

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 13, 2024, 7:00 pm
Bazetta Township Administration Building
3372 State Route 5, N.E.
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Present:

Chairman Trustee Michael Hovis YES
Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride YES
Trustee Michael Morelli ABSENT
Fiscal Officer Stacy Marling YES

Chairman Trustee Hovis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a moment of silence.

Trustee McBride reminded the assemblage of the Public Comment Procedures and that the meeting was being video, and audio recorded for informational purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE (COPIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:

Letter from Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer regarding Elm Road Waterline Improvement Project
Letter from Zoning Commission regarding Ohio Issue 2

087-24 Resolution to accept the meeting minutes from the Trustees Regular Meeting on July 09, 2024 and Special Meeting August 1, 2024.

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

088-24 Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Office to pay all outstanding invoices and approve all warrants incurred from August 14, 2024, through September 10, 2024.

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

089-24 Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Officer to amend the 2024 Appropriations as follows:
Fund 2273 ARPA \$50,000
Fund 2082 Police Equipment \$20,000
Fund 2111 Fire District \$82,000

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

Comments: None

090-24 Resolution to prohibit adult-use cannabis operators, cultivator, processors, and dispensaries and medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and dispensaries within the unincorporated area of Bazetta Township, Trumbull County. (See attached resolution)

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

Comments: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT: See agenda items and monthly reports

Report from Chief Rink:

- Monthly report attached
- Sold miscellaneous equipment on Govdeals.com in the amount of 2,899.00 dollars
- Firefighter Hanson has been working on ESO training, program and data and is doing a great job should be up and running by the end of the year
- Received two grants in the amount of \$82,917.00
- Would like to thank the Mecca, Youngstown Air Base and Champion Fire Departments and all of our staff for their assistance during the week of the Trumbull County Fair. We treated over 144 patients that week

Comments:

- Trustee Hovis received a call from the Trumbull County Fair Board President about how professional you managed the operations there
- Trustee McBride suggested next year to set up a Command Station with a number to call because there was an incident, and they had a hard time contacting the sheriff's office to have someone respond

091-24 Resolution to accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Budget & Management (Ohio Ambulance Impact Industry Program) in the amount of \$59,161.00. This grant is used for employee retention, employee recruitment, and training with no matching funds from the fire department.

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

092-24 Resolution to accept the FEMA 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$23,756.00. This grant is used for replacement of firehose. The fire department will be responsible for \$1,131.24 of the grant to be paid from the Fire Fund.

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

093-24 Resolution to accept the resignation letter from Kyle Stern effective July 17, 2024.
(see attached)

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

094-24 Resolution to promote Brian Schotsch from a Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic to a Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic with a hire date of August 18, 2024. Pay rate and probationary period will be per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #3703. Brian has an OP&F pension physical on file.

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

Comments: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Nothing for agenda. See attached Monthly Reports

Report from Sgt Greathouse: See Agenda items

Comments: None

095-24 Resolution to accept Sundance Systems Quote: 20240702a for \$3,440.00 for LEADS MFA Compliance (Mandated in October 2024 by LEADS/FBI) to be paid from account: 2081-210-360-0000.

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

096-24 To accept the quote from Mark Thomas Ford for the purchase of a New 2025 Police Interceptor Utility (SUV) VIN: 1FM5K8AC4SGA32494 for \$47775.08 to be paid from the Police Equipment Fund 2082-210-750-0000.

Motion: Trustee McBride
Second: Trustee Hovis
Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

Comments: None

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Nothing for the agenda

Report from Superintendent Arnal:

- Second round of weed spraying on all township properties is complete
- Stumps were ground at the cemetery from the storms over the past few years
- Still working on grant for paving roadway in cemetery

Comments:

- Trustee McBride asked if we have received quotes for the paving a couple have been received for the grant

PLANNING DIRECTOR, ZONING INSPECTOR AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Nothing for the agenda

Zoning Inspector Pete Pizzulo to report:

- Nine Zoning and two miscellaneous permits issued in the amount of \$2921.00 dollars
- Year to date fees collected \$71,625.00 dollars
- End of the year abatement for mowing properties will be in September

