petition certified by the  
8 Hancock County Board of Elections. Mr. Kent is  
9 claiming the number of actually valid signatures was  
10 insufficient to allow the certification of the  
11 petitions.

12 Cindy advised that even if Mr. Kent's claims  
13 were true, the number of signatures on the petition  
14 are significant and a reflection of the wishes of the  
15 residents of Allen Township. Therefore, the Trustees  
16 have the option to adopt such a resolution to proceed  
17 with the zoning process upon their own initiative.

18 A Resolution regarding the intention of the  
19 Board of Allen Township Trustees was presented by  
20 Cindy Land.

21 Flanagan moved to adopt the Resolution.  
22 Smith seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes.

23 A Resolution to establish an Allen Township  
24 Zoning Commission was presented by Cindy Land.

1 Flanagan moved for the adoption of this Resolution.

2 Clark seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes. The  
3 five Zoning Commission members are Dave Evans,  
4 Clara Pargeon, Darrin Rehus, John Timmerman, and Deb  
5 Stacy.

6 Smith opened the floor for comments and  
7 questions.

8 Flanagan moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. with  
9 Clark seconding. Roll call - all yes.

10 The next meeting will be May 7th at  
11 7:00 p.m.

12 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Any corrections or  
13 additions for the minutes?

14 MR. FLANAGAN: No.

15 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I move that they be  
16 approved.

17 All right. We will move on to the matter of  
18 paying bills.

19 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: All right. I have in the  
20 packet tonight the summary of the bills, the payment  
21 listing for tonight. We've got bills totaling  
22 \$28,646.10.

23 Things out of the ordinary: We got a bill  
24 from Cherry's Propane to put propane in Fire Station



1 No. 2 out there for \$483.63.

2 The credit card bill to Elan Financial  
3 Services for \$1,450.62. The biggest piece of that was  
4 for the sprayer that we bought for the Gater. And,  
5 then, there was a few cleaning supplies in there.  
6 That was pretty much it.

7 Let's see. Everything else -- that's  
8 payroll on that page.

9 We paid our County and State Association  
10 dues of \$280 for all four of us.

11 We got some landfill fees for road trash for  
12 \$25.25. AgraPro, 1,461.86. That was for preventive  
13 maintenance on the road mower, the John Deere 6110.

14 A small bill, \$204.88, for Unique Paving for  
15 some cold mix.

16 I had to pay the P.O. box rental for \$100.

17 We got a bill from Harold Schuck for \$800.  
18 That was for servicing the four backup generators that  
19 we have; \$200 apiece.

20 We got our annual hydrant fees from the City  
21 of Findlay for the fire hydrants; \$30 apiece, 125  
22 hydrants. That's \$4,250.

23 We got a bill from Bowman Electric to fix a  
24 receptacle and the motion switch in the men's

1 restroom. That was for \$224.

2 Northwest Masonry to buy some Sakrete for  
3 the road maintenance department; \$33.12.

4 The gear washer at the fire department needs  
5 to be repaired, \$328. And, then, they had to buy some  
6 new batteries for the Jaws of Life on the fire truck.  
7 That was \$1,318.16.

8 MR. CLARK: I do have one question, which  
9 I've been meaning to ask. It's not a big-dollar  
10 amount, but AEP for County Road 212, what is that for?

11 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: That's for the security  
12 light there at the intersection.

13 MR. CLARK: Oh, okay.

14 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: That is really going up  
15 over the years. When we first put that in place, I  
16 don't know how many years ago, it was like \$12.

17 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

18 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: And it's up to, like,  
19 nearly \$40 a month now. Every time I see that,  
20 I always question that a little bit. I mean, with all  
21 the building and stuff going out there and the  
22 annexations going on, should that really be a township  
23 thing anymore, or should that be pushed over to the  
24 City? I don't know. It might be something you want

1 to take a closer look at at some point.

2 That's a good question. Any other  
3 questions?

4 MR. FLANAGAN: 212 and where?

5 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: 99. You know where  
6 the --

7 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Where it splits off?

8 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: It splits off and does  
9 this little hook thing. It's that security light  
10 right there.

11 MR. CLARK: Okay.

12 MR. FLANAGAN: I move we pay the bills.

13 MR. CLARK: I'll second.

14 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Kevin.

15 MR. FLANAGAN: Yes.

16 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Roger.

17 MR. CLARK: Yes.

18 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Joe.

19 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.

20 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: While you're signing  
21 that, I also have a Purchase Order here for that  
22 \$20,000 that you authorized at the last meeting for  
23 Boes to fix those crossover pipes or replace them.  
24 I've got that Purchase Order ready here for you.

1 I've got the April bank reconciliation here  
2 for you to initial.

3 And, then, one other thing I wanted to point  
4 out that, since the last meeting, we've received nine  
5 records requests from One Energy's legal counsel,  
6 Marion Little. We are up to 25 records requests since  
7 the beginning of the year.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: All from that attorney?

9 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: All from Marion Little.

10 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay. I think that's all  
11 I've got, guys.

12 MR. CLARK: Kind of like watching paint dry.

13 (Laughter.)

14 MR. CLARK: If Mark didn't print so many  
15 checks, it wouldn't take so long.

16 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: That's true. That's  
17 true.

18 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Or get shorter names.

19 (Ms. Land joined the proceedings.)

20 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: We need to record the  
21 "Jeopardy" theme song.

22 (Laughter.)

23 MR. CLARK: It looks like we have an  
24 outstanding check from September of '22.

1 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Yeah, we do. I keep  
2 overlooking it and I need to get ahold of that guy and  
3 take care of it. It's one of the firemen.

4 MR. CLARK: Yeah. I guess he probably lost  
5 it by now.

6 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: I would guess.

7 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. Do we want to  
8 move on to our reports? Gary.

9 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: All righty. So we went  
10 to Wisconsin last week for final drawing approval on  
11 the truck. We made some changes as far as shelves and  
12 stuff. On the changes we made, we saved about \$3,000  
13 so far towards equipment, if, when we go up for the  
14 final visit, if there's nothing else changes.

15 We added some compartments in the truck that  
16 weren't on there. We took some shelves out and  
17 added -- finalized the cab switches and everything so  
18 everything is ready to go there.

