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October 18, 2021 at the Whitewater Township Community Center

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on October 18, 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 September 20, 2021 Regular Trustee Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2021 7:17 PM Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,

**Mr. Pope – Yea, Mr. Schaible – Yea, Mr. King abstained.**

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2021 8:30 PM Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,

**Mr. Pope – Yea, Mr. Schaible – Yea, Mr. King abstained.**

**Acceptance of Invoices**

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

Motion seconded by Mr. King,

**Roll Call Vote - All Aye.**

**Sheriff's Report**

Sgt. Mai presented the statistics for the month of September 2021. The Sgt. Discussed a rise in auto thefts, say they seem to be unlocked vehicles and vehicles that the owners had left the key fobs in the vehicle.

Mr. Pope asked Sgt. Mai if they could watch the traffic at Lawrenceburg Rd. and Brooks Rd., saying there seems to be numerous vehicles speeding in the area.

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

**Ms. Amanda Pratt, Rumpke Inc, Bond Rd. Site**

Ms. Pratt, along with Bill Rumpke III, J.C. Westerfeld and Molly Yeager provided an update on progress at the Bond Rd. Site. They presented information on their environmental studies as well as traffic studies for the site. Mr. King asked for a clarification on the traffic study. Mr. Westerfeld stated that the expected number of trucks traveling to the facility would increase the traffic one percent based on their estimate of 40 trucks per day.

The Board thanked Ms. Pratt and Mr. Rumpke for attending the meeting and keeping everyone informed on the progress,

**Township Department Reports:**

**Fire Report:**

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

EMS- 93 , Patients - 88, Transports - 58, Overdoses - 3, Fire - 3 2 , MVA - 1 0 , Total Detail: 125, Narcan Usage: 5.

**Our emergency runs 2021 Year to Date:**

EMS – 922 Patients – 812 Transports –561 Overdoses – 17 Fire – 350 MVA – 102 Total Detail: 1240  
Narcan Usage: 28

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

1 Paramedic: 23% 2 Paramedics: 52% >2 Paramedics: 25% 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:

**Elder Care Connection:**

The Chief reported that Lt. Steve Schmidt had worked to create a contact for elder care issues that the come upon from time to time. Through his efforts we now have a referral service to assist the elderly who are in need of it.

**Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FEMA AFG) –**

I received notice that or FEMA AFG application for the 2020 grant cycle was turned down. For the second year in a row our grant made it all the way through the process but they ran out of money and were unable to fund our application. I am currently working with the grant writers to see what we can do to make our application more appealing. Our project (radios) is a high priority item. The next application period is getting ready to open up at any time.

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**Public Works Department:**

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

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**Community Center:**

**Mr. King presented the Community Center Report which included:**

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Country Music 42 Miamitown Seniors 13 Total 531

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

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The Committee is also working on our community clean-up that is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and the roadside litter clean-up. A date has yet to be set for this event, however, we are probably looking at Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A couple of our team members attended a meeting of the Miamitown Business Association to discuss both clean up events. She said she is pleased to say that attendees of the meeting were very interested in becoming involved with both the community clean-up and roadside litter cleanup events.

**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 \$6,460.00.  
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.  
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 Hooven 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 Sheriff's Department can work with them.

**Mr. George Getz.** Mr. Getz also discussed 611 Hooven. 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 of 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.

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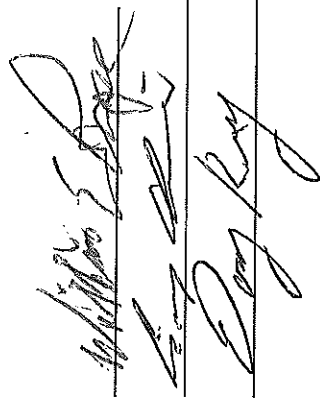
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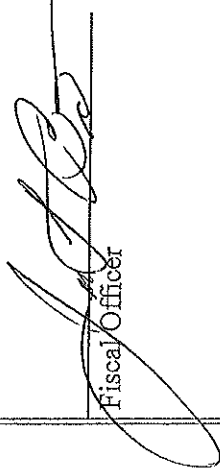
Mr. King reminded everyone that Halloween Trick or Treat hours are 6-8 PM on October 31.  
Mr. Pope noted that Mr. King was again judging Halloween Décor and would be awarding prizes in the Hcoven area for Best Decorations.  
Mr. King said he hoped to expand the Christmas competition to Township wide 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