

The Transition Supervisory Board met on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. 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; Celesta Mullins, County Recorder. Other present: Charles E. Walder; Geauga County Auditor; Pam McMahan, Chief Operations Officer; Former-Aquilla Village Mayor Richard Wolfe; Patricia Fisher, Former Aquilla Village Fiscal Officer; Susan Weiland, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; Pearce Leary, Receiver Trustee; Tammy Most, Deputy Auditor and Mike Dorka, ADP.

Absent: Jim Dvorak, County Commissioner

Approval of the Transition Supervisory Board meeting minutes from 4/22/25

Motion: by Kate Jacob, seconded by Celesta Mullins to approve the meeting minutes from 4/22/25.

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

Receiver Update

Approve the Receiver Trustee's Update

Motion: by Kate Jacob, seconded by Celesta Mullins to approve the Receiver Trustee's update.

Pearce stated that the phone service and internet were disconnected at the former Aquilla Town Hall several weeks ago.

The ARPA documents were submitted at the end of April.

The Ohio Historical Society approved their submission and forwarded it to the State Auditor.

Patricia will meet with Dennis from the State Auditor's office the week of June 9th to start the newest audit.

The audit for 2021 and 2022 was released on May 8th. Pearce also stated they have prepared the Affidavit of Facts. Once they are recorded, he will have the authority to start signing the deeds. The Engineer will then need to approve the deed submissions.

Pearce asked if he could prepare one deed and submit it for subplot one as there are multiple sublots. He would rather not go to the expense of preparing approximately 30 deeds and half of them need to be redone. Chuck replied that they have already been submitted to the Engineer. Pearce asked if the Engineer has approved them, as majority of the legal descriptions are ancient and they just state sublots. Chuck replied that he does not think that it is going to be the Engineer. Once the Engineer approves the deed submissions, it goes to Celesta at the Records Office, and she must approve the deeds. Once she approves, the Auditor's Office will then record them. Chuck told Pearce he will only have to prepare 9 conveyances because there are multiple parcels in some of the conveyances. They grouped them by similar or conjoining properties.

Pearce asked if they used the existing legal descriptions. Chuck replied that unless otherwise noted. The Engineer's Office has not made any note of changes required on any of the metes and bounds descriptions. The Engineer made a note on deed #4 stating it included an exception, but the Engineer is not stopping it, he just made note of it. If Celesta is ok with what she sees with the deeds, then they will just need to process the paperwork. Pearce, he continued will need to prepare 9 individual conveyances and that will include all the parcels.

Patricia stated that she along with Chuck, Kate, and Rich went to the Claridon meeting and it went well. They discussed the current fund balance and Claridon was a little surprised because it is over \$200,000, they thought it would be less.

Patricia also stated the 2023 and 2024 audit should go quickly as the 2024 has already been pre-audited. There are about 5 months left of 2023 that she is auditing and making corrections if needed. She also retrieved the bank statements and made note of the deposits so it will be easier for the State Auditor to go through. Patricia is paying the bills that are coming in. Patricia commented once they get the records done, they will have a company come out and shred.

Voice votes: 2 eyes, 1 absent, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

Other Business

Pam stated parcel # 13-097200 is missing from the list the Engineer's reviewed. Chuck asked if this parcel will be another item or added to one of the former conveyances. Pam stated she believed it will be another item.

Rich questioned since there is so much money that is going to be turned over to Claridon, would they go through the Transition Supervisory Board or through Claridon if Aquilla wants to have one more trash day. Last year he said Dumpster Bandit did it for \$3,600.00. Chuck stated if it was already scheduled it would be one thing, but his concern is it's a new initiative and they are acting as another form of government, and he doesn't know if that is correct. Susan agreed although it would be nice to do, it's not something already in the works. Pearce stated he will speak with Jonathan Tiber from Claridon regarding this matter

The Board agreed the next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26th at 1:00 p.m.

Public comment

None

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, Celesta Mullins motioned to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Jacob

Transition Supervisory Board Chair



Jim Dvorak

County Commissioner



Celesta Mullins

County Recorder