

Held August 16, 2021 at the Whitewater Township Community Center

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on August 16, 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 July 19, 2021 Regular Trustee Meeting Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

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 July 2021. Mr. Pope noted that he had been told of people camping at the Rosealta Park in Elizabethtown. Sgt. Mai said they would check the park more frequently as part of their normal rounds.

Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda

NONE

Township Department Reports:

Fire Report:

Chief Scott Schorsch reported the following run totals for the month of July 2021:
EMS- 107, Patients - 91, Transports - 62, Overdoses - 3, Fire - 44, MVA - 8, Total Detail: 156,

Narcan Usage: 3.

Our emergency runs 2021 Year to Date:

EMS - 678 Patients - 636 Transports - 423 Overdoses - 10 Fire - 73 MVA - 72

Total Details: 951 Narcan Usage: 20

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

1 Paramedic: 21% 2 Paramedics: 44% >2 Paramedics: 35% 12 hour shifts without

a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0

We still continue to utilize WestJAD with supplemental medic coverage as needed.

The Chief Reported on the following topics:

Hooven Remodel Project: They met with the architect last week to review the drawings. Some revisions are in order and then they will be taken to the Hamilton County Building Department for approval. Once the drawings are approved and the bid package is completed it can be sent out for bid to the contractors.

Storage Building Fire: As of this report the Chief said he had not received any report from the State Fire Marshall's Office regarding cause and origin. He is working with the Township's insurance company and adjustor to replace our equipment that was damaged or destroyed at the fire.

Water Rescue: On Saturday, July 24, crews were called to the Whitewater River in the area of US 50 for a person in the water in distress. Our crews were wrapping up a vehicle fire when the call came in. Crews from Colerain Township, Ross Township, City of Harrison, City of Cincinnati, and Miami Township initially responded to the area. Boat crew from Colerain Township and the City of Cincinnati deployed into the water and were able to locate the victim and perform a very dangerous but successful report. This rescue was a direct result from the years of training and collaboration the Swift Water Rescue Committee has worked towards. I would like to thank all of the departments and personnel involved for their dedication and hard work over the years.

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Part Time Union Contract: The Chief reported that we have reached an agreement on the union contract and the new contract was approved by the part time union members. This is a 3-year contract that will expire in April of 2024.

Public Works Department:

Public Works Director Mr. Josh McCreary Reported on the following items:

CDBG: All of the projects to due with the CDBG COVID 19 GRANT has been completed. The picnic tables, trash cans, and the ADA compliant sidewalks at the shelter along with the back stops at the ball fields here at the center. We are still waiting to here back on the walking trial and work out equipment. Peggy or I will let the board know when we know more.

River Park: The walking path leading down to the fishing dock has been blocked off with a 2'x6' foot cement block so that no vehicles my drive down, the walkway is open to for foot traffic only.

Crack Sealing: Mr. McCreary said he is attempting to get together three quotes to crack seal behind the shop and most of Glendower Place. He said when he has received all three quotes, he will forward this information to the board.

Community Center:

Mr. King presented the Community Center Report which included:

Attendance 7-9-2021 to 8-5-2021:

Euclere during the week days 98 Euclere Friday night 129 Chair Volleyball 25

Bluegrass 198 Country Music 46 Total 512

Rentals: August - Shelter- 3, Center-0

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

Mr. King added that an issue with an attendee at the Bluegrass Music Night had been brought to his attention. The township received a complaint about an alleged incident at the Center. Mr. King asked that the complainant's name be withheld from the record as a courtesy at this time. Mr. King stated he had spoken with those involved. He requested all parties involved to provide their account of the incident in writing in order for him to conduct a thorough review of the complaint. He said he received a detailed response from the Bluegrass Organizers, Administrator Peggy Westerfeld, and Community Center Attendant, Carylon Gillespie, who attends the Bluegrass night as a community member. Mr. King said the complainant did not respond to the request for their account and did not provide any supporting statements from witnesses they had said would support their version of events. Based on the information Mr. King received, he said he felt the individual should be banned from the Center. He suggested that the Board allow the complainant to address the Board if they wished to appeal the decision. The Board agreed with Mr. King's recommendation. Sgt. Mai was asked to make the Patrol Officers working in the Township know about the situation.

Committee Reports:

Sewer- Water District

Fiscal Officer, Jim Breit noted that the Selhorst Development discussed at the July Meeting and an extension of sanitary sewers by resident's request on Buena Vista were the current topics, along with the St. Rt. 128 project.

Economic Development

Mr. King said the discussion with Mr. Selhorst and the 128 Corridor continues to be the focus for Economic Development.

We Thrive

Mr. Pope read Ms. Sharon Lutz's report which stated that during the past month she had continued working on opportunities to reduce landfill waste produced in our Township. She is looking forward to presenting a full report at the next meeting on Monday, September 20th.

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Old Business:

Employee Reviews - Compensation Reviews.

The Board agreed to move to an Executive Session at a later point in the meeting to discuss this item.

Part Time Firefighter Union Contract.

After a discussion of the changes in the final version of the contract:

Mr. Pope moved to Approve Resolution 2021-10.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

New Business:

NONE

Public Comments:

Elsie (Sissy) Gable asked about the replacement of missing Township and Blue Jay signs on West Rd. Public Works director, Mr. Josh McCreary said he had the Township Signs in stock but he was unsure if the Blue Jay Signs were placed by the Township. He will work with Administrator, Peggy Westerfeld and get the replacement signs.

Executive Session:

Mr. Schaible moved to enter an Executive Session for the purpose of considering the compensation of the public employees of Whitewater Township at 7:25 PM.

Mr. Pope seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Mr. Pope moved to return to Regular Session at 7:51 PM.

Mr. King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

The Board returned to the earlier tabled discussion regarding Employee Compensation Reviews. The Board discussed Pay Rates, Pay Scales and future compensation possibilities for employees. After the discussion,

Mr. Pope moved to grant a pay increase of 1% to the Following Employees; Fire Chief Scott Schorsch, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Siefke, Administrator Peggy Westerfeld, Public Works Director Josh McCreary and Community Center Attendant Carylon Gillespie, along with a one-time pay adjustment / bonus of \$1000.00 for Fire Chief Scott Schorsch, Administrator Peggy Westerfeld and Public Works Director Josh McCreary and a one-time pay adjustment / bonus of \$300.00 for Assistant Fire Chief Mike Siefke and Community Center Attendant Carylon Gillespie.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Comments from the Board:

Mr. Pope noted that Garvel-rama 50 was set to kick off next weekend.

Mr. King said the 50th Annual Gravel-rama Parade is scheduled for Wednesday and the 50th Anniversary events scheduled included an appearance by "Big Foot" Monster Truck and the Puerto Rican Race team would be here for the races. He said the entertainment was set up to accommodate a larger crowd and he expected the event to draw more visitors than ever!

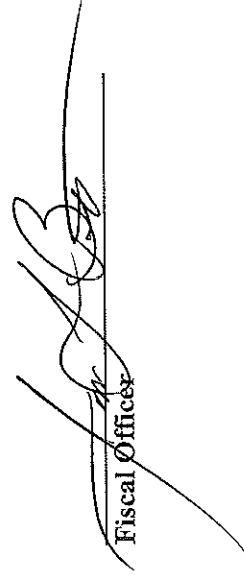
Adjournment:

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

