

NEWTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4410 NEWTON FALLS BAILEY ROAD
NEWTON FALLS, OH 44444
WORKSHOP MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The Newton Township Board of Trustees held the annual meeting/workshop with staff from the county engineer's office on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at the Trumbull County Engineer's Office, 650 N River Rd, NW, Warren, OH with Trustees Peter J. Augusta, John J. Nemet, Doreen Lutz, and Fiscal Officer Susan Montgomery present. The meeting commenced at 10:07 a.m. and lasted approximately fifty minutes.

ALSO PRESENT: Trumbull County Engineer's Office staff as follows: Trumbull County Engineer Randy Smith, Steven Gerberry, Herb Laukhart, Gary Shaffer, Tom Klejka, Stan Bell, and Kris Hunkus; no members of the general public

The purpose of this workshop was to review and discuss 2024 projects planned in Newton Township.

Shaffer reviewed the township bridge inspection list and how they are rated. He briefly reviewed planned repairs; most notably, NEW 15 on Selkirk-Bush will have beams replaced at a cost of \$135,000.00 and NEW 26 on Hallock-Young will receive a new culvert (in-house). The county will advertise for bids for the 2024 Countywide Road Improvement Program soon, which includes Salt Springs Rd. Phase 1, and they will notify the Township once bids have been solicited. Mailboxes were placed a little farther off the road on S. Canal when the new storm sewer lines were installed. This has not caused a major issue, but Augusta requested that gravel be placed around some of the mailbox posts because of the setback. Regarding Grand BLVD, the 2023 OPWC Project will require berm repair this year before it can be closed out. Shaffer told Montgomery he will provide an update on the projected budget for the change order so the Township can plan for the necessary encumbrance.

Laukhart stated that a lot of line striping on the roads is planned for this year; if any is needed on township roads, a better price may be available if work is coordinated with at a time when they are already in the township.

Klejka noted that Grant Ave. was paved in 2023 but the sealing was not completed. The work will be scheduled for completion once the school year ends.

Augusta and Nemet shared information regarding the storm water line on Scott St.; Nemet said the line is crushed but the water is flowing. The line was put in years ago by Luxaire. It is clay pipe with no bed. Township officials are looking for the best resolution for addressing storm water issues that have been longstanding in that area. Smith suggested obtaining plan information and getting a quote on what is needed for the project prior to the road being paved. At the very least, they hope to address catch drains and sinkholes to improve drainage. It was recommended to contact Julie Green regarding potential grant funding if necessary.

The Township does not plan to request review of roads in need of repairs/paving until the needs and repair potential for the Scott St. storm water line and/or catch basins is known.

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Township officials commented that they were notified of workers on Newton-Tomlinson and Warren Rd (county roads) that were not handling traffic well, not using flags, and in one case blocking the road; these were not county staff, but work contracted by others.

Township officials expressed appreciation for the assistance and work of the engineer office staff and the work completed for Newton Township.

Text as shown approved by Newton Township Board of Trustees on January 22, 2024.

A copy of the official minutes is available by request.

Susan D. Montgomery, Fiscal Officer