Comments: None

ZONING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Nothing for the agenda

Report from Chairman Longo:

- The Zoning Commissioners provided feedback to the Trustees regarding Ohio Issue 2, Marijuana/Cannabis Cultivators, Processors and Dispensaries from our recent workshop
- The Zoning Commission has its Regular 3rd Quarterly Meeting Scheduled for Monday September 9, 2024, at 6:00PM here in the township hall.
- During this election season political signs cannot be obstructing the view of traffic and especially in intersections. All signs should be placed 30 feet from the center of the roadways.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: See agenda items

Trustee Hovis to give update:

- Received \$300,00.00 dollars in the form of a grant to help replace Imagination Station
- Met with the Cortland Community Foundation and he is now a member and will participate in fundraising for this project
- Will get with the Park Board to begin fundraising activities
- Meeting with playground vendors for equipment and pricing

097-24 Resolution to amend the Bazetta Township Park Shelter/Gazebo Reservation Rules and Regulations to add under number seven: Shall Not...

- e. Allow bounce houses, water slides and other inflatable apparatus on Bazetta Township Park property

Motion: Trustee McBride

Second: Trustee Hovis

Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT

ASKED TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA: No one

PUBLIC COMMENT: We will accept public comment at this time

If anyone has a question or comment

- Raise your hand
- The Chairman will recognize you
- State your name and address for the record

Multiple speakers at the same time will not be allowed

Comments:

- Troy Rhoades – First Energy Corporation Representative for Trumbull County
Explained how and who to contact for forestry regarding McCleary Jacoby Road and the trimming cycle. Also explained about power outages and will forward information to us. He works with Trumbull County EMA
- Rick Fleischer 2238 Cornerstone Drive
Addressed Power outages and tree trimming on McCleary Jacoby Road
- Amelia Ulbright 3434 State Route 5
Inquired if she could give away marijuana
- Ashley Handrych of Lakeview Local Schools
Introduced herself and is looking forward to collaborating with us
- Stan Shrodek of 4049 Lake Shore Drive
Heard shots fired and questioned calling the business office number. He was advised to call 911

098-24 Resolution to adjourn meeting at 7:50pm.

Motion: Trustee McBride

Second: Trustee Hovis


Vote: Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli ABSENT



 Chairman Trustee Michael J. Hovis

9/10/2024

 Date



 Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride

09-10-2024

 Date



 Trustee Michael Morelli

09/10/2024

 Date

Deanna Longo

From: Fiscal Officer
Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2024 1:20 PM
To: Deanna Longo
Subject: RE: REMINDER - AGANDA TRUSTESS REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2024

Deanna,
Please add the following resolution to the agenda:

Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Officer to amend the 2024 Appropriations as follows:
Fund 2273 ARPA \$50,000
Fund 2082 Police Equipment \$20,000
Fund 2111 Fire District \$82,000

Thanks!
Stacy A. Marling
FISCAL OFFICER
P: 330-637-8816
F: 330-637-4588

From: Deanna Longo <dlongo@bazettatwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 3:16 PM
To: Meeting Agenda Reminder <MeetingAgendaReminder@bazettatwp.org>
Subject: REMINDER - AGANDA TRUSTESS REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2024
Importance: High

Please have your agenda items into me by this Friday August9 at 4:00 for the Trustees upcoming meeting on Tuesday August 13

Have a great afternoon,

Deanna Longo
Deanna Longo
Bazetta Township
Administrative Secretary
3372 State Route 5 N.E.
Cortland, OH 44410
dlongo@bazettatwp.org
PH: 330-637-8816
C: 330-360-7920

Deanna Longo

From: Tom Rink
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 11:11 AM
To: Deanna Longo
Cc: Michael Hovis
Subject: Fire department agenda
Attachments: monthly report july.pdf; AGENDA 8-13-2024.pdf; Kyle Stern.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Deanna,

Attached is the agenda for the fire department. Have a good weekend.

Thanks,
Tom

July 9th, 2024

To the Fire Chief, Fire Officers, and the Trustees of Bazetta Township.