19 I don't have the final drawings and stuff.  
20 They are going to email them to me since we made the  
21 changes. So once they make the changes, they will  
22 send them on and I'll show you guys.

23 We got the rental car taken care of. I know  
24 we talked about that.

1 MR. FLANAGAN: So they did cough up the  
2 money for that?

3 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: Yeah. It's taken care  
4 of, which I figured it would be at some point.

5 Another thing I don't have is, apparently,  
6 the turnpike changed their toll roads out there, so  
7 when you get on at Toledo, you're supposed to stop at  
8 Swanton and pay a toll before you get off.

9 When we stopped in Indiana, she goes, "You  
10 missed a toll at Exit 48." And I'm like, "Okay."

11 Apparently they've changed the whole thing  
12 since they are a third-party thing. You have to get  
13 online. And the same way in Illinois. They don't  
14 have tollbooths anymore. They just take your picture  
15 and send you a bill. You have to get online to --  
16 well, it's a rental car, so I'm having trouble  
17 getting -- I'm sure the rental company will get a bill  
18 eventually.

19 MR. FLANAGAN: You mean you can't just flash  
20 your fire chief card?

21 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: No. Yeah. There's no  
22 booths or nothing out there. Now there are just  
23 cameras. That's the first time I've been up there in  
24 10 years.

1 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: But they still do the  
2 E-ZPass thing, right?

3 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: E-ZPass if you've got  
4 one of those. I was talking to a trooper that works  
5 up there yesterday, and he said it took him a month to  
6 just get the E-ZPass for his OSP vehicle. So they've  
7 changed things in Ohio.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: Did they give you an  
9 estimated date on the truck?

10 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: January. They said  
11 late December, early January. I would shoot for more  
12 January. When it's done, we'll go up --

13 MR. FLANAGAN: January '25?

14 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: Yeah. We'll go up for  
15 the final inspection, if everything is all right. If  
16 not, they'll fix it. They'll deliver it to the  
17 service center in Findlay. They have some stuff they  
18 do. I think they change all of the floods and stuff  
19 after it's been driven.

20 We'll get it and take it to the Akron place  
21 up there that installs all of the shelves. They  
22 custom-build the shelves. That's where we saved money  
23 because we had X number of shelves in the truck.  
24 Instead of just buying all those shelves and getting

1 them installed and installing equipment in it and  
2 finding out we don't need all these shelves because we  
3 have them laying around the station, which we have now  
4 from previous trucks, they will install and make  
5 exactly what you want in the truck. They will mount  
6 everything in the truck. So there's still there some  
7 costs there that hasn't been spent. But for what  
8 we've done so far, it's about 3,000 bucks.

9 We swapped a couple extension ladders out  
10 for ladders that we have.

11 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay.

12 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: So far, everything went  
13 pretty well. No drastic changes, other than some  
14 small stuff. But made things a little more workable  
15 by going up there and looking at stuff. That's all on  
16 that.

17 You got the invoice for the washer.

18 So the Cass Township Area Response is close  
19 to us, which is the east side of 232 and onto 236. So  
20 I've talked to HanCo a little bit about that. They  
21 would like to dual response, like, they send Bloomdale  
22 and us HanCo to medical calls out there and then  
23 disregard. So we have to go to Cass Township if  
24 it's -- if you guys are all right with that.



1 MR. FLANAGAN: Do you think that's as good  
2 thing, or would you rather they didn't have that dual  
3 response time?

4 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: It's better that to  
5 have somebody coming than nobody.

6 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay. Well, that's true.

7 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: So I'd rather be  
8 started than delayed ten minutes before you're  
9 started. So I have no problem doing it. It's up to  
10 you guys because you guys have the contract with Cass  
11 Township.

12 MR. FLANAGAN: Right.

13 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: And I know Bloomdale is  
14 working on a Joint Ambulance District over there.  
15 I don't know where it's at. I know they've hired a  
16 chief, but I don't know where it stands.

17 MR. FLANAGAN: Is Bloomdale doing better?  
18 Because said they were struggling with getting  
19 response.

20 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: They were a little slow  
21 because we handled a couple calls and a couple serious  
22 medical calls that they were slow, and, then, which  
23 caused a delay. One was a heart attack, you know, not  
24 breathing, Tim Wyber (phonetic).

1           There was a lot of response from initial  
2 calls because it goes into Hancock County, transfers  
3 to Wood County. If they don't get a response, they  
4 transfer it back to Hancock County, and, then, they  
5 dispatch. That's a pretty long --

6           MR. FLANAGAN: So this way they're going to  
7 dispatch --

8           FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: They should. If the  
9 call goes into Hancock County initially, where they  
10 should go, being where their phones are, they should  
11 go to Hancock County, and they should dispatch; send  
12 it to Wood County; they should dispatch at the same  
13 time.

14          MR. FLANAGAN: That sounds better.

15          CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Uh-huh.

16          FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: We just have to set up  
17 a meeting, and I'll talk to HanCo and see about going  
18 to Cass Township and talk to them about it. We were  
19 out there several, several years ago somewhere.

20                 So I thought I would bring it up to you  
21 before I went to HanCo and, then, went to Cass  
22 Township. So it was pretty much that area from 236,  
23 the little area of Hancock County that they cover.

24          MR. FLANAGAN: Right.

1 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: Basically cover a  
2 little bit of Washington Township. Washington  
3 Township covers a little bit of Cass Township, and,  
4 then, probably Bloomdale is covering more of Cass  
5 Township than they are for Washington Township.

6 Washington Township, they said they really  
7 had a problem. Ours is a lot bigger and a lot closer.  
8 Especially to 232.

9 MR. FLANAGAN: Right.

10 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah.

11 MR. FLANAGAN: Sounds good, if we can get  
12 out there faster and help the people.

13 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: He says I don't have a  
14 problem. HanCo said they didn't have any problem  
15 sending trucks and just disregarding. Same way with  
16 us. You get somebody out there.

17 So, the Gater we bought several years ago,  
18 we put it to plenty of use. Two weeks in a row we  
19 took somebody out of the State Park that's fallen.  
20 One kid had a seizure. He was clear back by the dam.  
21 And the second one was a fall with a broken ankle, I  
22 think. That's when we were in Wisconsin.

