

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Regular

Meeting

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BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8034 FORM NO. 10-148

Held

April 19, 2021

via electronic communications – Zoom Platform

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on April 19, 2021. Board President, Mr. William Pope called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call – Mr. Schaible, yea; Mr. Pope, yea; Mr. King, yea.

Regular Meeting Agenda:

Mr. Schaible made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular Trustee Meeting

Motion seconded by Mr. King,

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.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Mai presented his report which included the Report Totals for the Month of April. 38 total Reports were taken and 19 were cleared by the Sheriff's Department.

Public Presentations and Public That Requested To Be On The Agenda

None.

At this time Board President, Mr. Pope requested that the Board amend the Agenda and move Public Comments to the current position in the meeting to accommodate the guests who are here to discuss the Rumpke – Bond Rd. Landfill Boundary Expansion Permit.

There being no objections, Mr. Pope asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

Mr. Schaible, The Board Liaison for Solid Waste stated that he would like to address some of the many questions the Board had received both via email and those he had noted while following several social media outlets.

Mr. Schaible provided details on multiple issues and rumors that were in the emails and on-line outlets. Among those he states: 1) The landfill was opened in the early 1960's so for those who thought the current Board of Trustees allowed it to be placed there, they are incorrect. 2)

Whitewater Township is Unzoned, so no one on the Board approved a zone change to allow the proposed expansion. 3) Many people asked why the Board allowed Rumpke to purchase the property to which Mr. Schaible stated no one has to ask the Board of Trustees to allow them to purchase property in the Township, no matter if it's a home, business or simply open property.

4) He knows of no one in the Township, including the Trustees that want to see the landfill expanded. He touched on numerous other items as well.

Public Comments

Mr. Berry Fury, a Bond Rd Resident, stated that he worked on the last Zoning Proposal in the Township. He feels the outcome would be different if it was introduced today. He asked for clarification on the Tipping Fee the township receives from Municipal Solid Waste Landfills. He was informed it was \$0.25 per ton.

Ms. Carrie Davis, a resident of Colerain Township, stated the Solid Waste Authority has the authority to decide where a landfill can go. She discussed issues Colerain Township has had with the Rumpke MSW Landfill in Colerain and said they should be required to fix their problems at the Colerain Site before a permit is approved to expand the Bond Road Site. Ms.

Davis asked that the Board request legal help from the County Commissioners as well as their support on preventing the expansion. Mr. Pope stated that Fiscal Officer, Jim Brett had

contacted Commissioner Driehaus and ask him to expand on that conversation. Mr. Brett

explained that due to the Sunshine Laws in Ohio Board members cannot share Township

Business Information without having a Meeting. Therefore Mr. Brett and Administrator

Westerfeld communicate with contacts so the information can be shared with the Board. Mr.

Brett stated that the conversation with Ms. Driehaus was very positive and she indicated she would help in any way to assure that everything possible is required of Rumpke in this process.

Mr. Tim Mara, a Board Member of the Oxbow Conservatory, stated that he and their Board

President, Mr. Jon Seymore, were both in attendance to request the Townships support in

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making sure that all avenues would be explored to make sure that the site was not detrimental to the water Quality in the Whitewater River.

Mr. Ben Blue, a resident of Bright Indiana, expressed his concerns about the truck traffic on Sand Run Rd. and the housing developments near the site.

Mr. Ryan Huffman. A resident of Greendale Indiana, expressed his concern about the proximity of the proposed expansion are to the Dearborn County Grade School on State Line Rd.

Mr. Chaz Craft, a resident of Harrison Township expressed his concerns about the effect on the entire region

Mr. Berry Fury, a Bond Rd. Resident, expressed his concerns about Blasting similar to that process used in Colerain Township, having an effect on neighboring homes. He stated that neighbors of the Colerain Twp. Landfill were told “Tough Luck” when they had problems related to blasting.

Niki Ferneding, a resident of Bond Rd. stated she had been a member of the RALLE (Residents Against Local Landfill Expansions) when Rumpke purchased the original site. She said trucks coming in and out of the existing site were spilling grey matter on the roadways making them extremely dangerous. She stated the Ohio EPA told her to get samples and they would investigate the material.