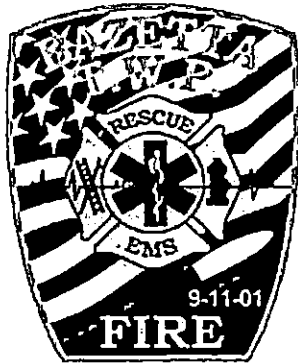
As one of the newest members of Bazetta Fire Department I have taken it upon myself to learn the trucks, the roads, businesses, and the ways of Bazetta Fire. I have applied myself to the department and served the community to the best of my ability. I have enjoyed my time on C-shift and have formed relationships with those on my shift as well as others that I hope will continue for many years. I am saddened to report that I have decided to move on from BFD and accept a career position at Howland Fire Department in which I will end my duties at Bazetta Fire Department on July 17th and assume my duties at Howland on July 18th, 2024.

It is my goal as a Firefighter Paramedic to function at an elite level in which my skills, physical condition, and knowledge are the best that they can be to ensure optimal performance and care for my community in which I have sworn to serve. Because of this dedication to continuously better myself and find new ways to perfect my craft, I have chosen to move on to a busier department that I hope will open new doors as well as additional learning experiences.

As I am only moving a few miles down the road, I look forward to continuing a working relationship with those at Bazetta Fire and Bazetta Township. Though I am sad to leave C-shift and my coworkers that have become close friends, I look forward to the new adventure that awaits. I ask that the Fire Chief and the Trustees of Bazetta Township accept this letter as my letter of resignation effective on July 17th, 2024.

Thank you,

Kyle Stern RN, FP-C, NREMT-P,



July 2024

Total Incidents - 155

Fire Calls – 8

E.M.S – 104

Rescue Calls - 15

Other Calls – 28

Public Events Total - 3

Public Education Classes – 0

Smoke Alarms Installed – 3

Lock Boxes Installed – 0

Senior Watch Signup – 0

Total Training Hours - 56

On Station Training – 36

Off Site Training – 10

Officers Training – 2

Drivers Training – 6

Preplans/Inspections - 2

Inspections Total - 27

Business Inspections – 25

Home Inspections – 0

Fireworks Inspections – 1

Print Review - 1

BAZETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT



Date: 08/09/2024
To: Trustee Hovis, Trustee McBride, Trustee Morelli
From: Chief Tom Rink
Re: 08/13/2024 Trustee's Meeting

Agenda items:

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BAZETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT



Non agenda items:

- Monthly report attached.
- We have been listing outdated misalliance equipment on Gov Deals profiting \$2,899.00 just last week.
- We have been training in the new ESO reporting system.
- We have received two grants totaling \$82,917.00
- Our new ambulance from the county AARPA grant is now in service.
- I would like to thank all members of the fire department, Mecca fire department, Youngstown Airbase fire department, and Champion fire department for helping us with the Trumbull County Fair. During the week of the fair, we treated 144 patients at the first aid station.

July 2024 Bazetta Police Department Activity



Published Date: August 12, 2024

Activity	Total
Calls for Service	n/a
Incident Reports Filed	60
Traffic Crash Investigations	8
Number of Persons Arrested	11
Traffic Offenses	6
Traffic Citations Issued	5
Vehicle Miles Traveled	2,464.40
Office Contacts	105

* Numbers are subject to change due to report status and other circumstances

Bazetta Township Police Department

Year to Date Analysis July 2023 Comparison to July 2024

Chief Christopher G. Herlinger

Sgt. Nathan Greathouse • Sgt. Jake Abbott



	2023	2024	↑↓Percentage Difference from 2023 - 2024
Calls for Service	454	n/a	n/a
Incidents Filed	73	60	-17.808 ↓
Traffic Crash Investigations	5	8	-60 ↓
Number of Persons Arrested	16	11	-31.25 ↓
Traffic Offenses	15	6	-60 ↓
Office Contacts	171	105	-38.596 ↓
Mileage Traveled	5237.9	2464.4	-52.950 ↓

