

Held July 18, 2022 at the Whitewater Township Community Center 20

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on July 18, 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 June 20, 2022 Regular Trustee Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Motion seconded by Mr. Pope,  
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

**Acceptance of Invoices**

Mr. Pope made a motion to accept the invoices as presented.  
Motion seconded by Mr. King,  
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

**Sheriff's Report**

Sgt. Mai provided the incident reports for the month of June 2022. Mr. Pope asked the Sgt. To have the patrols watch for illegal parking and someone possibly living out of a car at the Bridge over the Dry Fork Creek on Kilby Rd. Mr. Schaible asked that the also check on a homeless camp growing under the interstate Bridge on St. Rt. 128.

**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 began by saying the Miamitown Pet Palazzo was a huge success. Mr. Schaible asked who won the costume and Talent Contests. Ms. Bachman said Mr. Brett's puppy won the costume contest and a dog names Cain won the talent contest. Mr. Brett added that his wife had no trouble spending the prize money with the many vendors who were there. He said the event was well organized and attended by more people than he expected.  
Ms. Bachman reviewed the quotes she had received for the Window Replacement at the Town Hall in Miamitown. The Board asked for some additional Information. She agreed to gather that, saying there was no rush, as they had to raise the funds for the Project.  
The possibility of expanding the Parking on Main Street was discussed. Mr. Schaible said the issue was also upcoming in Mr. McCreary's Maintenance Department Report.

**Mr. George Getz – 612 Hooven Ave. ongoing issues.**

Mr. Getz said fireworks were shot off in the middle of the street around the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. He stated he was fed up with the neighbor's disrespect for rules and laws. He said he has asked the Hamilton County Sheriff's Officers for help for a year and a half and nothing has been done. Mr. Schaible asked Sgt. Mai what the next step is. The Sgt. Said he would ask the Patrol offices to increase their presence in the area again. The Sgt. Also noted that fireworks are now permitted in a person's yard, but not the street due to a recent change in State Law. He also pointed out that the people are responsible for the fallout from those fireworks even if they are originated on their property.

**Township Department Reports:**

**Fire Report:**

**Chief Scott Schorsch reported the following run totals for the month of June, 2022:**  
EMS - 112, Fire - 55, Total: 167. Our emergency runs 2022 Year to Date: EMS – 533, Fire – 244, Total Detail: 777.

**Staffing: Month of February Station Closures: 0 (12-hour shifts), Paramedic Staffing: 100%, 1 Paramedic: 60%, 2 Paramedics: 22%, >2 Paramedics: 18%. 12 hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0**

**The Chief also reported on the following topics:**

**Full Time FF/Medic Vacancy:** The Chief said Full Time testing and interviews have been completed. One applicant was selected to move on in the process to the Psychological Evaluation. Pending those results. (Completed 7/15/2022 – waiting results) He said he would like to recommend Colin Berter, be offered a full-time firefighter/paramedic position with the fire department based on the results of a pre-employment medical exam.

**Staffing: The Chief stated 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 said he**

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recommends we review our hourly rates (full time and part time) and consider a significant increase in order to attract new applicants and retain our current employees.

**Public Relations:** Chief Schorsch said Crews have participated in some block parties and Whitewater Crossing Church picnic days by spraying kids down with water.

**Public Works Department:**

Mr. McCreary was not in attendance. Mr. Schaible read his report which stated:

**Snow removal:** Mr. McCreary reported 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. I have attached the contract to your packet and with your approval I would like to continue using Werbrick Land Scaping for the 2022-2023 season.

**Parking in Miami Town:** Mr. McCreary reported he are still working on the parking area discussed at the last meeting on Main Street in Miami Town as soon as I have more info, I will pass it on to the board.

**Community Center:**

Mr. King provided the Report for the Community Center.

He noted the ballfields were filled with young ball teams this evening when he arrived. He said that baseball is near and dear to him and he was glad to see so many participants using the facility.

**Attendance:** 5-9-2022 to 6-3-2022 was: Euchre during the week days – 108, Euchre Friday night – 173, Chair Volleyball – 57, Miamitown Seniors – 11, Bluegrass - 241, Country Music –32, Total - 596

**Rentals:** July - Shelter-3, Center-1. August - Shelter-0, Center-0. Mr. Pope noted that prior to the meeting he was given an update that the Shelter rentals for August were now up to 5 and Center rentals for August was up to 1.