23 And, then, we had some fires somebody was  
24 setting along the Interstate last week. Obviously, as

1 you know, it's too wet to get anything off the road,  
2 but the gater worked just great.

3 I think that's all I got, unless you guys  
4 have any questions for me.

5 Oh, the other thing is on Thursday, we are  
6 taking the AFFF foam up for disposal. That's the  
7 thing the Marshal put out. So I'm going to go out and  
8 load what's out here tonight and then we'll load the  
9 rest tomorrow night. That should be all of it out of  
10 the way. I just got an email confirming the  
11 directions and everything.

12 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Where do you get rid of  
13 that?

14 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: Wood County  
15 Fairgrounds. Thursday it should be gone.

16 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Good. John, you got  
17 anything to add?

18 FROM THE FLOOR: No.

19 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thanks, Gary.

20 Tony, do you want to give your report?

21 MR. HUMPHREY: Not really. Well, which tile  
22 do you want me to tell you about?

23 But, anyhow, he just give me this paper on  
24 \*\*Saucers that our oxygen tank and propane -- not

1 propane, but oxygen and acetylene. Our lease ran out,  
2 and they said if you want to keep it for 15 more  
3 years, it's \$255. They said they sent us a letter --

4 MR. FLANAGAN: 15 years, that ain't too bad.

5 MR. HUMPHREY: -- January 6th, but we never  
6 got one, did we?

7 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: No, I don't recall.

8 MR. HUMPHREY: I never got one.

9 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Well, you need them for  
10 that price?

11 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah. You're okay with  
12 getting it there? There are other places you can get  
13 it.

14 MR. HUMPHREY: It don't matter to me.

15 MR. FLANAGAN: No, but, I mean, you're okay  
16 with it?

17 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah. Is it all right with  
18 you guys to just go up there and give them a credit  
19 card?

20 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: That will work. What do  
21 they want?

22 MR. HUMPHREY: We got a bill.

23 MR. FLANAGAN: Want to renew the lease.

24 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: If it's a bill, we can

1 just pay it.

2 MR. HUMPHREY: We got an account there. We  
3 can just put it on our account and tell them to send  
4 the bill.

5 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Yeah. There you go.

6 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I don't see anything for  
7 the lease, anything to sign.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: I don't either. It was  
9 either return the tanks or they automatically renew  
10 it, I think.

11 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah.

12 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah.

13 MR. FLANAGAN: Do you want a motion to that  
14 effect?

15 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: They should send us a  
16 bill like any other bill.

17 MR. HUMPHREY: I'll go up there and talk to  
18 them.

19 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Yeah. Just tell them to  
20 send us a bill. Make sure they've got our address.  
21 That's the right address. We got those letters.

22 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah. Well, I did some  
23 patching on the roads. I don't know if you noticed it  
24 or not.

1 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah.

2 MR. HUMPHREY: Did some berming. It started  
3 Monday. Well, this is a couple weeks of mowing in the  
4 cemeteries and 218 because -- oh, we had problems with  
5 that guy down there on 218. He wanted us to go in his  
6 yard.

7 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah. Yeah.

8 MR. HUMPHREY: You talked to him?

9 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah. Yeah. Next to where  
10 Tom and Shirley Evans used to live.

11 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay.

12 MR. FLANAGAN: Well, that's not right  
13 either. It's the one up against the State Park  
14 property. That house closest to the fence.

15 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Uh-huh.

16 MR. FLANAGAN: They were having trouble and  
17 he wanted us to do the jet through his tile. And  
18 it's, like, we're too far off the road right-of-way.  
19 We can't do that because, if we get hung up, then,  
20 you're digging on private property. He wasn't happy,  
21 but he understood.

22 MR. HUMPHREY: They found another drain down  
23 in the other guy's yard.

24 MR. FLANAGAN: Right. I think they got it

1 working, from what he said.

2 MR. HUMPHREY: That's what he said.

3 And, then, on 142, we cleaned that catch  
4 basin out. There was two catch basins there. One of  
5 them didn't go anywhere, that one there across from  
6 Home Depot.

7 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay.

8 MR. HUMPHREY: On Griffith's property. We  
9 cleaned out the other one and that one works. That  
10 one did work anyway. But Casey's wanted that one  
11 cleaned out because it was all mud all the way up.

12 And then on 108, we got all kinds of  
13 problems down there.

14 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah.

15 MR. HUMPHREY: Joe knows about it. I don't  
16 know what you guys want to do because we probably have  
17 to replace that whole drain line.

18 MR. FLANAGAN: Whereabouts you talking on  
19 108? Where 232, when it hit --

20 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: On Donny Greens  
21 (phonetic). West of the --

22 MR. FLANAGAN: We got trouble in other  
23 places.

24 MR. HUMPHREY: Oh yeah.



1 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: That one is all plugged  
2 up with roots and stuff.

3 MR. FLANAGAN: At Donny Greens?

4 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah.

5 MR. FLANAGAN: Did the Vactor truck try to  
6 cut roots or they couldn't get through it?

7 MR. HUMPHREY: It got stuck again. I had  
8 them out there twice. We fixed it once, and, then, he  
9 went down about 10 feet or so and got stuck again.

10 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Probably just going to  
12 have to dig that up and replace that tile.

13 MR. FLANAGAN: Sounds like it.

14 MR. HUMPHREY: And, then, he went on down  
15 and made it to the guy's driveway and it stuck, didn't  
16 it? In the stones.

17 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I wasn't there that  
18 time.

19 MR. FLANAGAN: If we replace it, is that  
20 something you're comfortable doing? Or do you want us  
21 to get Randy Boes?

22 MR. HUMPHREY: No, we can do it, as far as  
23 that goes.

24 MR. FLANAGAN: That sounds like the

1 solution.

2 MR. HUMPHREY: I'll just do my track hoe.  
3 That would be better than the backhoe.

4 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah, it would.

5 MR. HUMPHREY: And, then, on 108, at Paul's  
6 house, we cleaned that tile, and that tile, we don't  
7 know which way it goes -- drains.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: Now you are at the corner of  
9 232.