Bazetta Township Police - 2023-2024 Monthly Comparison Chart

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Calls for Service	275	311	345	330	358	469	454	411	357	306	231	282	4129
Incidents Filed	48	64	58	48	60	68	73	74	46	55	49	46	689
Traffic Crash Investigations	4	4	6	4	2	8	5	6	4	4	7	9	63
Persons Arrested	10	17	24	12	15	15	16	26	19	10	10	16	190
Traffic Offenses	7	15	18	11	9	19	15	11	17	5	7	14	148
Office Contacts	193	144	174	129	160	162	171	194	143	124	132	104	1830
Miles Traveled	3776	5459.2	6063.3	5595	4515.15	5862.3	5237.9	4911.1	5096.6	3711.3	3712.5		53940.35

2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Calls for Service	266	330	382	326	364	424	n/a						2092
Incidents Filed	35	52	65	62	42	76	60						392
Traffic Crash Investigations	5	5	6	1	3	5	8						33
Persons Arrested	13	9	14	16	9	29	11						101
Traffic Offenses	15	6	23	11	8	26	6						95
Office Contacts	100	142	135	177	133	116	105						908
Miles Traveled	3838.3	4904	5448.1	5129.6	4899.6	5040.9	2464.4						31724.9

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

SHIFT COVERAGE REPORT

MONTH : JULY 2024

DATE	TIME OFF	SHIFT	# OFC'S	#OFC'S	#OFC'S		SINGLE OFC HOURS		
7/1/2024	V	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	1	1900-0700	1	16	
7/2/2024	V	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	1	1900-0700	1	16	
7/3/2024	V	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	1	1900-0700	1	16	
7/4/2024	V	0700-1500	1	1500-1900	2	1900-0700	1	20	
7/5/2024	C,M	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	2	1900-0700	1	12	
7/6/2024	C,M	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	2	1900-0700	1	12	
7/7/2024	M	0700-1900	1	1900-0700	2			12	
7/8/2024		0700-1500	2	1500-1900	1	1900-0700	2	4	
7/9/2024	C,S	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	1	1900-0700	1	16	
7/10/2024	C,V	0700-1500	3	1500-1900	1	1900-0700	1	16	
7/11/2024	P	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	3	1900-0300	2 0300-0700	1	4
7/12/2024		0700-1500	3	1500-1900	3	1900-0300	2 0300-0700	1	4
7/13/2024	C	0700-1900	1	1900-2300	1	2300-0300	2 0300-0700	1	20
7/14/2024		0700-1900	1			1900-0700	2	12	
7/15/2024	V	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	1	1900-0700	2	4	
7/16/2024		0700-1500	2	1500-1900	1	1900-0700	2	4	
7/17/2024	V,S	0700-1500	3	1500-1900	2	1900-0700	1	12	
*7/18/2024	C	0700-1500	2	1500-1900	2	1900-0300	2 0300-0700	1	4
7/19/2024	C	0700-1500	3	1500-1900	2	1900-0300	2 0300-0700	1	4
7/20/2024	V,C	0700-1900	1			1900-0700	1	24	
7/21/2024		0700-1900	1			1900-0700	1	24	
7/22/2024	V	0700-1100	2	1100-1900	1	1900-0700	2	8	
7/23/2024	V	0700-1900	1			1900-0700	2	12	
7/24/2024	V	0700-1900	2			1900-0700	2	0	
7/25/2024	V	0700-1500	1	1500-1900	2	1900-0300	2 0300-0700	1	12
7/26/2024	V	0700-1500	1	1500-1900	2	1900-0300	2 0300-0700	1	12
7/27/2024	V	0700-1900	1			1900-0300	2 0300-0700	1	16
7/28/2024	V	0700-1900	1			1900-0700	2	12	
7/29/2024	V	0700-1100	2	1100-1900	1	1900-0700	2	8	
7/30/2024	V	0700-1900	1			1900-0700	2	12	

