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HEAR GRAPHICS - 800-325-8194, FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ September 20, 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. Pope made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2021 Regular Trustee Meeting Motion seconded by Mr. Schaible,
Roll Call Vote - All Aye.

Acceptance of Invoices

Mr. Pope 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 the statistics for the month of August 2021.

Public Presentations and Public That Requested to Be on The Agenda The Honorable Cindy Abrams, Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio 29th District.

Ms. Abrams is currently serving as House Majority Whip. Ms. Abrams described her background in Public Service as a Cincinnati Police Officer. She discussed several upcoming Bills that she is supporting. She discussed her participation and the concerns about the Rumpke Landfill expansion at the Bond Rd. Site. She is continuing to communicate with the Ohio EPA and Local Government as well as Citizens to relay their concerns.

Mr. Brett thanked Ms. Abrams for her efforts in getting Townships included in the American Recover Act funding. Townships were not initially a part of the distribution, but her efforts helped Townships to become eligible.

Ms. Debbie Castin, Bright IN -- Bond Rd. Site

Ms. Castin stated she was a part of the group in the 90's thought opposed Rumpke purchasing the Bond Rd. Site. She stated that Rumpke had OEPA Violations. She displayed a map of the Township and discussed reasons to not allow a landfill to expand. She discussed the reason it effects Indiana as well. She stated that she had petitions for Whitewater Residents to sign to Petition the Township Trustees to begin the process of enacting Township Zoning if anyone wanted to sign the petitions.

Ms. Carrie Davis, Colerain Twp -- Bond Rd Site

Ms. Davis challenged Ms. Abrams on what she could do regarding legislation and passing laws. She stated that she had contacted Ms. Abrams 5 months ago about Windmill legislation and she did not respond to her. Ms. Abrams responded that all emails and calls are considered Public Records and retained as such. Ms. Abrams produced her list of emails and calls during the period Ms. Davis mentioned and showed her that there were no emails or calls from her during that time. Ms. Davis said she did not know where they could have gone. Ms. Abrams explained the process to amend bills and when Representatives can add to legislation. Ms. Davis discussed a committee put together with a local university to look into the impact of the expansion. She also said the Hamilton County Solid Waste Department had agreed to form a subcommittee to look into the ability for the Solid Waste District to look into Rules acknowledging the County Commissioners could veto the Ohio EPA rulings.

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Mr. Don Lynch, Ross Township – Community Center Issue

Mr. Lynch stated the Board was doing an excellent job with the Programming her at the Community Center. He asked that the Board look further into an incident that took place at a Bluegrass Music night. He said he girlfriend and he were involved in an incident that he felt was not handled correctly. He said there was a Police Report, and that he had witnesses to support his version of the event. He said he was kicked out and then Barred from the Bluegrass night events. Mr. Lynch feels the other party involved should be kicked out. Mr. King asked what the date of the Police Report was. Mr. King asked Sgt. Mai to attempt to find the report, which was in 2019. Administrator Westerfeld said she had the date. Mr. King said he would continue to look into it. He said if there are other witness that could put their statements in writing and get them to Ms. Westerfeld., he will look into the incident. Mr. King stated the other statement would be extremely helpful along with the Police report.

Township Depailment Reports:

Fire Report:

Chief Scott Schorsch reported the following run totals for the month of

September 2021:

EMS- 93, Patients - 88, Transports - 58, Overdoses - 3, Fire - 3 2 , MVA - 1 0 , Total Detail: 125, Narcan Usage: 5.

Our emergency runs 2021 Year to Date:

EMS -- 922 Patients -- 812 Transports --561 Overdoses -- 17 Fire -- 350 MVA -- 102 Total Detail: 1240 Narcan Usage: 28

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

1 Paramedic: 23% 2 Paramedics: 52% >2 Paramedics: 25% 12 hour shifts without a Whitewater Township Paramedic: 0

*We are continuing to utilize WestJAD with supplemental medic coverage as needed. The Chief Reported on the following topics:

Elder Care Connection: The Chief reported that Lt. Steve Schmidt had worked to create a contact for elder care issues that the come upon from time to time. Through his efforts we now have a referral service to assist the elderly who are in need of it. **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FEMA AFG) –** I received notice that or FEMA AFG application for the 2020 grant cycle was turned down. For the second year in a row our grant made it all the way through the process but they ran out of money and were unable to fund our application. I am currently working with the grant writers to see what we can do to make our application more appealing. Our project (radios) is a high priority item. The next application period is getting ready to open up at any time.