10 MR. HUMPHREY: 232 and 108.

11 MR. FLANAGAN: I did call. I talked to him  
12 in person, Jason Rinker, trustee for Cass Township.  
13 I said, Is there any chance -- I said, you guys put a  
14 new tile on the north side of 108 to the ditch, right?  
15 He said, Yes. Randy Boes did it. I said, Is there  
16 any chance of us putting a basin on our side and going  
17 under 232 to get to that tile? I said, We don't know  
18 where this other one even goes and it's not working.  
19 And he said Yes, we're okay doing that.

20 So if we're okay with it, I'll call Randy  
21 Boes and say, Hey, put that on your schedule because I  
22 think that would solve the problem.

23 MR. HUMPHREY: You want to put another catch  
24 basin in?

1 MR. FLANAGAN: And cross under 232, so the  
2 water can get flowing to the east. Because, right  
3 now, it's trying to go north.

4 MR. HUMPHREY: YEAH.

5 MR. FLANAGAN: We don't know where it  
6 crosses 232. It crosses somewhere down there.

7 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: Unless you know where it  
9 goes. But when I was there a year ago with the Vactor  
10 truck, they thought it went north.

11 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah.

12 MR. FLANAGAN: It had to be awful deep to  
13 get through that one hill.

14 MR. CLARK: Yeah. That doesn't make sense.

15 MR. FLANAGAN: So I think -- don't you guys  
16 think that would solve it, if --

17 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah. If you can get it  
18 to just shoot across the road.

19 MR. FLANAGAN: We'll have to bore under the  
20 road. We don't want to cut our own road.

21 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: No.

22 MR. HUMPHREY: No. And put a catch basin on  
23 that side.

24 MR. FLANAGAN: Right. But he thought -- he

1 couldn't remember if they put a 6-inch or 8-inch in  
2 there. So that would be one we could solve maybe.

3 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah. Well, that tile there  
4 on 230, we cleaned that out. It had beer bottles and  
5 beer cans in it and that's why it was all plugged up.  
6 But that goes out to the road, and, then, it makes a  
7 sharp L and goes that way (indicating) to the south.  
8 It don't go from the catch basin that way  
9 (indicating). It goes to the west.

10 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay. It crosses under the  
11 road, you think?

12 MR. HUMPHREY: No. Just right along the  
13 road. You was there, wasn't you?

14 MR. CLARK: Yeah. And, then, you were going  
15 to get a new -- did you get that --

16 MR. HUMPHREY: No, I got it over here.

17 MR. CLARK: Oh, a new cup. (Unintelligible)  
18 this morning wondered if we were going to get out  
19 there and get it fixed.

20 MR. HUMPHREY: And, then, we had to go down  
21 to the other end and come back, and, then, they found  
22 a broke tile right there where they was putting in  
23 these new houses, where all of these trucks were going  
24 on.

1 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay.

2 MR. HUMPHREY: They smashed the tile there.  
3 So I had them suck that out with the vac, and we  
4 hurried up and replaced it that day.

5 MR. FLANAGAN: Did you see how much water  
6 was up there Saturday after the rain?

7 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah. I was with you.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: No, No. I don't mean where  
9 we met each other, but I mean over on 230.

10 MR. HUMPHREY: No.

11 MR. FLANAGAN: It was bad. It wasn't  
12 crossing the road.

13 MR. HUMPHREY: It must have went out fast  
14 though. It didn't even look like it had water in it.

15 MR. FLANAGAN: The next day it looked okay.

16 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah.

17 MR. CLARK: On that same note, Robert Powell  
18 called me this morning. He said their water situation  
19 was ten times better than before we cleaned that out.

20 MR. FLANAGAN: Well, good.

21 MR. CLARK: He was pleased with that. But  
22 go ahead. I'll bring up something else here in a  
23 little bit.

24 MR. HUMPHREY: Where's this at?

1 MR. FLANAGAN: That's what we were just  
2 talking about.

3 MR. CLARK: Right over there where  
4 (unintelligible) used to live.

5 MR. HUMPHREY: I didn't know what their name  
6 was.

7 MR. FLANAGAN: Well, you just said Meg,  
8 didn't you?

9 MR. HUMPHREY: I don't think so.

10 MR. CLARK: I don't think so.

11 MR. FLANAGAN: My bad.

12 MR. HUMPHREY: We picked up the trash bags  
13 that the FFA put out after picking up trash. And  
14 somebody ran over a stop sign out there on 230 and 99.

15 MR. FLANAGAN: Yes, they did.

16 MR. CLARK: I got called on that. Kevin  
17 just happened to show up at the same time I was there.  
18 We were strong enough to lift it, but we couldn't get  
19 it back in the ground.

20 MR. HUMPHREY: I went down there and they  
21 was already there fixing it.

22 MR. FLANAGAN: Well, good.

23 MR. HUMPHREY: Even after talking to you.

24 MR. FLANAGAN: We had to go back and get the

1 temporary.

2 MR. HUMPHREY: We went back and got the  
3 temporary and went down there, and they were fixing  
4 it.

5 That's about all I got.

6 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Where they cleaned out  
7 on 109, down by me, that's been working really good.  
8 That guy's yard --

9 MR. HUMPHREY: Okay. Yeah.

10 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: -- hasn't had any water  
11 in it since then. So that solved that.

12 MR. HUMPHREY: I guess I didn't put that  
13 down, did I.

14 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Other than that,  
15 anything else, you think?

16 MR. HUMPHREY: No, I don't think so.

17 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: All right.

18 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah. I guess.

19 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay.

20 MR. HUMPHREY: Did you want these maps?

21 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: No. You can give them  
22 to me or you can keep them.

23 MR. HUMPHREY: This is my copy, isn't it?  
24 Or is this your copy?

1 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I got them from you. I  
2 mean, if you got extra, I'll take it.

3 MR. HUMPHREY: I gave somebody a copy of  
4 them.

5 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: You gave them to me, but  
6 then you took it back because I left that day early at  
7 Ball Metal.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: You have a file in your  
9 cabinet over there for them -- for tile maps?