Mr. Berry Fury expressed his disappointment in the response he had received from our Representative Cindy Abrams, State Representatives. Fiscal Officer, Mr. Jim Brett, said he would call her and let her know about his concerns.

There being no one wishing to make further comments, the Board returned to the Regular Agenda Items.

Township Department Reports:

Fire Report:

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

EMS – 86,

Patients – 82, Transports – 59, Overdoses – 0, Fire – 34, MVA – 10, Total Detail: 120, Narcan Usage: 1.

Our emergency runs 2021 Year to Date: EMS –273, Patients – 253, Transports – 175, Overdoses – 0,

Fire – 94, MVA –300, Total Detail: 367, Narcan Usage: 5

Staffing: Month of March: Station Closures: 2 (12-hour shifts), Paramedic Staffing: 97%,

1 Paramedic: 21%, 2 Paramedics: 50%, >2 Paramedics: 26%, 12 hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 2

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

The chief stated the full-time hiring process: stands as follows, the three full time candidates have passed the medical and psychological evaluations and have started working in the full-time capacity as of April 5, 2021.

Lexipol Proposal: The chief asked if there was any further discussion on this proposal. He stated that if there no further discussion he would like to request approval to start using this service. The Board discussed the proposal and will take it up under Old Business.

The Chief Reported that the new engine is complete and has arrived at Vogelpohl Fire Equipment in Northern Kentucky. He said while it is there all of the tool mounting hardware will be installed once that is completed, we will take delivery and start training before placing the engine in service.

Public Works Department:

Public Works Director Mr. Josh McCreary was not in attendance. Mr. Schaible presented the Public Works Report which included:

Clean up day: Just a reminder the Annual Township Clean-up day will be held on April 24 2021 from (9am till 3pm) or until full. We will be receiving three dumpsters through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for tires thanks to the funding from the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District along with one scrap container that will be donated from E-Town Recycling. We also will be using Cincy Disposal for the (7) general trash containers. All upholstered material must be wrapped in plastic such as couches mattresses chairs ext.

CBDG: Peggy and Josh are continuing to move forward on the CDBG CARES ACT COVID 19 Grant they have awarded Mills fence for the ball fields, Kane concrete for the ADA

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sidewalks at the shelter and playground, along with Global Industrial for the trash cans and picnic tables. Peggy and I will continue to keep the board updated as the projects start to fall into place.

Parks: The parks in the Township have all been open and are ready for the 2021 season.

Community Center:

The facility remains closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Board discussed the parameters the State has to reopen facilities,

Committee Reports:

Sewer – Water District

Fiscal Office, Jim Brett reported things are progressing, but nothing to report.

Economic Development

Mr. King reported that things are in the works but nothing to discuss at this time.

We Thrive

Mr. Pope reported that Sharon Lutz could not be held back by the COVID-19 Issues. The We Thrive Committee had set up a litter pickup day and has other events in the planning stages.

Old Business:

State Line Marker:

Administrator westerfeld reported that The Miami Historical Society was looking at other locations for placement of the Marker at this time. They will keep in contact with us on the possible locations.

Lexipol Contract- Fire Department:

After the discussion during the Fire Department Report by Chief Schorsch, Mr. Pope moved to approve the 3-year agreement with Lexipol for the Fire Department.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Rumpke – Bond Road Landfill Permit Modification:

There was no further discussion based on the Public Comments and the Statements previously made by the Board.

New Business:

None

Comments from the Board

NONE

Adjournment:

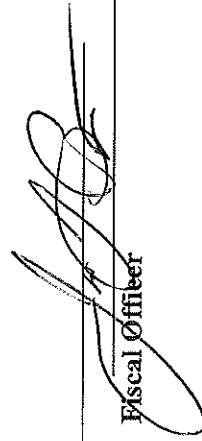
There being no further business to come before the board

Mr. King moved to adjourn.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Trustees


Fiscal Officer

