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February 15, 2021 via electronic communications - Zoom Platform

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on February 15, 2021. Board President, Mr. William Pope called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 February 15, 2021 Regular Trustee Meeting Motion seconded by Mr. Pope,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2021 Special Meeting. 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.

Sheriffs Report

Sgt. Mai presented the statistics for the month of January 2021. He stated he did not have complete numbers due to the conversion the Sheriff's Department is going through in its reporting and storage system.

The Sgt. Reported that the calls for Service monthly had been sent to Administrator, Peggy westerfeld, for dissemination to the Board.

Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda

Mr. Scott Huber, Abercrombie & Associates, Inc., Jeff Pence and Mr. Jeff Reynolds - Southern Estates. Mr. Huber explained the concept of a Development that Southern Estates is proposing for a site on Harrison Ave, just west of Buena Vista Drive on the South side of Harrison Avenue. The Developer is requesting that the township accept the Roadways as Township Streets.

A discussion was held regarding the development and why the Township would the Trustees would consider accepting the roadways in a private development. The Board asked for additional information from the Developers and their Engineer. They agreed to consider the additional information at a future meeting.

Township Department Reports:

Fire Report:

Chief Scott Schorsch reported the following run totals for the month of January 2021 / Year To Date: EMS- 86, Patients - 79, Transports - 63, Overdoses - 0, Fire - 31, MVA - 11, Total Detail: 120, Narcan Usage: 3.

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

1 Paramedic: 23%, 2 Paramedics: 52%, >2 Paramedics: 26%, 12 hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0

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

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The Chief Reported on the following topics

Full Time Testing: Was posted on February 8th with resumes due be February 19th. A written test and interviews will be conducted on February 24th. This process will replace two (possibly three) upcoming full-time vacancies. This process is only open to current department members.

Officer Promotional Process: The Chief sent recommendations for promotions to the Township Administrator and it my understanding she forwarded those to the Board. If there are no questions or discussion regarding the candidates, the Chief requested approval from the Board to promote the candidates to the rank of Lieutenant within the fire department effective February 22, 2021.

Lexipol Proposal: The Chief had sent the Proposal to the Board for consideration prior to the meeting. He explained the proposal as follows: Our Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) within the fire department are outdated. Keeping policies/procedures up to date is never ending battle. The way we conduct business changes year to year and keeping up with the times regarding policies/procedures is another huge challenge. We have been working over the years to update them, add new policies/procedures and throwing the Collective Bargaining Units on top of that makes it very difficult. Lexipol provides risk management solution services to

public safety organizations and local governments. Their team of professionals specializes in public safety law, policy training, mental health and grants.

Thursday (2/11) met with a representative from Lexipol to discuss what they can do for us. Working with their team of experts they can help us bring our SOPs up to date with current polices/procedures that coincide with NFPA, NIOSH and OSHA Standards along with Federal, State and Local Laws and best practices in today's fire service. Being a member of the Ohio Plan gives us a 10% yearly discount for their service. Also, we will get an additional 3-year discount (50%, 30%, 20%) reimbursement from the Ohio Plan. Yearly cost- \$6079. (With 10% discount- \$5471.) 1st year - \$2735.50, 2nd Year - \$3827.70, 3rd Year \$4376.80. After the 3rd year the 10% discount still applies. (These costs projections are based with no annual increase) Contracts are annual. If the Board has had adequate time to review the proposal and sample documents that was sent to them, I would like to recommend we sign up with Lexipol to update the Fire Department SOPs.

Hooven Station Renovations: The Chief updated the Board on the progress on the ongoing renovations at the Hooven Station. At this point he stated we are in need of construction drawings so we can proceed with the process to hire a contractor to perform the rest of the renovation work.

The roof replacements have been completed at the Hooven and E-Town stations.

Public Works Department:

Public Works Director Mr. Josh McCreary was not in attendance. Mr. Schaible read Public Works Director, Mr. Josh McCreary's Report which included:

Lawn care Maintenance: Mr. McCreary stated Rouse Brothers have been doing the lawn care maintenance

for the Township the last few years, I would like to continue using Rouse Brothers for the 2021 season. I have attached the 2021 quote from Rouse Brothers and prices will stay the same as last year with no increases. They will also be adding the 105 station along with the Historical society free of charge.

John Deere Tractor Replacement: He announced that the new John Deere has been delivered, and with permission from the board he would like to put the old Deere on the auction site.

Covid 19 Grant: Mr. McCreary reported that he and Administrator, Peggy Westerfeld are working on the CBDG Covid Grant which has to be completed and paid for by the end of September. Ms. Westerfeld has been submitting all the information to Community Block Development Grant (CDBG). These are the projects we have been awarded 1. Picnic tables at the shelter and ball fields along with benches at the playground and new trash cans 2. Fencing to be removed and

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replaced at the ball fields along with new back stops 3. Concrete to meet ADA requirements at the playground area here at the Center and 4. A new playground to be erected (place to be determined). We are working on these projects one at a time starting with the fence and the picnic tables, and will continue with the rest as we receive more quotes.

Community Center:

The facility remains closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Committee Reports:**Sewer- Water District**

Fiscal Office, Jim Brett reported that the St. Rt. 128 Project is continuing to progressing as expected.

Economic Development

Mr. King announced that he and Fiscal officer Jim Brett had met with Melissa Johnson, Executive Vice President, of the Cincinnati Port Authority along with several Staff members to discuss opportunities to work together on projects in our Township. He requested that Ms. Westerfeld put together a list of vacant properties that are also on our Nuisance List. He said the Port may be able to assist in funding the cleanup of those properties. Mr. King also stated that he and Mr. Brett had met with Cincinnati Redi. Cincinnati Redi works with the State in our region to assist companies looking for properties that also would bring jobs to the area. He said they will be working together as we move forward.

Old Business:

Mound Street Deed Execution Approval: The deed for the vacated portion of Mound Street in Elizabethtown was prepared by the Township Legal Counsel.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the deed for execution.

Mr. Pope seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Neyer Plumbing Mining Permit - Elizabethtown The Board discussed the information obtained at the Zoom Meeting with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. No action was required by the Board.

New Business:

Southern Estates: The Board tabled the issue in expectation of additional information from the developer.

Rouse Brothers Lawn Care Contract:

Mr. King made a motion to approve the extension of the contract.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye**Fire Department Lt. Promotions**

After a discussion of the applicants:

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Lt. positions as submitted by the Chief.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Lexipol FD Proposal: After a discussion of the proposal the Board agreed to Table the proposal.

Sale of the Used John Deere Tractor

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the sale of the surplus tractor.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

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Comments from the Board

Mr. Pope noted that the Board was gathering information about the Rumpke acquisition of property adjacent to the existing Landfill on Bond Rd.

Mr. King said he has a meeting scheduled with Bill and Jeff Rumpke to discuss their plans.

Executive Session

Mr. Pope moved to enter an Executive Session to discuss disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action at 8:09 PM.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Mr. Pope moved to return to Regular Session at 8:37 PM.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

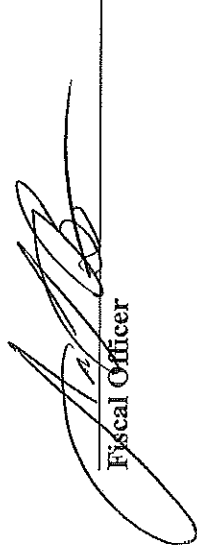
Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the board

Mr. Pope moved to adjourn.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye



Fiscal Officer

Trustees

