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Held August 15, 2022 at the Whitewater Township Community Center

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The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on August 15, 2022. Board President, Mr. Guy Schaible called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call - Mr. Schaible, yea; Mr. King, yea; Mr. Pope, yea.

Regular Meeting Agenda:

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Tax Budget Hearing held July 18, 2022 Motion seconded by Mr. King.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2022 Regular Trustee Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion seconded by Mr. Pope,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Acceptance of Invoices

Mr. King made a motion to accept the invoices as presented.

Motion seconded by Mr. Pope,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Mai provided the incident reports for the month of July 2022.

Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda

Paula Brehm-Heeger, The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library. - An Update on the Library

Ms. Brehm-Heegen discussed the Library's programming and facility upgrades they are working on. Whitewater is located in the "West" Zone. Plans for the upgrades are available at their website. One of the projects includes looking for a way to expand the Miami Township / Cleves location. Ms. Brehm-Heegen said the Green Township locations is currently going through an update. Mr. Pope asked if the Library had worked with any of the We Thrive communities for programing. She said no, but it sounded like an excellent idea for a future partnership. Mr. King asked for her contact information so he could contact her about the Miami Township Location. Ms. Carrie Bernard, the Branch Manager at the Cleves location, discussed the programs ongoing at the branch. She also said she was working with the Miami Township We Thrive group and Nichole at Hamilton County Public Health on a current project.

Ms. Diane Bachman – Miamitown Improvement and Civic Association – Window Quotes for Miamitown Town Hall

Ms. Bachman asked about the Town Hall Windows. Mr. Pope said he did not see the email. She said there were some open questions. She said she would get those answers to Ms. Westerfeld by the next meeting. She asked if there was anything new on the Parking expansion on Main Street in Miamitown. Mr. Schaible said they have it on the Agenda under the Public Works Department Report. She thanked the Board for their help.

Mr. Don Smith – Whitewater Township Regional Water and Sewer District

Mr. Smith introduced himself and gave a brief update on the St. Rt. 128 Project funding. He said the update was not his main reason for being here tonight. He said on behalf of the entire Board, he wanted to Thank and Acknowledge Mr. King for his 212 years of service to the Sewer District. On Behalf of the Board, Mr. Smith presented Mr. King with a Crystal Plaque in acknowledgement of his contributions to the Water / Sewer District. Mr. Smith asked about filling the vacant seat on the Board. Mr. King said perhaps we can get the spot advertised when the new Web Site is up and running. Mr. Pope asked if the Board Member has to be a Resident. Mr. Brett said at this time, yes.

Township Department Reports:

Fire Report:

Chief Scott Schorsch reported the following run totals for the month of July, 2022:

EMS - 93, Transports - 45, Fire - 49, Total: 167. Our emergency runs 2022 Year to

Date: EMS - 626, Fire - 293, Total Detail: 919.

Staffing: Month of February Station Closures: 0 (12-hour shifts), Paramedic Staffing: 100%, 1 Paramedic: 53%, 2 Paramedics: 29%, >2 Paramedics: 18%. 12-hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0

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The Chief was not in attendance. Mr. Pope read his report which included the following topics:

Full Time FF/Medic Vacancy: FF/Medic Colin Berter has accepted the full-time position and started his orientation Thursday, Aug 11, 2022. He will be in orientation for approximately two weeks before starting his regularly scheduled shift

Staffing: The Chief's report said they continue to see a lack of part time applicants. He reported that Departments all around the region are continuing to focus on increasing their full-time staff. This continues to make it difficult to attract part time applicants and retain the employees we have. He said he had sent all of the requested information over to the Board after last month's meeting.

Station 95 Remodel: The office furniture has been delivered (minus one piece). Everyone is moving in and getting settled into their new space. It looks very professional.

Grants: The Department is working on two separate grant applications for some equipment. A Duke Energy Grant – for multigas meters and the Gary Simse Foundation – for chain saws.

Safety Tips: Chief Schorsch's report asked everyone to remind that school has started around the area. Be cautious of students waiting for buses and stopped buses loading/unloading on the roadways.

Public Works Department:

Mr. McCreary reported on the following items:

Snow removal: Mr. McCreary stated he has talked with Kevin Werbrick and they are willing to help with the upcoming winter months for snow and ice removal. They have had to increase their price due to inflation and wage increase from 92 dollars an hour to 95 dollars an hour. He said the information is attached the contract to your packet and with your approval he would like to continue using Werbrick land scaping for the 2022-2023 season.

Elizabethtown Cemetery: Mr. McCreary said the fence at the Elizabethtown Cemetery is on its last leg. It is missing gates, and there are parts of the fence that are missing along with bent top rails etc. The fence has been repaired multiple times over the years and needs to be replaced, the green chain link fence is hard to come by so he is requesting the board to approve black chain link. He said he has included attached three quotes to your packet and his recommendation for the lowest and best bid would be Mills Fence. Their Price is \$31,572. If the Board agrees, he would like move forward with this project.