10 MR. HUMPHREY: Yeah, I guess.

11 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay.

12 MR. HUMPHREY: That's it.

13 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: All right. We'll go on  
14 to the Trustees' Report.

15 Roger, go ahead.

16 MR. FLANAGAN: I was just trying to be  
17 considerate of Cindy's time. I don't know if she can  
18 stick around, and we do need to go to into Executive  
19 Session to discuss legal matters, pending litigation.

20 So I would move that we go into Executive  
21 Session at 7:38.

22 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay.

23 MR. CLARK: I'll second.

24 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Kevin.



1 MR. FLANAGAN: Yes.

2 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Roger.

3 MR. CLARK: Yes.

4 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: And Joe.

5 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.

6 MS. LAND: You need to make sure that it  
7 identifies that it's for pending litigation.

8 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Yeah.

9 MS. LAND: The motion has to say that.

10 MR. FLANAGAN: I guess I said legal matters  
11 instead of pending litigation.

12 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: That's what I've got.

13 MR. FLANAGAN: You're all welcome to hang  
14 out. We're going to go to the office, have our  
15 Executive Session, and we'll come back. It's either  
16 that or boot you all out of there, and it's easier if  
17 we do it this way.

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19 And, thereupon, the Allen Township Trustees  
20 went into Executive Session.

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22 And, thereupon, Ms. Land left the  
23 proceedings.

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1 MR. FLANAGAN: I would move that we come out  
2 of Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

3 MR. CLARK: I'll second it.

4 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Kevin.

5 MR. FLANAGAN: Yes.

6 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Roger.

7 MR. CLARK: Yes.

8 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Joe.

9 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.

10 MR. CLARK: Without any immediate action  
11 taken, right?

12 MR. FLANAGAN: With no immediate action  
13 taken. We discussed pending litigation of the first  
14 lawsuit and of the second lawsuit.

15 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Yeah. On May 2nd, I went  
16 to the post office and got the mail and we received  
17 another summons for a second lawsuit.

18 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: All right. Anything  
19 else on that?

20 MR. FLANAGAN: I don't think so.

21 (Ms. Land left the proceedings.)

22 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. Now, we'll go on  
23 to the Trustees' Reports. Roger.

24 MR. CLARK: I've talked a lot about the

1 drainage issues and the stop sign being down. One  
2 thing I think we need to discuss further maybe a  
3 little bit is on 108, that Lee Warn (phonetic). I  
4 don't know if Randy got a chance to look at that right  
5 there.

6 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Just west of the  
7 railroad tracks. We stopped there --

8 MR. FLANAGAN: Oh, yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

9 MR. CLARK: You called Randy when we were  
10 there and kind of looked at the tile the week before.

11 MR. FLANAGAN: I did not hear any more from  
12 him on that.

13 MR. CLARK: Okay.

14 MR. FLANAGAN: He's aware of it. But, yeah.  
15 Because he -- didn't we decide or he said that there's  
16 a new tile they put in?

17 MR. CLARK: Yeah. He put a new tile in  
18 there in the catch basin on the south side of the road  
19 that we were hoping to hook into.

20 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Randy put that in?

21 MR. CLARK: He said he did. Yeah.

22 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah.

23 MR. CLARK: And, then, I talked to Robert  
24 Powell this morning. He was wanting to know about the

1 ditch that starts on the west side of Township Road  
2 230, that's south of him, right there at the Vorhees  
3 Farm that's on the other side, about if that's going  
4 to be cleaned out.

5 MR. FLANAGAN: He was wondering if it's  
6 going to be cleaned out?

7 MR. CLARK: Yeah. Because I called Jason at  
8 Soil and Water, and he said it wasn't currently on the  
9 list. It might be a power run, ends up being dipped  
10 out. But he said even if they don't clean it out,  
11 they could always take down the trees and stuff that's  
12 in it. So that's what I know about that right now.

13 I know it's kind of clogged up just west of  
14 230 there with cattails and stuff. But I guess it's  
15 even worse once you get over by Lowe's Distribution  
16 with some trees and stuff.

17 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah.

18 MR. CLARK: So Jason knows about that now --

19 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay.

20 MR. CLARK: -- to check it out.

21 Other than that, of course, we attended the  
22 Board of Elections hearing. And I got to see the  
23 vacuum truck in action. Never saw that in action  
24 before. And I guess that's it.

1 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: All right. Kevin.

2 MR. FLANAGAN: I also attended the Board of  
3 Elections hearing. And I've got some drainage stuff.

4 First up, I don't remember if it was before  
5 the last meeting, so I told you I met with Duane Abke  
6 from the Wood County Engineer's Office with the ditch  
7 maintenance.

8 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah, I was there.

9 MR. FLANAGAN: But I've been pushing him for  
10 an estimate so we'd have some idea of what it's going  
11 to cost for that bank that's slipping. And so I got  
12 ahold of him a couple days ago, and I called him again  
13 today, and he said it's really hard to estimate  
14 because they don't know exactly what they're going to  
15 get into.

16 He said his best guess is somewhere between  
17 \$25,000 and \$50,000 would be our share of it because,  
18 since it's on maintenance, we would still be on the  
19 hook for half of it. Like, all the land that drains  
20 into it will be assessed through their taxes.

21 Normally the way they do it when it's a  
22 township road along there that we're having the  
23 problem is the township's going to be responsible for  
24 half of it. So it's a guesstimate, but he's guessing

1 our half would be somewhere -- he doesn't think it  
2 would exceed \$50,000. But -- so I said, Well, if we  
3 have to have a motion, it's nice to have the max that  
4 we think we could spend.

5 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah.

6 MR. FLANAGAN: So that's his best guess. We  
7 could save some money if we're able to haul the stone.  
8 I said, We've only got single-axle trucks. And he  
9 said West Mill Grove is their preferred place for the  
10 riprap because it's a lot better than Portage.  
11 Definitely better than Findlay's out of National.

12 But he said maybe we could haul the dirt  
13 away, and they'd haul the stone in. We'd have to work  
14 out some of those details, but that can save us some  
15 money for the township.

