

The Transition Supervisory Board met on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 1:00 pm at 12611 Ravenwood Drive in the Geauga County Office Building and via Microsoft Teams for a Special meeting. Members present: Kate Jacob, Transition Supervisory Board Chair; and Celesta Mullins, County Recorder. Other present: Pam McMahan, Chief Operations Officer, Former-Aquilla Village Mayor Richard Wolfe; Harry Jacob, Former Aquilla Village Solicitor; Patricia Fisher, Former Aquilla Village Fiscal Officer; Susan Weiland, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; Pearce Leary, Receiver Trustee; Tammy Most, Deputy Auditor; Kristen Sinatra, Deputy Auditor and Jeremiah Snider, ADP.

Absent: Jim Dvorak, County Commissioner.

Approval of Transition Supervisory Board meeting minutes from December 3, 2024

Motion: by Celesta Mullins, seconded by Kate Jacob to approve the Transition Supervisory Board meeting minutes from December 3, 2024.

Voice votes, 2 ayes, 1 absent, 0 abstain. Motion carried

Banking update

Pearce stated they are all set at that bank, and he just signed his first check.

Receiver update

Pearce stated that Patricia is still working on Aquilla Village's state taxes. They are having issues with getting it through Gateway but everything is done.

Pearce commented that he signed a check to pay the Village's former zoning inspector and that issue has now been resolved.

Pearce also stated that Patricia has finished the third quarter and both the 941 declared federal tax return and the fourth quarter were filed.

Pearce stated there were several uncashed checks from last year.

Patricia replied that there are 4 of them and she is trying to catch up to people that had not cashed theirs from 2023, so she will have to reissue a couple of them if they are still owed the money. One council member has not cashed hers.

Patricia explained she spoke with the State Auditor's office regarding the American Rescue Plan and discussed it had to be used by December 31st. Aquilla's wages from last year will be moved to the ARPA money so it will clear up most of the money in that fund and only a couple hundred dollars will remain.

Pearce asked whether they would have to forfeit the money.

Patricia replied that if they did not spend it, they would have to send it back.

Other Business

Celesta shared that her Office still has not received anything from the Board of Elections regarding the certification of the election, as required by law. She received a request from the Ohio Department of Development asking as to the status of the Board of Elections' filing. Celesta strongly suggested reaching out to the Board of Elections so that it understands that it must adhere to the statutory requirements.

Susan replied that she would speak with APA Kristen Rine, who represents the Board of Elections, to help facilitate.

Kate asked Pam to update the Board for the County Auditor's Office regarding the abstract.

Pam stated that at the last meeting, after conferring with counsel, the Board voted to have the Auditor's Office submit the DTE 27 with Aquilla Village separate from Claridon Township, with Receiver Leary's agreement. The Auditor's Office received confirmation last Tuesday from the State that it will accept the DTE 27 with Aquilla Village separate. Kristen and Tammy from the Auditor's Office received the 515 DT27 numbers, which they reviewed and have now passed them on to the Auditor's GIS staff. GIS staff will input that data into the County's ISSG system so that tax bills will go out in time and be calculated correctly.

Patricia stated that for Aquilla Village's 2021 and 2022 audit, she has all the corrections and monies moved into the correct funds. She sent it to the State Auditor and has not heard back yet.

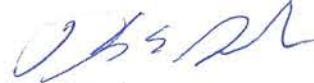
Public Comment

Rich stated that he has been working with Claridon Township Trustee Jonathon Tiber so that they keep everything straight, and he has a good relationship with all the Claridon Township trustees.

The Board agreed the next meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 1pm.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, Kate Jacob motioned to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Jacob

Transition Supervisory Board Chair

Jim Dvorak

County Commissioner



Celesta Mullins

County Recorder