Hooven Hill: Mr. McCreary stated he has received multiple E-Mails and videos of people riding quads on the Township property at 212 Hooven from Mr. Weber. He said he has stopped and talked to the resident and has also contacted the sheriff to visit this address to try and stop the riding of offroad vehicles on Township property. At this point he feels he has exhausted his options. He said he would like to turn this matter over to the board for direction. The Board discussed the issue and asked Mr. McCreary to have the boundaries marked. They then discussed putting post's in just off the property line, maybe a foot onto our property on order to Block the access to our property

Main Street Parking

Mr. McCreary said the area in Miamitown for additional parking has to be surveyed. He is having that done and will get Quotes

Placing a Service Vehicle in the Gravelrama Parade

The Board had no objections to the Department placing a vehicle in the Parade providing the

Permission for Public Works Director to use the Township Mowing Equipment to mow an area to allow better visibility for traffic and parking at Gravelrama site. Mr. McCreary has volunteered to donate his time for this project.

The Board discussed allowing Public Works Director, Mr. McCreary to mow a portion of a field at the Gravelrama Site. Mr. Pope said he would prefer Mr. McCreary mow the site on Township time in case something would happen. Ms. Westefeld said Our Insurance would not cover any damages caused by the mower, but Gravelrama's Insurance will cover any incidents that may occur. The Board discussed the use of Township Equipment for Special Events, such as closing the Streets in Miamitown.

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Playground Area at Elizabethtown

Mr. Pope asked if the former playground area in Elizabethtown could be cleared and sprayed to reduce the weeds. Mr. McCreary said he would clean up the area now that the equipment is removed.

Community Center:

Mr. King provided the Report for the Community Center.

Attendance: 7-11-2022 to 8-5-2022 was: Euchre during the week days – 107, Euchre Friday night – 165, Chair Volleyball – 36, Bluegrass - 160, Country Music –31, Total - 499

Rentals: August- Shelter-4, Center-1. September - Shelter-1, Center-1.

Committee Reports:

Sewer- Water District

Mr. Brett said that Md. Smith covered the update. He reported that the Water – Sewer District agreement for the St. Rt. 128 was now being worked on. The easement acquisition process will be the first step.

Economic Development

Mr. King stated things were progressing. Mr. Brett said the TIF and JEDD areas may need to be expanded because it appears the Thiemann Property north of I-74 appears to be in line for development sooner than later.

We Thrive

Mr. Pope reported the Committee is recessing for the summer.

Solid Waste

Mr. Schaible said there was nothing new to report at this time.

WestJAD

Mr. Pope said there is nothing new at this time.

Old Business:

Additional Architect Fees – Station 95 Remodel

Mr. Pope said he had not been able to get together with the Chief to discuss the additional Fees. A meeting will be set prior to next month's meeting so the issue can be resolved.

Snow removal: Mr. McCreary had requested the approval of a contract with Werbrick Land Scaping for the 2022-2023 season.

Mr. Schaible moved to approve the Snow Removal Contract with Werbrick landscaping. Motion seconded by Mr. Pope
 Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-12 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE UNDER SECTION 5709.73(B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, EXEMPTING SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, DECLARING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE PARCELS AND ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND.

Mr. King moved to approve Resolution 2022-12

Motion seconded by Mr. Pope

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Updating of Website and Hosting, Suggestions for slight updates of the Township Logo
 Administrator Westerfeld and Fiscal Officer Jim Brett presented options to slightly change the Township Logo. They explained that the Web Designer provided these options as a part of her Web Site Design Services. After reviewing the options, the Board felt the existing logo was better than the options. They opted not to make any changes.

Township participation in the Gravelrama Parade

The Board approved the Fire Department and Public Works Department's participation in the Gravelrama Parade, providing our Insurance carrier did not have any objections

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Fencing at Elizabethtown Cemetery

Mr. Pope moved to approve the Fencing Proposal from Mills Fence
Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Camera System for Meeting Recording

Administrator Westerfeld and Fiscal Officer Jim Brett explained the current DVD Recorder is not working properly. They also explained that the Camera we are using is not digital and is not compatible with a newer system. Mr. Brett said the initial estimate is in the \$8000 to \$8800 range. Mr. Pope asked if we could stream meetings and events held at the facility. Mr. Brett said the supplier recommended running a cable direct to the Router if we wanted to do that. The wireless connection tends to have issues from time to time.

After the discussion,
Mr. Pope moved to approve the purchase of a new Video system for the Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$10,000
Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Public Comments:

None

Comments from the Board:

Mr. Schaible congratulated Mr. King on the Recognition from the Sewer Board.
Mr. King asked about blocking off the Alley next to his home during home Bengal games for a community tailgate party, home game. There were no objections. He said everyone is invited.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the board
Mr. Schaible moved to adjourn.
Mr. King seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Trustees



Fiscal Officer

