

Held May 16, 2022 at the Whitewater Township Community Center

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The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on May 16, 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 April 18, 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. Schaible,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Mai provided the incident reports for the month of April 2022. Mr. Pope discussed email complaints he had forwarded to Sgt. Mai regarding ongoing issues on Hooven Ave.

Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda

Ms. Diane Bachman – Miamitown Improvement and Civic Association - Upcoming Events

Ms. Bachman reminded everyone about the "Miamitown Pet Palooza" with the SPCA on June 25 and 26, 2022. She said the event planning was going very well. She asked about the electric service that is located on the light poles on Hill Street. Mr. McCreary said they are controlled with a main breaker, but he recalled the service only being a 30-amp service. Mr. King said he had no issue with the service being used for the Pet Palooza event provided the service is sufficient for their needs. Mr. Pope added that anyone using the service should have a GFIC Hook up for their individual unit.

Ms. Bachman also asked about revamping Main Street to set up parking similar to Ferry Street. She asked Mr. Brett if he recalled the original plans for the area when Ferry Street was revamped. Mr. Brett said it was the original intention to redo both streets with an island in the middle, with parking on both sides. While laying out Ferry street it was determined there was not room to add the island. Main Street was not engineered due to a lack of funding at the time. She asked the Board if they could explore the option of revamping Main Street. Mr. Pope suggested getting an aerial view of the street and doing a markup. Mr. King added that we should start taking small steps to upgrade the area.

Township Department Reports:

Fire Report:

Chief Scott Schorsch was not in attendance. Mr. pope read his report which included the following information:

Run totals for the month of April, 2022: EMS - 85, Fire - 43 Total: 128. Our emergency runs 2022 Year to Date: EMS - 328, Fire - 138, Total Detail: 466.

Staffing: Month of February Station Closures: 0 (12-hour shifts), Paramedic Staffing: 100%, 1 Paramedic: 22%, 2 Paramedics: 52%, >2 Paramedics: 26%. 12 hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0

Full Time FF/Medic Vacancy: The Chief's report stated Matt Black has resigned from the department and his last day was May 9. This creates a vacancy in the full-time staff and he would like permission to proceed with a full-time hiring process to fill this vacancy.

Hooven Station Remodeling Project -- The Chief reported the projected is almost complete. The contractor is still waiting on the delivery of some doors to finalize the project. The final with the building department was completed and the occupancy permit has been issued

Public Works Department:

Mr. McCreary reported on the Township Cleanup Day:

He stated Cleanup Day once again was a success saying we filled all the general trash containers here at the center along with two containers in Miami Town, the tire dumpsters were filled and no one had to be turned away. He said he would like to thank Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for the tire dumpsters. We filled 2 tire Dumpsters this year they provided.

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He said the volume overflowed the metal dumpster and 6 trash dumpsters were filled at the Community Center. 2 trash dumpsters were filled in Miamitown He thanked everyone who chipped in and helped.

He stated the cost for the cleanup was as followed.

Mailers \$888.26

Trash Dumpster which includes a \$180.00 mattress fee was \$4140.00

Total \$5028.26

He said we received a donation from Chevron of \$3500.00, leaving a cost of \$1528.26 from the Township.

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: 4-12-2022 to 5-6-2022 was: Euchre during the week days – 87, Euchre Friday

night – 109, Chair Volleyball – 27, Bluegrass - 196, Country Music –44, Total - 463

Rentals: May - Shelter-1, Center-1. June - Shelter-4, Center-0.

Mr. Pope noted that the Chevron CAP Meeting was held the same night as Country Music. He said the facility was packed with people enjoying the evening. Mr. King

Committee Reports:

Sewer- Water District

Mr. Brett reported that they continue negotiations with MSD and Hamilton County for the St. Rt. 128 Project. The Water / Sewer District Regular Meeting is the fourth Tuesday of the month, which is May 24, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. here at the Community Center.

Economic Development

Mr. King stated work continued on Miamitown and St. Rt. 128. He said the entire Miamitown area is in play for the current programs being discussed. Ms. Bachman added that two new businesses will be opening soon in Miamitown.

We Thrive

Mr. Pope read Ms. Sharon Lutz's report on the activities over the past month. Those included the April 23rd the WeTHRIVE! Team's Whitewater Township roadside litter cleanup. Ms. Lutz was very pleased to say that it was a huge success. There were 29 volunteers that collected a LOT of litter. This year the Miamitown area had a great turnout thanks to Diane Bachman. Her group of 10 of the volunteers gathered up 2 ½ pickup truck loads in the Miamitown area! The remaining 18 volunteers concentrated on Cilley, Suspension Bridge, and parts of Lawrenceburg, Kilby and Sand Run Roads. Dozens of bags were filled. We were very fortunate that Cilley Road was closed to traffic during that time. She noted that while cleaning Cilley Road, one of the volunteers found a handgun. We called the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and they arrived to gather it. The officer stated that he believed it to be the weapon that had been used in a shooting last year. On Saturday, April 30th, the Whitewater Township Community Cleanup Day was a great success as Mr. McCreary had discussed earlier.

Solid Waste

Mr. Schaible said there was nothing new to report at this time.

WestJAD

Mr. Pope said there was nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business:

Additional Architect Fees – Station 95 Remodel

Mr. Pope said since the Chief was not in attendance, he would like to discuss the extra fees with him before finalizing a decision. Mr. Schaible said he could understand a slight increase for unforeseen issues, perhaps in the 10% to 15% range, but not the amount Mr. Geier was asking for. Mr. Pope added that he would have expected a change order request for the additional work. Mr. King agreed and thanked Mr. Pope and Mr. Schaible for their experience with project bidding and change orders, saying their experience was a valuable asset to the Township.

Employee Police Revisions

The board had discussed revisions to the current Employee Policy at the April Meeting. Mr. King said it appeared to him that we are down to the Holiday's for non-union - full time employees. He stated he would accept keeping the current Good Friday exchange if everyone else was agreeable.

Mr. Pope moved to approve the revisions to the Employee Policy as presented by the Administrator.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

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New Business:

Full Time Vacancy – Fire Department

Based on the Chief's request:

Mr. Pope moved to have the Chief begin the process to fill the vacancy.

Mr. King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Public Comments:

NONE.

Comments from the Board:

Mr. King noted that several properties in the Hooven area and St Rt 128 area were being brought to his attention. He stated the Board was going to be forced to take action if the owners did not clean up their properties. Mr. Brett updated the status of the St Rt 128 property, saying the Township Legal Council was working with the County Board of Health to move the cleanup along. Mr. Pope added that he was willing to address the property on Monroe in Hooven because of Mr. King living near the home. Ms. Westerfeld reminded everyone that all items on the Property must be identified before being removed during a cleanup.




Adjournment:

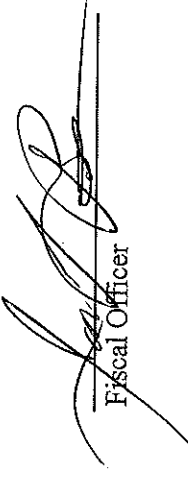
There being no further business to come before the board

Mr. Pope moved to adjourn.

Mr. King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

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