16 So do you think we can find a home for the  
17 dirt, Tony?

18 MR. HUMPHREY: If it's not wet, I can get it  
19 back somewhere.

20 MR. FLANAGAN: So I asked what time frame he  
21 was thinking, and he said it probably would be late  
22 summer is what he was thinking.

23 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: It might be drier then.

24 MR. FLANAGAN: It's not in good shape.

1 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: No, it's not.

2 MR. FLANAGAN: And I also asked him about  
3 Township Road 142 and he did look into it. They  
4 can't -- since it's not a ditch on maintenance, they  
5 cannot do work on it. So that's not an option.

6 That Jason, from Soil and Water, on the day  
7 that we were up in Griffith Heights, he came out and I  
8 went over to 142 with him and showed him what it was  
9 doing because it's kind of doing the same thing. It's  
10 not near as bad yet as 229. But he said it's not on  
11 maintenance, which we didn't think it was. But -- so  
12 he would have to get a contractor, a Randy Boes, or  
13 somebody like that, to look into it. So, obviously,  
14 we don't have any estimate on that or anything. But  
15 Wood County can't help us on that one.

16 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay.

17 MR. FLANAGAN: May 1st, we were out with the  
18 county Vactor truck. I think we were all there. We  
19 had to go through Ball Metal to get into the tile that  
20 drains all of Griffith Heights. Tony could -- he  
21 explained part of it, but we were there most of the  
22 day between all the stuff they did. We thought we had  
23 it in pretty good shape because they went from Ball  
24 Metal's spot back towards Griffith Heights to the

1 west.

2           And then we went over to Griffith Heights  
3 and went from that basin through the basins on each  
4 side of the railroad and so -- thought it was in  
5 pretty good shape. But that big rain that we had  
6 Saturday, May 4th that flooded 99. Tony and I both  
7 ended up back there on Fairfield Street and there was  
8 water laying on Fairfield Street. I got picture of  
9 it. It wasn't super deep. But, nonetheless, the  
10 basins weren't taking it.

11           That main basin at the end of Fairfield  
12 towards Whirlpool was full. You could tell the water  
13 was churning. It was moving. But it wasn't great for  
14 just having spent all of that time and effort trying  
15 to open that up.

16           So, I mean, that was an awful quick rain of  
17 2 inches plus. But -- so I told Tony, I said, We  
18 probably ought to walk back there and see how it's  
19 doing by the railroad. And he's, like, Nah, I don't  
20 want to get that wet. After he left, I said, Yeah,  
21 I probably ought to just do it, so I had to slosh  
22 through this. There's that little right-of-way you  
23 can get back there where that building is for -- I  
24 don't know if it's Columbia Gas. I don't know whose



1 building that is.

2 MR. CLARK: I think it might be Columbia  
3 Gas.

4 MR. FLANAGAN: Anyway, I got back there and  
5 pulled the plate up off that basin on the west side of  
6 the tracks and it was clear full.

7 Once again, you could see it moving a little  
8 bit. I've got a video of it. But it wasn't  
9 impressive from just having the Vactor truck and the  
10 snake through there, the Jetter.

11 Where I really wanted to go look was Ball  
12 Metal where we had that pulled off, but it was almost  
13 dark and I knew the guard wouldn't know who I was, and  
14 I don't know if I could have got that manhole cover  
15 off.

16 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: By yourself. Yeah,  
17 that's pretty heavy.

18 MR. FLANAGAN: So, anyway, it's better than  
19 it was when it had Fairfield Street flooded, but it's  
20 still not really impressive, I didn't think.

21 MR. CLARK: Probably the best thing to do is  
22 find somebody that had a camera that can run through  
23 there.

24 MR. FLANAGAN: See what's going on.

1 MR. CLARK: I don't know who that is.

2 MR. FLANAGAN: And that would have enough  
3 feet that you could get through it, even to run the  
4 camera the other way towards the connector road,  
5 because it just seems like something's not right  
6 somewhere. They didn't find any big blockage, did  
7 they, when they ran that through there?

8 MR. HUMPHREY: It was just a lot of stone  
9 down in that one on this side.

10 MR. FLANAGAN: For those of you that don't  
11 know, and you're probably bored out of your minds with  
12 this talk, but anyway, we got these basins on both  
13 sides of the railroad, and the railroad is extremely  
14 touchy. You can't go working along their tracks,  
15 which is understandable. But it makes it difficult  
16 when you have drainage problems right up against a  
17 railroad. That's where that whole neighborhood drains  
18 through so it's been something.

19 Anyway, I'll move on to the next thing.

20 With that rainstorm I was just talking  
21 about, 99 was flooded. I had a call from Scott Lewis  
22 Saturday night at 6:54 that said, Hey, 99 is a  
23 disaster up here. There's water across everywhere.

24 So I took "High Water" signs up and put them

1 up, and it was -- I got pictures of that, too. There  
2 was probably four or five places it was clear across  
3 the road up there where Sheetz is going to build.

4 You know, we had the talk when the engineers  
5 were here to say, Hope you're not sending any more  
6 water our way, which they assured us they weren't.  
7 But -- so, anyway, we have to keep our eye on that.  
8 But there was also a bunch of water laying on the east  
9 side of Township Road 230, north of 99, near where  
10 Ted Lobdell's house is where it crosses the road  
11 there. It was just way too much water too fast.

12 I already told you that I talked to Jason  
13 Rinker, and he said, on 232, they are okay with us  
14 crossing there and hooking into that tile. So if you  
15 guys want to do that, I'll get ahold of Randy Boes and  
16 see what the estimate would be, et cetera.

17 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah.

18 MR. FLANAGAN: And I can ask him what he  
19 decided on the other two.

20 MR. CLARK: Yeah. I'll put it down.

21 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah. I got a couple more  
22 things yet, Joe.

23 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: That's all right.

24 MR. FLANAGAN: I did talk to Lindsay, the

1 head of the Ag program at Van Buren, to see where they  
2 are at with the trash pickup. They've got everything  
3 done, except 109 and 220, and that's scheduled for  
4 next Friday because it's Community Service Day, so she  
5 thinks they will be able to wrap it up that day, so  
6 you'll probably have some more to pick up that day,  
7 Tony.

