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Minutes of

Meeting

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Held March 21, 2022 at the Whitewater Township Community Center 20

The Board of Whitewater Township Trustees met in regular session on February 21, 2022. Board Vice President, Mr. Doug King called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call - Mr. King, yea; Mr. Pope, yea; Mr. Schaible, absent.

Regular Meeting Agenda:

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2022 Regular Trustee Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion seconded by Mr. King,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion seconded by Mr. Pope,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Acceptance of Invoices

Mr. King made a motion to accept the invoices as presented.

Motion seconded by Mr. Pope,

Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Mai was not in attendance. Mr. Pope provided the incident reports for the month of February 2022.

Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda

Mrs. Carylon Gillespie – Community Center.

Mrs. Gillespie wanted to thank the Board for the new office furniture and equipment. She said she especially wanted to thank Public Works Director for assembling the office furniture and all his help here at the Center.

Ms. Diane Bachman – Miamitown Improvement and Civic Association.

Ms. Bachman reminded everyone about the “Miamitown Pet Palooza” with the SPCA on June 25 and 26, 2022.

Mrs. Tina Benjamin – Buena Vista Drive Sewers

Mrs. Benjamin asked if there was any news on the Sewers for Buena Vista Drive. Mr. King stated that things were moving, but she should attend the Water / Sewer District meeting to get the full details. She said she thought this was the Water / Sewer District meeting, and she would attend that meeting.

Township Department Reports:

Fire Report:

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

EMS – 72, Fire – 30. Our emergency runs 2021 Year to Date: EMS – 170, Fire – 60,

Total Detail: 230

Staffing: Month of February Station Closures: 0 (12-hour shifts), Paramedic Staffing: 100%, 1 Paramedic: 20%, 2 Paramedics: 55%, >2 Paramedics: 25%. 12 hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0

The Chief also reported on the following topics:

Hooven Station Remodeling Project – The Chief stated project is moving along. All of the new office walls have been drywalled and mudding work is going on. The main bathroom has been put back together, still needs painting and some wall finish. The kitchen has been demoed and new cabinets are going up. The projected completion date is still looking to be around the 2nd week of April.

In addition to the remodeling, a leak in the cupola has been repaired. There was an issue with the stack vents. They have been capped. He stated Josh and I found an abandoned stack vent that was full of water causing some of the issue. It has been capped, drained, and should no longer be an issue.

Miamitown Station Bay Lighting- The Chief reported that the lighting has been upgraded to LED. The work took a day and half. He said he is very pleased with the work by T.J Williams Electric.

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Purchase Proposals – Replacement 5” hose. The Chief said over recent years we have had 5” hose fail and have robbed it off of the spare engine. The spare engine currently has no 5” supply hose. He has a quote from Vogelwohl Fire Equipment to replace the 5” hose and add some extra 50’ sections to our inventory. We did reach out to at least one other vendor and did not receive back any other price quotes. He is requesting \$11,000 to purchase new 5” supply hose. The Chief updated the information on the amount of hose needed. He said by cutting bad sections from the longer hoses they will be able to reduce the number of new sections and cutting the cost by \$2000 to \$2800.

Spring Hydrant Testing – The Chief reported Hydrant Testing is currently underway.
Public Works Assistance – The Chief said he wanted to extend a thank you to Josh for all he has done to assist the Fire Department. He noted that in addition to other things Mr. McCreary helped facilitate the replacement of a hot water heater on a Friday night when Josh was going out of town.

Public Works Department:

Mr. McCreary reported on the following topics:

DWA – COVIC Grant: Mr. McCreary stated the workout stations have been completed and are ready for use along with the walking path near the fence and gazebo.

Cleanup Day: Mr. McCreary announced Our annual cleanup day is set for April 30th 2022. The scheduled time of this event will be from 9am till 3pm or until full. All couches, chairs, and mattresses must be wrapped in plastic. We will have 7 general trash dumpsters, 1 scrap container donated from E-Town recycling, and thanks to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful 2 tire dumpsters.

Parks: Mr. McCreary said he will be opening up the parks for the 2022 season on April 1st and cleaning up and thing left behind from the wind, river, and snow. He will also be opening up the restrooms here on the ground for the 2022 rentals.

Spring Equipment: Mr. McCreary said he was servicing the mowing equipment preparing for the spring cutting season

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: 2-11-2022 to 3-4-2022 was: Euchre during the week days -- 48, Euchre Friday night -- 61, Chair Volleyball -- 6, Bluegrass - 65, Country Music --73, Total - 224

Rentals: March - Shelter-1, Center-0. April - Shelter-0, Center-0.

Committee Reports:

Sewer- Water District

Mr. Brett reported that the Water / Sewer Board had a very meeting on Friday March 25, 2022 with representatives from MSD and the Hamilton County Commissioners representatives. He stated he anticipates a decision on the St. Rt. 128 project funding at that time. He also noted that the Water / Sewer District had been in contact with the Hamilton County Park District to discuss alignment of the Buena Vista Sewers. The Water / Sewer District Regular Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month, which is tomorrow night, here at the Community Center.

