

Held September 19, 2022 at the Whitewater Township Community Center 20

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on September 19, 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. King made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2022 Regular Trustee Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Motion seconded by Mr. Pope,

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2022 Regular Trustee Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,

**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. Hill provided the incident reports for the month of August 2022. The Board discussed Quad Runners being operated in the streets in Hooven. Sgt. Hill said he would have the Patrol Cars watch the area for the violations.

**Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda**  
**Ms. Diane Bachman – Miamitown Improvement and Civic Association – Window Quotes for Miamitown Town Hall**

Ms. Bachman said she will get the answers to the window quotes for the Miamitown Hall, she said the upcoming events include the Annual Car Show – October 1, 2022 and the Winery Witches on October 15, 2022.

**Township Department Reports:**

**Fire Report:**

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

**EMS - 97, Transports – 68, Fire – 52, Total: 147. Our emergency runs 2022 Year to**

**Date: EMS – 732, Fire – 345, Total Detail: 1068.**

**Staffing: Month of August Station Closures: 0 (12-hour shifts), Paramedic Staffing: 100%,**

**1 Paramedic: 47%, 2 Paramedics: 24%, >2 Paramedics: 29%. 12-hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0**

**The Chief reported on the following items:**

**Full Time FF/Medic New Employee:** FF/Medic Colin Berter has completed his orientation and is working regular shifts on Unit 2.

**Staffing:** The Chief said we continue to see a lack of part time applicants. 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 sent all of the requested information over to the Board after last month's meeting. We currently have two part time applicants awaiting pre-employment testing.

**Grants:** The Chief stated The Gary Simise Foundation Grant has been submitted. He also said Lt. Schmidt reached out to Harbor Freight for a grant opportunity, and we received a \$100 gift card. He reported that Capt. Snyder submitted our application for the State of Ohio ARPA Funding for Law Enforcement and First Responders earlier this year. He said two weeks ago, she was informed we will be receiving approximately \$230,000. She is still working on finalizing the details. This grant is intended to help mitigate staffing issues as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. He said he does not have all of the specifics at this time but he does know a portion of the funds are to cover the salary of one full time employee for two years.

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**Public Works Department:**

Mr. McCreary reported on the following items:

**Elizabethtown Cemetery Fence:** Mr. McCreary said Mills Fence has removed the old fencing and had started installing the new fence. He said they are waiting on the Gates to be installed to finish the project. He said he cleared a path approximately 12 ft wide behind the back side of the fence to allow for maintenance in the future and to prevent trees from growing in the new fence.

**Main Street - Miamitown:** Mr. McCreary stated The Hamilton County Engineer's Surveying Department plans to be able to complete the survey this week. He will provide an update when he has the information.

**Painting at the Elizabethtown Town Hall / Station 104:** Mr. McCreary said the building is in dire need of a new paint job. He currently has 2 quotes and is expecting a third soon. He said he will forward the information to the Board when he receives it.

**Community Center:**

Mr. King provided the Report for the Community Center.

**Attendance:** 8-1-2022 to 9-2-2022 was: Euchre during the week days – 112, Euchre Friday night – 148, Chair Volleyball – 33, Bluegrass - 229, Country Music –48, Total - 570  
**Rentals:** September- Shelter-3, Center-2. October - Shelter-0, Center-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Sewer - Water District**

None.

**Economic Development**

Mr. King stated there was nothing new at this time.

**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 the next WestJAD Board meeting will be held Thursday Oct. 6. 2022 at the WestJAD offices in Miamitown.

**Old Business:**

**Additional Architect Fees – Station 95 Remodel**

The Board discussed the additional fees and opted to table the matter to receive an opinion from our Legal Counsel,

**Website:** The Board noted that the website is up and running.

**New Business:**

**Painting at the Elizabethtown Town Hall / Station 104.**

Mr. Pope moved to approve the painting of the exterior of the Elizabethtown Town Hall / Station 104 in an amount not to exceed \$7500.00.

Motion seconded by **Mr. Schaible,**

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

**Public Comments:**

None

**Executive Session 1**

**Mr. Schaible** moved to enter an Executive Session at 7:37 PM. to discuss imminent Legal Actions and Legal Counsel's Information

Motion seconded by **Mr. Pope**

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pope – Aye, Mr. Schaible – Aye and Mr. King – Aye**

**Mr. Schaible** moved to return to Regular Session at 7:49 PM

Motion seconded by **Mr. King,**

**Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pope – Aye, Mr. Schaible – Aye and Mr. King – Aye**

**After a discussion,**

**Mr. Pope** moved to place making the Township a Limited Home rule on the Ballot at the next General Election.

Motion seconded by **Mr. King,**

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

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Executive Session 2

Mr. Schaible moved to enter an Executive Session at 7:52 PM. to consider the employment and compensation of Public Employees in the Fire Department  
 Motion seconded by Mr. King,

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pope – Aye, Mr. Schaible – Aye and Mr. King -- Aye

Mr. Pope moved to return to Regular Session at 8:43 PM

Motion seconded by Mr. King,

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pope – Aye, Mr. Schaible – Aye and Mr. King -- Aye

The Board Discussed the level of Fire department Staffing, after the discussion, Mr. Pope moved to change the staffing level from 6 Full Time firefighters to 7.  
 Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

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Comments from the Board:

None

Adjournment:

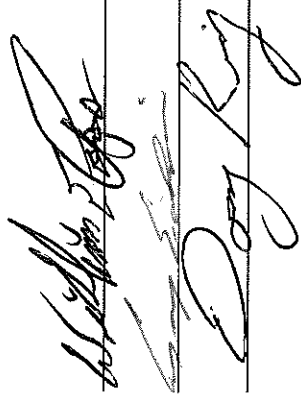
There being no further business to come before the board

Mr. King moved to adjourn.

Mr. Pope seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Trustees



Fiscal Officer