8 MR. HUMPHREY: Have they been taking it to  
9 the dump?

10 MR. FLANAGAN: I know there's some that they  
11 put out here if there's room in the dumpster and some  
12 they put in the school dumpster. I didn't know if  
13 they did that this year, but I know last year they  
14 did. If there was room at school, they just took it  
15 there.

16 MR. HRAY: I haven't picked any up except  
17 that first couple days.

18 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay. I did have a call,  
19 speaking of water troubles, from Doug Harmon on  
20 Township Road 228 that said -- and they've had trouble  
21 before. Right now, they're not currently having  
22 trouble, but he decided he'd take off his cleanout  
23 things and see how it looked. Well, it's full of mud,  
24 which that didn't sound right.

1 MR. CLARK: No.

2 MR. FLANAGAN: So, anyway, if we get the  
3 Vactor truck, we probably ought to do that up there  
4 again. You know where I'm talking, don't you?

5 MR. HRAY: No.

6 MR. FLANAGAN: His address is 4650 Township  
7 Road 228. It's up there on that short dead-end road.

8 And, then, this one, I think I forgot to  
9 bring up at the last meeting. I heard from, I think  
10 it's, Jeremy with the State Park. ODNR would like to  
11 put a new trail on the east side of Township Road 229.  
12 It's the part of the park that lays east of 229 --  
13 yeah, east of 229, on the south side of the creek.  
14 Actually, on the south side of their property, so  
15 right up against the property line with Mike Stacy.

16 They would like to have a crosswalk so the  
17 people that park by the shelter house there with the  
18 dog park and all can cross 229 there. And they  
19 wondered if we would be okay with that, and I said,  
20 Well, I'm only one trustee, but I'm pretty concerned  
21 about you crossing that road when it's 55 miles an  
22 hour plus and it's hard to see. There's a dip in  
23 there, like, you -- there's just one place that if you  
24 pull out, you can't see traffic coming.

1           So I told him all that. And he said, Well,  
2 will you guys at least talk about it? And I said,  
3 Yeah, I'll bring it up. And he said, We're aware that  
4 there is that one spot that it's hard to see, but  
5 we're going to -- they were going to come out -- I  
6 think they did -- the next day after I talked to him  
7 and have a car and have people crossing and try  
8 different places and see how much of a visibility  
9 problem it was.

10           But a few days ago there was an article in  
11 the paper that they are planning on having this trail.  
12 I don't know if you all saw that, if anybody reads the  
13 paper anymore or not. But -- so he didn't have any  
14 formal request because they don't have it down on  
15 paper to know exactly what they're thinking. Just so  
16 you know. I don't know what your guys' thoughts are  
17 on it.

18           MR. CLARK: My thoughts are I don't like it.

19           CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah.

20           MR. CLARK: We already have horses to  
21 contend with that are on the road traveling down  
22 through there. Then you add pedestrians and, like you  
23 said, there's blind spots.

24           MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah. And if it was a lower

1 speed limit, but, I mean, people fly through there.

2 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

3 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Right. I think if  
4 they're going to do that, then they do it, they need  
5 to put their own signs up telling people cross at your  
6 own risk.

7 MR. FLANAGAN: Right. I told him, I said,  
8 I know there's not electric available there, but if  
9 you had something that the person crossing could hit  
10 and you had flashing lights, it would at least help.  
11 I mean, it's still -- I still think it's a dangerous  
12 situation to have that. But I will pass those  
13 additional concerns on to him because I told him I was  
14 only speaking for one of us. But I don't know that we  
15 can take any action on it formally until they come up  
16 with a proposal.

17 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah.

18 MR. CLARK: Are we taking any public  
19 comments on that?

20 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah, we could.

21 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Anybody in the crowd  
22 have anything to say about that?

23 FROM THE FLOOR: I ain't in favor of it.

24 FROM THE FLOOR: It's dangerous. We have to

1 be very careful.

2 FROM THE FLOOR: You have to be very  
3 careful.

4 FROM THE FLOOR: It takes a lot of our  
5 driveway.

6 MR. FLANAGAN: Have they approached you?

7 FROM THE FLOOR: No, I haven't heard a word.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: Did you see the article in  
9 the paper?

10 FROM THE FLOOR: Yeah. What is it, a poetry  
11 thing?

12 MR. FLANAGAN: Yeah. I suggested to him, I  
13 said, Well, why don't you move it over a ways so  
14 you're not right up against that property to the  
15 south, and he says, No, that's -- we want it there.

16 FROM THE FLOOR: Well, they can't get  
17 across.

18 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay.

19 FROM THE FLOOR: The problem is that's the  
20 only place they can cross where there's a -- if you  
21 want to call it a bridge. I call it a culvert.

22 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay.

23 FROM THE FLOOR: That's clear.

24 MR. FLANAGAN: Otherwise, there's a ditch



1 they'd have to go through.

2 FROM THE FLOOR: Yeah. Because all the  
3 water from our farm goes behind my barn. They've got  
4 culvert pipe in there, and they've got a drive so they  
5 can drive back there. That's the only place they  
6 can -- unless we go on up where the horse trail is.

7 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay.

8 FROM THE FLOOR: But that's the only real  
9 clear area for people to walk.

10 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay. Well, I will give him  
11 a call as well and let him know our concerns.

12 FROM THE FLOOR: Thank you.

13 MR. FLANAGAN: For what -- you know, they'll  
14 probably still go forward with what they're thinking.

15 FROM THE FLOOR: Probably.

16 MR. FLANAGAN: Okay. I think that's it for  
17 me, Joe.

18 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: All right. I've got a  
19 few things.

20 We had an email from a company that ODOT  
21 must be going to have them take the dam out at the  
22 lake, and they wanted to know if we had floodplain  
23 development permits. That's all done through the  
24 county engineer, so I referred them to them on that

1 one.

2 Of course, like, I met Bowman's Electric  
3 here to put in an outlet for the new fire alarm that  
4 Habitat was here to put in. Well, then, they -- he  
5 was here, worked all day, and he still couldn't get it  
6 to communicate. They are supposed to be working on  
7 something. I haven't heard back from them yet on  
8 that.