7/31/2024 V

0700-1900

2

1900-0700

1

12

DAYS: 31

HRS/DAY:24

744 HOURS

360 HRS- 1 OFFICER

48%

TIME OFF: S
C
V
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SICK
COMP
VACATION
PERSONAL
MEDICAL

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP

SHELTER/GAZEBO RESERVATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Bazetta Township and Lakeview Schools sponsored programs and activities will have priority use of the facilities.
2. To ensure use of shelters/gazebo, reservations are required.
3. One member of the requesting group shall assume responsibility for the proper use of the facility.
4. User groups will be financially liable for Township facilities.
5. Parks and Recreation facilities will be available for use seven (7) days a week.
6. All activities will conclude by dusk or as posted.
7. Individuals and groups using township park areas **SHALL NOT**
 - a. Serve or sell alcoholic beverages unless a special designated permit has been issued.
 - b. Gamble
 - c. Charge admission to sponsored activities except when an activity is for the benefit of charity or nonprofit organization, and when said admission charge is approved by the Township.
 - d. Allow music, dancing other activities to interfere or offend other park users. Inappropriate behavior or noise will not be permitted.
 - e. Allow bounce houses, waterslides and other inflatable apparatus on Bazetta Township Park property.

8. Shelter/Gazebo fees:

SHELTER (A)	SHELTER (B)	SHELTER (C)	GAZEBO
\$85.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$125.00
16 TABLES / 120 PEOPLE ELECTRICITY	9 TABLES/ 45-50 PEOPLE NO ELECTRICITY	6 TABLES UNDER SHELTER/ 36-40 PEOPLE 2-3 TABLES ADJACEINT/ 48/50 PEOPLE ELECTRICITY	

***Plus \$125.00 deposit for clean-up, to be returned if gazebo is left clean and undamaged**

9. All garbage must be disposed of after use.
10. When a shelter/gazebo is not being used, it is available to the public on a first come first serve basis for no charge. All rules and regulations apply.
11. Any person or group who does not abide by these rules shall be asked to leave the premises.
12. No rain checks or refunds will be given due to bad weather or late cancellations.
13. Individuals or groups using the shelter/gazebo without a reservation must surrender the shelter/gazebo to individuals or groups having a shelter/gazebo permit for that facility.
14. You must pay for your shelter/gazebo reservation and submit a signed rental agreement at the time you make your reservation. No shelter/gazebo will be held without payment and a signed rental agreement. Your permit and rental agreement must be taken to the rental facility for proof of your reservation. Bazetta Township Police will be available for assistance during your rental and will have a copy of your reservation application.
15. You must be 18 years of age to rent any park facility.
16. The park is open from _____
17. You will comply with all laws of the United States and the State of Ohio, and with all Township Park rules and regulations and will not permit anything to be done on said premises in violation thereof.
18. Glass containers of any kind are strictly prohibited.
19. Ground fires are strictly prohibited. Please be sure charcoal from your grill is cooled and deposited in proper receptacles.
20. Leave the premises clean, placing all paper and other debris in receptacles furnished throughout the park. Do not pour any solution on grass, trees, or vegetation.
21. Outlets are only for use of small radios, coffee pots, food warmers and like equipment that does not exceed a maximum of 15 amps.
22. Parking allowed only on designated parking lot areas.

23. Decorating is permitted. However, no staples or nails are allowed. If tape is used it must be a lightweight tape that can be easily removed.
24. Any special requests must be submitted in writing to Bazetta Township for approval no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to your rental date. Special requests may include a disk jockey, live band, etc. or anything not specifically covered in this rental agreement.
25. Employees of Bazetta Township or the Lakeview Local Schools and Non-Profit groups shall be entitled to a 10% discount on facility rentals. Proof of employment or membership is required.

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

3372 State Route 5, N.E., Cortland, Ohio 44410

Chairman - Deanna Longo - Vice Chairman – Cheryl Tennant
Howard Wetzel - Brenda Farone - Dean Noble – Alternate Ed Carr

Email: dlongo@bazettatwp.org

Secretary: Rich Urchek - Email: rurchek@bazettatwp.org

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Bazetta Township Board of Trustees

RE: Issue 2 from November 7, 2023, General Election Passage

On November 7, 2023, Ohio voters passed Issue 2 approving a measure to legalize adult recreational marijuana use which also includes the sales, cultivation, processing and dispensing of the same.