Economic Development

Mr. King stated he and Fiscal Officer Jim Brett were scheduled to meet with representatives from our Legal Counsel’s Office who specialize in Financing for TIF’s and JEDD’s. He said he anticipates moving forward with the creation of the two types of Districts in the very near future.

We Thrive

Mr. Pope reported the Committee will meet on the second Monday in April. The Cleanup Day will be discussed. He also reminded everyone that as part of the We Thrive Initiative, a dumpster would be available in Miamitown on Cleanup Day from 9:00 AM until filled. He reminded everyone that tires will not be accepted at Miamitown, those will only be accepted at the Community Center February 14, 2022. Township Cleanup day was the main topic of discussion.

Solid Waste

Mr. Schatble was not in attendance. Mr. Brett provided an update on the Solid Waste Rules adopted by the Hamilton County Commissioners. In addition, he reminded everyone about the Rumpke Public Hearing on the proposed increase in the amount of waste to be received at the Bond Rd. Site. He stated that Township Administrator, Ms. Peggy Westerfeld, would be attending as well as himself on behalf of the Township.

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WestJAD

Mr. Pope announced the quarterly WestJAD Board meeting would be held April 7th, at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the WestJAD Offices located in the bottom level of the Miamitown Town Hall.

Mr. McCreary – Additional Public Works Information

Mr. McCreary said he failed to mention that there were some additional COVID-19 Grant funds from the CDBG Program. He stated that he was able to purchase ballfield dirt with the funds to restore the fields to a better condition.

Old Business:**Additional Architect Fees – Station 95 Remodel**

Mr. Brett explained that John Geier, the Architect for the project, had submitted additional invoices for work he told Mr. Brett he was not expecting to provide because the Project was being put out for Public Bidding. The original proposal from Mr. Grier was 10,450.00. He is requesting an additional \$9,957.50 for the work he feels was not in his original proposal. Chief Schorsch said he disagreed with the Public Bidding not being known in advance. After discussion by the Board, it was agreed to table the matter until the April Meeting. Mr. Pope, as Fire Department Liaison will take the lead in working with Chief Schorsch to see if the additional billing is justified. Mr. Keith Biggs asked from the audience about the amount of the original proposal. Mr. Brett replied \$10,450

New Business:**Resolution #2022-9 Advancement of Funds to the Whitewater Township Regional Water and Sewer District A Resolution Advancing Funds to the Whitewater Township Regional Sewer District and Authorizing Township Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement Advancing Such Funds And Declaring an Emergency.**

The Board discussed the Water / Sewer District's work on expanding sewers in the Township and discussed the economic development impact of not moving forward. After the discussion Mr. King read the Resolution in its entirety:

Mr. Pope moved to approve Resolution #2022-9

Mr. King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

RESOLUTION #2022- 10 A Resolution Approving Participation in Region 2 Governance Structure Under The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding

Fiscal Officer, Mr. Brett explained that this was the next step in the State distributing the funds from the Opioid Settlement the Board had agreed to previously. Mr. King read the resolution in summary.

Mr. King moved to approve Resolution 2022-10

Mr. Pope seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

5 Inch Fire Hose Proposed Purchase – Fire Department

The Board discussed the Chief's request, after the discussion:

Mr. Pope moved to approve the purchase of new 5-inch fire hose in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Mr. King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Grass Cutting at Rosealta Park for Season

Administrator Westerfeld had emailed the Board putting forth the idea of reducing the area being cut. She had mentioned that even if we closed the Park completely, there would still be a need to do some maintenance mowing. After discussing the issue, the Board agreed to table the issue until the April Meeting.

Employee Policy Revisions

The board had discussed revisions to the current Employee Policy at the Special Meeting held March 7, 2022. After discussing the proposed changes, the Board agreed to table the issue until the April Meeting.

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Public Comments:

Mr. Don Smith introduced himself as the new President of the Whitewater Township Regional Water and Sewer District. He thanked Mr. King for his years of service as a Board Member of the Water / Sewer District and noted that he served as that Board's President for many of those years. Mr. Smith thanked the Board for their support. He stated he was hopeful that the St. Rt. 128 Project was close to being funded. He said he believed the concept actually was initiated in 1998 or 1999. He also stated he was proud of what the Water / Sewer District had accomplished in the past and he hoped to continue providing affordable service in the future. King discussed the Issues Mr. George Getz had brought before the Board at past meetings. The Board will continue to work with the County Sheriff on the Hooven Ave. Nuisance Issues.

Comments from the Board:

Mr. Pope noted that everything discussed at the meeting had been positive for the Township. He said he knows the issue on Hooven Rd and St. Rt. 128, the Nuisance Property, still required the Townships attention and were not forgotten, but everything else seemed to be going forward in a positive fashion.

Mr. King agreed and wished everyone a Happy Easter and Good Friday.

Adjournment:

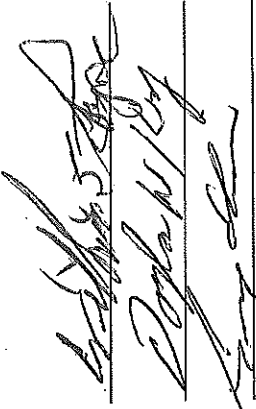
There being no further business to come before the board

Mr. King moved to adjourn.

Mr. Pope seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Trustees



Fiscal Officer