

**DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2019**

The Board of Duchouquet Township Trustees met in regular session on this 1ST day of October 2018 at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Meeting Room located at 16038 N. Dixie 25A, Wapakoneta, OH, Auglaize County.

President, Bruce Rohrbacher, called the Meeting to order. Roll call was:

Dwight Steinke
Bruce Rohrbacher
Rick Place
Cathy Oen
Tom Doorley

The Fiscal Officer gave the Minutes and financial reports from the September 3. Rick Place made a motion to accept the reports as given. Dwight Steinke seconded the motion; motion carried.

Tom Doorley, Zoning Inspector, had 7 permits this month. Tom discussed with the Board on the conditional use variance for Lance Neeley. The Board decided not to charge ~~and~~ late fee on this permit.

The Fiscal Officer ask the Board to pass a resolution accepting House Bill 291 which became effective March 20, 2019 authorizes the use of an, "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" instead of individual surety bonds for trustees, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties. Rick Place made the motion. Dwight Steinke seconded. Attached is a copy of the entire resolution.

Bruce Rohrbacher	Yes
Dwight Steinke	Yes
Rick Place	Yes

Rick Place informed the Board that he has tried to contact Hirschfield several time about purchasing his land beside the township with no luck.

Dwight Steinke made a motion to accept the Insurance Proposal from Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) renewal effective 10-1-19 for liability, property, and Auto coverage at an annual premium of \$11,442.00. The liability limit of \$3,000,000 with a \$1,000 deductible is still acceptable with the Board. Rick Place seconded the motion. Roll call was:

Rick Place	Yes
Bruce Rohrbacher	Yes
Dwight Steinke	Yes

Having no further business, Rick Place made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dwight Steinke seconded the motion; motion passed.

Bruce Rohrbacher, Pres.

Bruce Rohrbacher

Cathy Oen, Fiscal Officer

Cathy Oen

Resolution

WHEREAS, Duchouquet Township, Auglaize County is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a political subdivision risk pool established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code hereinafter "ORC," 2744.081;

WHEREAS, House Bill 291 was signed into law on December 20, 2018 and became effective March 20, 2019; authorizes the use of an, "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy," instead of individual surety bonds, for trustees, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ORC 3.061, the township must adopt a policy by resolution to allow the use of an "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty" coverage document, rather than a surety bond, to cover loss by fraudulent or dishonest actions of employees and failure of employees to faithfully perform duties; the following shall apply to the policy:

1. An officer, employee, or appointee shall be considered qualified to hold the office or employment, without acquiring a bond, on the date the oath of office is taken, certified, and filed as required by law.

2. An officer, employee, or appointee shall have the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy in effect before the individual's term of office or employment and the officer, employee or appointee shall not commence the discharge of duties until coverage is documented.

3. All officers, employees, or appointees who would otherwise be required to file a bond before commencing the discharge of duties shall be covered by and are subject to the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy instead of a surety bond requirement.

4. The coverage amount for an officer, employee, or appointee under an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the bond otherwise required by law.

5. Elected officials, prior to taking the oath of office and holding office, shall obtain approval of the intent to use the township's OTARMA coverage agreement and affirm that the township's coverage complies with ORC 3.061. Said approval shall be obtained by the Duchouquet Township, Auglaize County.

WHEREAS, Duchouquet Township, Auglaize County's, "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" through the OTARMA coverage document complies with ORC 3.061: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date 10-1-19, the Duchouquet Township, Auglaize County hereby authorizes the township to purchase and use "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" through OTARMA instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties.