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Held June 20, 2022 at the Whitewater Township Community Center 20

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on June 20, 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 May 16, 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. Albert provided the incident reports for the month of May 2022. Sgt. Albert also said he had discussed issues regarding 612 Hooven Rd. with a resident prior to the meeting. He said he would have the patrol officers watch the area.

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 they would not be using the electric service on the poles on Ferry street and chose not to have a temporary service set up for the event. She thanked Mr. McCreary in advance for agreeing to provide barricades to close of the roads.

Mr. Justin Weber – 612 Hooven Ave.

Mr. Weber began by apologizing for the attitude and tone of an email he had sent to the Board prior to the meeting, saying he was frustrated and did not intend to take that tone. He discussed the issues with the residents at 612 Hooven Rd. He asked about a Noise Ordinance for the Township. Mr. Schaible stated a Noise Ordinance is very difficult to enforce because of the burden of proof. Mr. Pope said the situation is somewhat similar to the Rumpke situation. He said while the Trustees want to do something there is only a limited amount they can do. In this case, since the Trustees do not have Police Powers, we can only work with the Sheriff's department to address the issue. He also said we have all had bad neighbors and he see's this situation ending up as a Civil matter between neighbors in Court. Mr. King reported he was involved in an incident with the Quad's being driven in the streets the night before. He said he and the other Trustees were doing all they can to assist with the problem. Mr. McCreary said the Township right of way had been surveyed and marked off and he was in contact with the residents in question regarding their riding Quads on the property.

The Honorable Jill Schiller, Treasurer, Hamilton County – Treasurer's Office and Real Estate Tax Payment Overview.

Treasure Schiller presented a power point overview of the Recorders Office responsibilities and how they can assist taxpayers with both current and past due tax accounts.

Township Department Reports:

Fire Report:

Chief Scott Schorsch reported the following run totals for the month of May, 2022:

EMS - 93, Fire – 51 Total: 146. Our emergency runs 2022 Year to Date: EMS – 421, Fire – 189, Total Detail: 610.

Staffing: Month of February Station Closures: 0 (12-hour shifts), Paramedic Staffing: 100%, 1 Paramedic: 32%, 2 Paramedics: 54%, >2 Paramedics: 23%. 12 hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0

The Chief also reported on the following topics:

Full Time FF/Medic Vacancy: Full Time testing has been setup for June 24th at 9:00am. The application deadline is June 20, 2022, at 4:00pm. He stated they have 7 Applications, 5 from our Department and 2 from other departments.

Hooven Station Remodeling Project – The projected is almost complete. The contractor is still waiting on the delivery of some doors to finalize the project. We are still waiting on office furniture delivery.

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Public Works Department:

Mr. McCreary was not in attendance. Mr. Schaible read his report which stated: Mr. McCreary had contacted Brennan Electric to find out if we could use the lamp post on Ferry Street, after talking with Kenny, he was informed that the 30 AMP breaker would not supply what they would need for the event. They suggested that they use a breaker panel like they did for the Bicentennial. The cost to hook this up would be around \$1000.00 dollars. (The 30 AMP breaker is on a loop running all 8 lights.)

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 – 81, Euchre Friday night – 138, Chair Volleyball – 57, Miamitown Seniors – 4, Bluegrass - 161, Country Music –43, Total - 484

Rentals: June - Shelter-8, Center-1. July - Shelter-3, Center-1.

Mr. Pope noted that the Chevron CAP Meeting was held the same night as Country Music. He

Committee Reports:

Sewer- Water District

Mr. Brett reported that the Water – Sewer District Attorney had attended the Hamilton County Commissioner's Work Session Meeting held today. He reported that the St. Rt. 128 Project was explained to the Commissioner's and they had voted unanimously to support the project at the upcoming Commissioners Meeting to be held June 30, 2022. The agreement calls for approximately \$500,000 from the past Capital Improvement Project Fund Commitment and part from the Current CIP Fund to pay for already incurred expenses and to acquire Easements. An additional 4,500,000 would be funded from the American Recovery Act Funds received by the County. This will finance Phase 1 of the project and the Sewer District will work towards funding for Phase 2 funding that is acceptable to the county for the next phase of the project. The Water / Sewer District Regular Meeting was moved to June 14, last week in order for the Water Sewer Board to approve their end of the Agreement. The next meeting is the fourth Tuesday of the month of July, which is July 26, 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 has letters to be sent to the Southwest Local School District and Great Oaks Joint Vocational District to start the process of forming a JEDD in the Miamitown Area, in particular the area where Anderson Heating and Cooling is building their new facility on St. Rt. 128.

We Thrive

Mr. Pope reported the Committee is recessing for the summer.

Solid Waste

Mr. Schaible said everything is quiet for the moment on the Rumpke Bond Rd. Project and he had nothing further to report.

WestJAD

Mr. Pope said the quarterly WestJAD Board meeting would be held July 14th, at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the WestJAD Offices located in the bottom level of the Miamitown Town Hall.

Old Business:

Additional Architect Fees -- Station 95 Remodel

The Chief had forwarded an email to the Board from Mr. Grier regarding the additional charges he is requesting payment for. Mr. King said he was willing to look at it but he needed to understand why the original Bid was off by such a large amount. Mr. Schaible said he could understand some charges and additional charges, saying 15% or 20% was what he thought a project could be reasonably charged, but not 100%. Mr. Brett suggested a conference call be set up to finalize the matter with Mr. Grier. Mr. Pope said he would set up a call with Administrator Westerfeld, Chief Schorsch, Fiscal officer Brett and Himself. Mr. King suggested he ask our legal council to sit in if he feels it is necessary.

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New Business:**Employee Reviews and Salaries**

Mr. Schaible suggested we table this until after an Executive Session to discuss the compensation of public employees.

Tax Budget Hearing - Suggested for 6:45 PM July 18, 2022 Immediately prior to the July Regular Meeting

Mr. Pope made a motion to set the Tax Budget Hearing for 6:45 PM July 18, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Public Comments:

None

Executive Session:

Mr. Pope moved to enter an executive session in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22: (1) To consider the compensation of public employees who are full time, non-union Township Employees at 7:47 PM,
Motion seconded by Mr. King,
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Mr. Schaible moved to return to Regular Session at 8:28 PM
Motion seconded by Mr. Pope
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

The New Business item of Employee Salaries and Reviews was brought up for discussion. The Board discussed percentage raises vs a set amount and merit increase vs cost of living increases. Mr. Brett suggested which ever way the Board decides to set the amounts at an even amount to make payroll easier to review, for example if they are considering a four-cent increase, round it to 5 cents.

After discussion Mr. Schaible suggested setting the salaries at the following amounts:

Fire Chief, Scott Schorsch - \$75,500 Annually as a Salary, Administrator Peggy Westerfeld - 52,000 Annually as a Salary, Maintenance Director, Josh McCreary at \$25.00 per hour and Community Center Director, Carylon Gillespie at \$11.00 per Hour. The Board discussed the amounts. After the Discussion:

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Employee Salaries as:

Fire Chief, Scott Schorsch - \$75,500 Annually as a Salary, Administrator Peggy Westerfeld - 52,000 Annually as a Salary, Maintenance Director, Josh McCreary at \$25.00 per hour and Community Center Director, Carylon Gillespie at \$11.00 per Hour.
Motion seconded by Mr. King
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Comments from the Board:

None

Chief Schorsch added that he wanted to congratulate Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Officer Swearingen on his retirement. He is Firefighter Troy Swearingen's father.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the board

Mr. King moved to adjourn.

Mr. Pope seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Trustees

Fiscal Officer