Issue 2 also permits townships to adopt by resolution, by the Board of Trustees, rules prohibiting or limiting the number of adult use cannabis operators.

The Board of Trustees can **prohibit** or **limit** the number of “adult use cannabis operators” which are defined in R.C. 3780.01 as:

- Level I, II, or III adult use cultivators (operations of different sizes that grow marijuana)
- Adult use processor (who manufactures adult use cannabis products from the plants)
- Adult use dispensary (retail store that sells adult use cannabis products)

In addition, under R.C. 3796.29, a township has continuing authority to prohibit or limit the number of *medical marijuana* cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries.

As the Zoning Commission, we felt we should take a look at these issues and try to gain some insight from our residents, legal counsel, local media, surrounding political subdivisions and the board members themselves. We recently held a work session, and this topic was discussed. We offer our take-away from our meeting and hope you consider the following information. We have developed a list of pros and cons and are forwarding the legal opinion from our attorney, several news articles, voter statistics on this issue from each Bazetta Precinct, and any other information we feel is useful.

RESIDENT FEEDBACK: No residents attended this advertised meeting

LEGAL COUNCIL OPINION: Attached with a Resolution to Ban

NEWS ARTICLES: Attached

Niles City, and Austintown Township have each approved one dispensary and have established where it will be located

Village of Lordstown, and Hubbard City have banned it
Newton Falls Village has placed a temporary moratorium banning them
City of Warren and the Village of McDonald are still taking the issue under consideration

STATE ISSUE 2 VOTING BY BAZETTA PRECINCT: **VOTED DOWN**

			Yes	No
BAZETTA B	1340	686	337	338
BAZETTA C	623	370	174	194
BAZETTA D	767	493	226	259
BAZETTA F	589	352	157	193
BAZETTA G	1201	708	352	348
			1246	1332

Statistics provided by Trumbull County Board of Elections November 7, 2023, General Election Results

PROS:

Permitting Cultivators and or Processors

Jobs and Investment

Dispensaries

36% of a Direct Sales Tax of 10%
(Sales of 1 Million would generate
\$36,000.00)

CONS:

Permitting Cultivators and or Processors

No direct financial impact

Dispensaries

Bring drug operations and drug users to
the township
Is NOT prohibited in the Township Park
Majority of voting residents voted it
Down
Convenient access for our youth
Reputation of community
Marijuana is still NOT a legal drug with
the Federal Government and there are
federal lands in the township i.e.:
Mosquito Creek Lake Areas
Potential for increased crime
Potential for increased cost to Police
Department

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION:

The areas that are approving these
businesses are more urban settings

ZONING COMMISSION:

Even though the Zoning Commissioners have NO authority over this issue, it is important to note that our mission and purpose is to promote the health, safety, morals, comfort, and general welfare; to conserve and protect property; to stabilize and preserve individual citizens property values; to secure the most appropriate use of land; and to facilitate adequate but economical provisions of public improvements, all within accordance with the Bazetta Township Comprehensive Plan and the Ohio Revised Code..

We ask you to consider these guidelines as well when deciding on land use in our township.

The Zoning Commissioners were divided on this issue.

Dispensaries: 2 = YES 3 = NO
Processors and Cultivators 2 = YES 3 = NO

Our overall recommendation by the majority is to NOT PERMIT any Cultivation, Processing or Dispensing in the township.

However, if you do, we suggest you LIMIT it to ONE DISPENSARY in the Industrial Zoned Section of State Route 5 (Walmart area) only as a Conditional Use to be heard before the Township Board of Appeals to make sure they are adhering to the specified locations and rules set forth by the Trustees, State and Federal law, with stipulations of distance from locations near Schools, Daycares etc.

Another recommendation we suggest is that the Trustees enact a Moratorium to prohibit all marijuana operations, cultivating, processing and dispensing for a period of time to take these matters into consideration, and to see the overall impact these businesses have on the surrounding communities who allow them.

We hope this information is helpful to you when forming an opinion on this matter.

Deanna Longo
Deanna Longo
Chairman, Zoning Commission