9 Let's see. I went to the ODOT meeting on  
10 the 16th of April about the I-75/99 interchange. They  
11 explained the different phases. There's three  
12 different phases, a two-year project. A lot of  
13 concerns over the truck traffic, how it's going to be  
14 handled. I think they've addressed or sent out emails  
15 on some of the stuff they're looking at on that.

16 I had a call from Griffith's on 140 and 114.  
17 They're concerned about a lot of the semis coming down  
18 114 to 140 and trying to make that curve. That's just  
19 a real narrow bridge and they're going across into  
20 their yards.

21 I called and talked to Doug, the county  
22 engineer. There's no weight limit on that bridge  
23 there, so we legally can't put "No Truck" signs up  
24 there, so there's really nothing we can do about that.

1 Griffith said they wanted to put big rocks  
2 up along the road. I said, Well, you might not want  
3 to do that. If somebody goes off and hits that,  
4 you're liable for that.

5 Went to the OPWC District 13 reorganization  
6 meeting yesterday, and it is basically just  
7 reorganizing the people on the board on that. Other  
8 than that, didn't do a lot.

9 Other than that, that's all I've got for  
10 now.

11 Still got a little bit left on our American  
12 Rescue Plan, I think it was.

13 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Same amount.

14 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: 34.

15 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Yeah. A little over  
16 \$34,000. I know at one -- I think at one of the  
17 meetings we talked about maybe using that money for  
18 like a \*\*seal and chip job on one of our roads.

19 MR. FLANAGAN: The other thing that came to  
20 my mind, with as much as they say it's going to cost  
21 to do that ditch.

22 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: That ditch.

23 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Yeah. That would be a  
24 good use for it as well. We already have a Resolution

1 out there for drainage.

2 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yeah. That's what I  
3 thought, too.

4 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: It would be perfect for  
5 that.

6 MR. FLANAGAN: It might be big enough to --

7 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Wipe out the rest of it.

8 MR. FLANAGAN: We won't know until they get  
9 into it exactly where they're going to land in that.  
10 It'd take a good chunk of it. That should be before  
11 the end of the year. So...

12 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Yeah. We have to have it  
13 committed by the end of the year.

14 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: You said late summer,  
15 right?

16 MR. FLANAGAN: Right.

17 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Okay. That would be a  
18 perfect use for it.

19 MR. KENT: Joe, they just tornado warned  
20 Leipsic.

21 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: They did?

22 MR. KENT: It's headed this way.

23 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay.

24 MR. KENT: Do you want to keep -- your call

1 on what to do.

2 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: We're pretty much done.  
3 I was just going to open up the floor for comments.  
4 But -- so I'm pretty much done.

5 Any quick comments?

6 MR. FLANAGAN: I mean, if anyone doesn't  
7 feel safe leaving with it coming, they said the  
8 restrooms are the safest place in a building like  
9 this, so anyone is welcome to utilize that.

10 There's no warning for Hancock County, yet,  
11 is there, Gary?

12 FIRE CHIEF HICKMAN: Can't get a signal in  
13 here.

14 MR. KENT: No. Leipsic and Allen right now.

15 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. That's not that  
16 far.

17 FROM THE FLOOR: I'll state one thing before  
18 we head out. But, really quickly, I've been attending  
19 the County Commissioner meetings, and they had said,  
20 at one point in time, that there was conversation and  
21 a plan that they were trying to develop as far as  
22 annexation and having a shared financial benefit as  
23 annexation continues to happen.

24 Where is that? And are we continuing to

1 have meetings? They said one meeting happened.

2 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: There is, and I was at  
3 that meeting.

4 FROM THE FLOOR: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes. And they are --  
6 Dan Shefer (phonetic), and Rex Huffman, a lawyer out  
7 of Toledo, are getting together and trying to come up  
8 with some planned situation. Once they get them where  
9 they think they can present them to the -- I was  
10 there. The mayor of Findlay was there. Hancock-Wood,  
11 Van Buren School was there. And, so, they want to get  
12 something together and present that and see if that  
13 would work for maybe --

14 FROM THE FLOOR: Now, the County  
15 Commissioners have kind of put it back into your guys'  
16 hands as far as placing some urgency towards that.

17 Is there a way you can circle back and say,  
18 Hey, can we get another meeting on the books? Where  
19 are we at with this? to get a timeline associated with  
20 that process?

21 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I can call Dan Shefer  
22 and see if I can get him -- what he's got in mind or  
23 if -- get it moved.

24 FROM THE FLOOR: Okay. I feel like it falls

1 off the radar if it's not a pressing issue.

2 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.

3 FROM THE FLOOR: So who can be the gnat?

4 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I can get ahold of Dan  
5 Shefer and see where he's at or what --

6 FROM THE FLOOR: Perfect. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: They were supposed to  
8 get ahold of us once they got that all together.

9 FROM THE FLOOR: I don't know. I think that  
10 the Commissioners are kind of passing the buck. I'm,  
11 like, Hey, come on.

12 MR. FLANAGAN: Well, it's really not  
13 their -- I understand, because it's really not their  
14 thing. You know, yes, they have to approve  
15 annexations. But as far as sharing --

16 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: There was one  
17 Commissioner there, too, as well, at that meeting.

18 FROM THE FLOOR: Okay.

19 MR. FLANAGAN: As far as setting up sharing,  
20 whether you know or not, Marion Township and Liberty  
21 Township both do have Revenue Sharing Agreements with  
22 Findlay. We've never been able to work one out.  
23 We've tried over the years a couple different times,  
24 but we've never seen eye to eye with Findlay as far as

1 what would be fair to both of us.

2 FROM THE FLOOR: Okay. I just think --

3 (Telephone interruption.)

4 FROM THE FLOOR: -- path of pressing issue  
5 would be a good thing.

6 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Any other comments or  
7 questions?

8 If not, I guess I need a motion.

9 MR. FLANAGAN: I move we adjourn.

10 MR. CLARK: I'll second it.

11 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Kevin.

12 MR. FLANAGAN: Yes.

13 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Roger.

14 MR. CLARK: Yes.

15 MR. SCHIMMOELLER: Joe.

16 CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.

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18 And, thereupon, the proceedings were  
19 concluded at 8:30 p.m.

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