

Held January 16, 2023 at the Whitewater Township Community Center 20

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on January 16, 2023. 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 December 19, 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 January 3, 2023 Organizational 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. Schaible,

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

**Sheriff's Report**

Sgt. Mai presented his report which included the incident reports for the month of December 2022.

**Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda**

NONE

**Township Department Reports:**

**Chief Scott Schorsch presented his report which included the following:**

**Run totals for the month of December, 2022:**

**EMS - 100, Patients - 88 Transports - 68, Fire - 37, Total: 137. Our emergency runs 2022 Year to Date: EMS - 1109, Fire - 531, Total Detail: 1640.**

**Staffing: Month of December Station Closures: 0 (12-hour shifts), Paramedic Staffing: 100%, 1 Paramedic: 39%, 2 Paramedics: 37%, >2 Paramedics: 24%. 12-hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0**

**Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG- FEMA)** The Chief also reported that the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG- FEMA) application was denied. Again, we made it all the through the process and funding ran out. He stated that his is the third year we made it all the way through the process and funding ran out. He said our past applications indicate we will cover 5% of the funding. He suggested that increasing that amount to 10% or 15% will better our chances of approval. He will be making that adjustment for the next round of funding. Those costs would be: Total Equipment Cost - \$224,817.18, 10% - \$22,481 or 15% - \$33,722.

**Miamitown Station Bay Floor:** The Chief stated last week it was reported to him that an area of the bay floor was sinking. This area was previously repaired several years ago prior to the new epoxy being put down. He has reached out to Epoxy SI and asked them to look at the area to see what type of repair will be needed.

**Public Works Department:**

**Mr. McCreary reported on the following items:**

**2023 Mowing Contract.** Mr. McCreary stated he had attached a quote to the packet for the upcoming 2023 mowing season. He said for the last few years, we have used Rouse Brothers to cut the properties in the Township and after speaking with Craig Rouse there will be no price increase to last year's quote. With permission from the Board, I would like to continue using Rouse Brothers for the 2023 mowing season.

Mr. Schaible made a motion to approve the continuation of the Rouse Brothers Mowing Contract for 2023.

Motion seconded by Mr. King,

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye**

**2023 Projects:** Mr. McCreary said that he and Administrator, Ms. Peggy Westerfeld had put together a list of projects that they would like to start in 2023 along with a list of projects for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the years of 2024 thru 2026. He said the Board should have revied a list of these projects via E-Mail and he would be glad to discuss the Project List if there were any questions.

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**Hill St.** Mr. McCreary said it has been brought to our attention that large trucks are using Hill Street to cut through to Ferry Street so they can make a Right hand turn on to St. Rt. 128. He said Ms. Westerfeld had updated the Board via E-Mail on this issue. Mr. Schaible said he had spoken with Mr. McCreary about the issue and they could not find a reason to prohibit truck traffic on the street. One of the concerns was the School Bus Stops and children waiting on the bus. Mr. Schaible suggested that the School District may be able to adjust their locations of the bus stops to help with the safety concerns. Mr. Pope said he had spoke with a company that travels that route, and they indicated that due to the traffic alignment at Harrison Ave and St. Rt. 128, their trucks could not make a right-hand turn onto 128 at that intersection. He said they agreed to do their best to avoid Hill Street, when possible, but that was only one of many companies that face the same issue. Mr. King suggested we ask the County and State to look into possible solutions since the Roadways involved at the intersection are theirs.

**Community Center:**

Mr. Schaible provided the Report for the Community Center.

**Attendance:** 11-7-2022 to 12-9-2022 was: Euchre during the week days – 51, Euchre Friday night – 43, Chair Volleyball – 30, Bluegrass - 60, Country Music –45, Total - 229

**Rentals:** December- Shelter-0, Center-0.

**Committee Reports:****Sewer- Water District**

Mr. Brett stated the next regular meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023. He said the Regular Meetings are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. He said he was happy to report that the District had received the ARA Funding from Hamilton County and also had been awarded a grand that included a forgiveness clause for additional planning in the amount of \$650,000.00.

**Economic Development**

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

**We Thrive**

Mr. Pope stated there was nothing new to add at this time.

**Solid Waste**

Mr. Schaible stated there was nothing new to add at this time.

**WestJAD**

Mr. Pope stated the Organizational Meeting was held January 5, 2023. He was unable to attend, but there was nothing to address other than the normal annual organizational items

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Public Comments:****Ms. Mindy Lovins, Miamitown Civic and Business Association.**

Ms. Lovins asked about the Hill Street Issue discussed earlier and the possibility of blacktopping more parking area on Main Street as opposed to the entire mirroring of Ferry Street. She also asked for additional information of the Main Street Mirroring Costs. She said Ms. Diane Bachman was stepping aside from the Civic Association Duties to concentrate on the Historical Society projects. She also announced that the Pet Palazzo was returning for a second year. It will be a one-day event, held on June 24, 2023. She asked about closing the roads on Friday the 23. The Board suggested it would be acceptable after the normal Business hours of the businesses in the area.. They discussed the traffic on Hill Street and Bus Safety also. Mr. King said the Bus Safety issue can be discussed with the County and State when the intersection is discussed. Ms. Lovins also asked about placing community events sign in the area. She will get more information for future consideration.

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Executive Session

**To Consider The Employment, And Compensation Of A Public Employees Or Officials In The Fire Department**

Mr. Schaible made a motion to enter an Executive Session - To consider the employment, and compensation of a public employees or officials in the Fire Department at 7:30PM.

Motion seconded by Mr. King,  
Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Mr. Schaible made a motion to return to Regular Session at 8:23 PM.

Motion seconded by Mr. Pope,  
Roll Call Vote - All Aye

The Board discussed the current pay structure in the Fire Department as well as the issues in recruiting new applicants.

Mr. Pope moved to begin the negotiations with the Full Time Fire Department Union, as soon as possible, in order to renegotiate the upcoming contract beginning in 2024.

Motion seconded by Mr. King,  
Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Comments from the Board:

None

Adjournment:

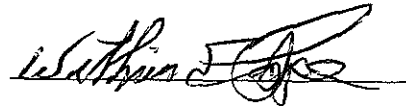
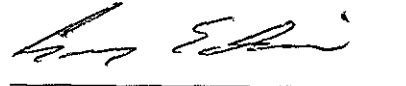
There being no further business to come before the board

Mr. Pope moved to adjourn.

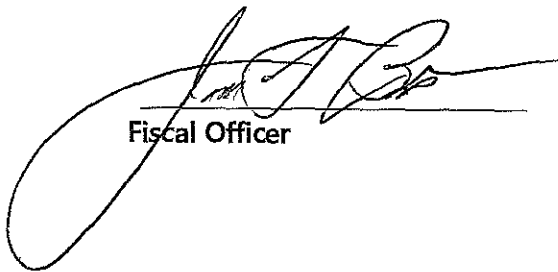
Mr. King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Trustees



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Fiscal Officer