

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

029

Minutes of

Regular

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-6094 FORM NO. 10148

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Held

November 15, 2021

at the Whitewater Township Community Center

~~The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on November 15, 2021.~~
Board President, Mr. William Pope called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Pledge to the Flag

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

Regular Meeting Agenda:

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2021 Regular Trustee Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Acceptance of Invoices

Mr. Pope made a motion to accept the invoices as presented.
Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Mai was unable to attend. Mr. Schaible presented the statistics for the month of October 2021.

Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda

Ms. Diane Bachman, Wreaths Across America

Ms. Bachman explained the Wreaths Across America program and explained how anyone who wished could take part. She also reminded the Board about the Miamitown Civic Association Christmas Dinner. She said the Miamitown Business of the Year would be recognized at the dinner. In addition, she noted that the Association was very supportive of the Clean Up the We Thrive Committee is working on and will be a part of this years clean up.

Township Depailment Reports:

Fire Report:

Chief Scott Schorsch reported the following run totals for the month of October 2021:

EMS- 116, Patients - 108, Transports - 70, Overdoses - 1, Fire - 40, MVA - 17, Total Detail: 125, Narcan Usage: 3.

Our emergency runs 2021 Year to Date:

EMS - 977 Patients - 913 Transports -613 Overdoses - 17 Fire - 390 MVA - 119
Total Detail: 1367 - Narcan Usage: 37

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

1 Paramedic: 23% 2 Paramedics: 43% >2 Paramedics: 31% 12 hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0

*We are continuing to utilize WestJAD with supplemental medic coverage as needed.

The Chief Reported on the following topics:

- The Department currently has two applicants waiting on pre-employment physical results and one applicant beginning the pre-employment testing process.
- Assistant Chief Siefke has been offered and has accepted a Fire Chief's position with another department. His last day with us will be this Friday, November 19, 2021. Assistant Chief Siefke has served the community for over 27 years. The Chief thanked Assistant Chief Siefke for his many years of dedication and support to the community and to the members of department. He stated we wish him the best of luck in his new role.
- WestJAD Board - The Chief reminded to the Board; they will need to select a community representative for the WestJAD Board for 2022.
- Hooven Station Remodeling Project - the notice for bids is out. Sealed bids are being accepted until 2:00pm, December 2, 2021. The Chief thanked Mr. Brett for working with the architect getting this taken care of.
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FFEMA AFG) - The next application period is now open and the Chief is working with the grant's writers with our application.
- Personnel and Emergency Reporting Software - The Chief noted that you may have noticed some information was not available for this report. The department is currently in the process of upgrading our personnel management and reporting software. We have used Fire House Software since the mid 1990's. This software has been the backbone of the Departments personnel management, fire reporting, and business management since its implementation. The Chief wanted to recognize and thank FF Jeremy Himman for all the time, effort, and hard work he has put into this project for the last few years. From

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- researching and comparing all different products on the market to finding the one that would best fit our department's needs. He has put in countless hours to get us to this point. Fortunately, the product we are moving to is from the parent company for FireHouse Software and SafetyPad. Essentially, we are not moving companies, just products. Our go live date is schedule for December 1, 2021. Please bear with us on upcoming reports as we continue to learn how to utilize all the aspects of the new software.
- Condolences – Once again the Chief said he wants to extend our sympathy and condolences to the following families: FF JC Schuster on the passing of his sister last week. In addition, he extended condolences to the family of Dallas "Bud" Jones. Bud has been our department Chaplain since the late 1990's. Finally, he extended condolences to the family and extended fire depart family of Retired Chief Alan Kinnett from the City of Harrison Fire Department. Chief Kinnett is the brother of our previous Township Administrator, Larry Kinnett.
- The Chief announced that COVID-19: Vaccines are now available for age 5 – 11. For more information please consult your PCP or the local Board of Health website.

Public Works Department:

Public Works Director Mr. Josh McCreary reported on the following:

Crack sealing: Mr. McCreary reported that Julius Howe has started the crack sealing in Glendower, he stated the project should be complete by the end of this week weather permitting.
Salt trucks: The salt boxes and the plows have been put together on the 4400 and the F350, everything has been inspected and we are ready to roll when the snow flies.
CDBG: Mr. McCreary said we are expecting the workout equipment to be delivered this week here at the shop, still no word on when they will start the install. I'm sure this will all be weather permitting.