**Committee Reports:**

**Sewer- Water District**

Mr. Brett reported that the Water – Sewer District agreement for the St. Rt. 128 project had been approved by the County Commissioners at their June 30, 2022 Meeting. He said they approved \$450,000.00 in Capital Improvement Funds for current expenses paid by the Sewer District and to begin Right of Way acquisitions. The final agreement for the Recovery Act funding for Phase 1 of the project will be worked out with a contract forthcoming. That funding is expected to be available before the end of 2022. Mr. Brett thanked Mr. Doug King for his 21 years of service on the Water / Sewer District Board saying Mr. King was a large part of seeing this project come to fruition. Mr. pope added his thanks as well.

**Economic Development**

Mr. King stated letters were going out to Great Oaks Joint Vocation Schools and the Southwest Local School District regarding the TIF are proposed in Miamitown. He said that area should be on the Agenda for approval at the August Board Meeting.

**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 reported that the District meeting had been held July 14-2022. The District budget is in good shape however they asked their Legal Counsel to move from a monthly retainer to an as needed basis due to the lack of legal advice needed. Mr. Bill deters, the Legal Council agreed. He stated that was the only major piece of business at the meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Additional Architect Fees – Station 95 Remodel**

Mr. pope said he had reviewed the contract with the Chief. After the review he said he saw \$2,628.50 of legitimate invoicing. He stated he wants to set up a call with Administrator Westerfeld, Chief Schorsch, Fiscal Officer Brett and Himself to finalize the issue with Mr. Geier.

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**New Business:**

**Tax Budget Approval** – The Tax Budget Hearing Was Held at 6:45 immediately prior to the meeting tonight. There were no comments at that Hearing.

**Mr. King** made a motion accept 2023 Tax Budget.

Motion seconded by **Mr. Pope**,

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

**Resolution 2022-11 - RESOLUTION CREATING A SEPERATE FUND FOR RECEIPTS FROM THE ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT**

Fiscal Officer, Jim Brett explained that the state Auditors Office had suggested every entity, by Resolution, set up a special fund for the receipt and expenditures of the funds received through the OneOhio Agreement. He said it was the first time he had seen a direct request like that from the Auditor of State, and he would have done that anyway, however since the Auditor asked for the resolution, he suggested they pass it.

**Mr. Pope** made a motion approve Resolution 2022-11.

Motion seconded by **Mr. King**,

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

**Hiring of Colin Berter as a Full Time Firefighter / Paramedic**

**Mr. pope** made a motion hire Colin Berter as a Full time Firefighter / Paramedic.

Motion seconded by **Mr. Schaible**,

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

**Fire Levy – Funding for Fire / EMS Services**

**Mr. pope** said after speaking with Fiscal Officer, Jim Brett, he suggested that we review our Fire Levies and conceded renewing the older levies at the current Property Valuation. He said he feels we cannot keep pace with the rising personnel costs we are facing. He said this was just an introductory conversation, and we need to research what the Renewal actually would generate versus asking Voters for a new additional Levy. The Board agreed to discuss this in the coming months.

**Closing of the Alley (Adams Street) Between Hooven and Brotherhood for one day.**

**Mr. king** requested permission to close the Alley, for a Construction Project, for part of one day. He said he would coordinate it with the Sheriff's Department and the Fire department to allow for emergency vehicle access. He stated the closure was to protect the people working at the site. There were no objections and he was offered barricades through the Maintenance department if needed.

**Snow removal:** **Mr. McCreary** had requested the approval of a contract with Werbrick Land Scaping for the 2022-2023 season. The Contract was not available for review, and was tabled until the August Meeting

**Public Comments:**

None

**Comments from the Board:**

None

**Mr. pope** said he had been asked about the County's Mowing schedule and he will ask **Mr. McCreary** to see if they could cut the roadside along Suspension Bridge, Lawrenceburg Rd., Sand Run and Bond Roads.

**Adjournment:**

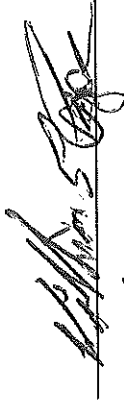
There being no further business to come before the board

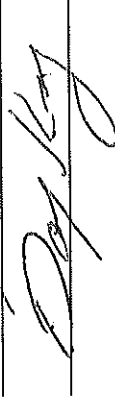
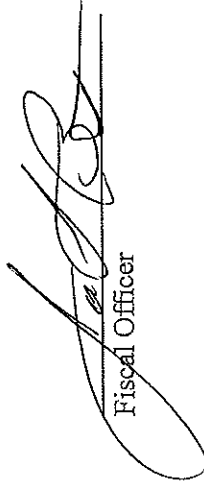
**Mr. Schaible** moved to adjourn.

**Mr. King** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye**

Trustees



Fiscal Officer