Community Center:

Mr. King presented the Community Center Report which included:

Attendance 10-13-2021 to 11-5-2021:

Euchre during the week days 81 Euchre Friday night 121 Chair Volleyball 15 Bluegrass 170 Country Music 31 Miamitown Seniors 14 Total 432

Rentals: November: Shelter-Closed, Center-2 December: Shelter- Closed, Center-0

Programs: Just a reminder of programs available at the Center Chair Volleyball, Euchre, Bluegrass and Country Music. Call 513-367-6046 for more information.

Committee Reports:

Sewer- Water District

Mr. King sated the next Meeting will be November 23, 2021 here at the Community Center.
Economic Development

Mr. King reported the efforts continue, but nothing new to report.
We Thrive

Mr. pope reported the Committee did not meet in October.

Solid Waste

Mr. Schaible discussed the proposed Rules that a Solid Waste Subcommittee was working of for consideration by the Solid Waste Committee for submission to the Hamilton County Commissioners.

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

Window Replacement at the Administration / Maintenance Building:

After reviewing the proposals, type of material the windows are constructed with and pricing, Mr. King made a motion to approve proposal from Economy Glass in the amount of \$6,460,000.
 Mr. Pope seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

The Ohio Plan Insurance Renewal:

The Board discussed the renewal proposal. Mr. Pope said he had spoke with his insurance agent and felt the renewal was a good value, especially based on the service we receive from the representative. Mr. Schaible said he had the same response from his contacts. Mr. King said the service has been excellent.

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Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Renewal of the Policy with the Ohio Plan. _____

Mr. King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Public Comments:

Mr. Dale Morris. Mr. Morris explained the goals of the group supporting a Convention of the States to reign in the power of the federal government. He explained the process as laid out in the Constitution. He noted that Ohio State representative, Cindy Abrams, is supporting their efforts. He said they have yard signs available if anyone would like to have one.

Mr. Justin Weber. Mr. Weber asked for any help the Township or Sheriff could provide with the residents at 611 Hoooven Rd. He discussed multiple issues with the property. Sgt. Mai discussed the issues and said they would do all they could to provide extra patrols in the area. Mr. Webber said the Hamilton County Health Department had apparently had some success in getting a pile of scrap tires removed, but the other issues continue. Mr. Schaible and Mr. King encouraged him to continue to attend the Township meetings so the Township and Sheriffs Department can work with them.

Mr. George Getz. Mr. Getz also discussed 611 Hoooven. He said the residents of that address were burning things in the yard and blocking the roadway. Mr. King instructed Mr. Getz to call the fire department anytime they have a large fire such as he described. Mr. Getz asked if the Township could pass a Noise Ordinance restricting the time for loud outside events and disturbances. The Board said they would research the possibility. Mr. Pope asked if anyone had spoke with the property owner. Mr. Getz said he thought the owner, a Todd Miller, was the tenant's brother. Mr. King asked about the tires. He stated he was aware of a possible illegal dumping of tire at another site in a dumpster. As the discussion proceeded it seemed the two incidents may be related. Mr. King stated this is why it's important to come to our meetings and let us know what's going on. We may be able to help with two incidents that we would not have known were related.

Mr. Don Lynch. Mr. Lynch asked about his complaint regarding the Community Center County Music Group. Mr. King asked Sgt. Mai if he had found any information regarding the police report. Mr. Lynch said was filed regarding the original incident. Sgt. Mai said he could find no report on file. Mr. Lynch provided the Board with a written list of his position, what he planned to call to report to the Sunday paper. Mr. King presented what he found in his review of the incident as the Community Center Liaison. He said Mr. Lynch had not provided a statement od collaborating statements as of this date. He recommended that Mr. Lynch remain barred from attending functions at the Community Center based on his actions and threats to the Center Staff. Mr. King also noted that Mrs. Hall, the alleged victim of the incident had not provided any statements or told her side of things. He invited her to share her recollection of the incident. She shared her version of the incident. Mr. King extended his apologies to, stating that if this happened, it will not happen again. He then stated to Mr. Lynch that you cannot threaten a Township employee. Mr. Lynch said he turned in 5 pages tonight and wanted the Trustees to review what he provided Mr. Schaible echoed Mr. Kings statement saying if this happened, he is sorry but we cannot tolerate threats to our staff. The issue was tabled until the November meeting.

Executive Session:

None

Comments from the Board:

Mr. King reminded everyone that Halloween Trick or Treat hours are 6-8 PM on October 31.

Mr. Pope noted that Mr. King was again judging Halloween Decor and would be awarding prizes in the Hoooven area for Best Decorations.

Mr. King said he hoped to expand the Christmas competition to Township wide with the help of the other Trustees.

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

Fiscal Officer