Fall Hydrant Checks: Crews are still conducting fall hydrant checks. The hydrant connections are greased and barrels are pumped in an attempt to prevent freezing over he winter. If you see crews working on the side of the roads, please be cautious and

slow down in the working areas.

Chimney Checks: With fall approaching the Chief said please check your chimney before building fires.

Smoke Detectors: With the time change coming up, now is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Also, it is recommended to replace any smoke detector that is 15 years or older.

COVID-19: Vaccines are still being provided to wide variety of age groups. For the elderly and Home52 Transportation can coordinate and provide transportation to adults age 60+

who are unable to get to a vaccination site. Call home52 at (855)546-6352 for homebound

residents, please contact the Council on Aging 513-721-1025 (M-F 8am-5pm).

You can contact the Hamilton County Health Department to find out how you can receive the vaccine.

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Public Works Department:

Public Works Director Mr. Josh McCreary was not in attendance, Mr. Schaible read his report. Which included:

CDBG Grant: His report stated the ballfield backstops have been installed here on the grounds. This has been a great improvement and really makes the fields look great. The walkway has been started along the fence line. We are just awaiting some rain to settle the footer before the black top can be put down. The exercise equipment has been ordered and is expected to be in late October. This would complete the grant we were awarded.

Crack Sealing: Mr. McCreary has sent the bids on crack sealing of Glendower subdivision and behind the shop. He is asking for approval for this to get it scheduled.

Community Center:

Mr. King presented the Community Center Report which included:

Center hours are as follows:

Monday 12-4 Tuesday 9-2 Wednesday 12-4 Thursday Closed Friday 9-5

Attendance 8-06-2021 to 9-10-2021:

Euchre during the week days 121 Euchre Friday night 247 Chair Volleyball 27
Bluegrass 269 Country Music 46 Miamitown Seniors 14 Total 727

Rentals: September Shelter-3, Center-1 October Shelter- 1, Center-0

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

Committee Reports:

Sewer- Water District

Fiscal Office, Jim Brett reported nothing has changed with the St. Rt. 128 Project, and that the Board was working on plans for Buena Vista Drive, which was initiated by a petition from the residents.

Economic Development

Mr. King reported that work continues, however there was nothing new to report at this. Currently the Water and sewer Projects are driving the projects

We Thrive

Ms. Sharon Lutz reported that over the past few months they have continued to meet and discuss our annual spring community clean-up and also our road-side litter clean up events. She will provide updates on those two events in a future meeting.

She stated that most recently their main focus has been working on opportunities to reduce landfill waste. They are hopeful that by reducing waste that goes into landfills it will ultimately result in delaying construction of a new landfill here in Whitewater Township.

She said she would like to seek approval from the board to promote a recycling incentive here in our township. She was excited to say that Rumpke Recycling has agreed to offer three months of FREE residential service to the first 100 residents that sign up for service. They will only charge \$4.25/month for weekly curbside pick-up AND will also provide an 18-gallon bin or a 65-gallon recycling cart free of charge. She said it is amazing how much of our trash that we throw away can actually be recycled. She stated she honestly was not made aware of just how much until she started recycling at my residence and at her business. She said she believes that Green Acres has recycled upwards of at least 90% of trash that was created this season. She said for the cost of just one specialty coffee, a household can have weekly recycling service at their home. She is confident that many of our residents would appreciate having this opportunity to do their part in slowing down the need for new landfills. Please consider approving this recycling incentive.

Old Business:

Crack sealing Proposals:

Mr. King made a motion to approve the bid from Julies Howel. He said based on the detail in the bids, he felt it was the Best Bid.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

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New Business:Recycling Proposal

Mr. Pope made a motion to approve the We Thrive Committee project to offer Residential Recycling in the Township

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Public Comments:

NONE

Executive Session:

Mr. Pope made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss imminent court action at 7:57 PM

Mr. King seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Note: Mr. King recused himself from the Executive Session. Fiscal Officers Jim Brett was invited to the session.

Mr. Pope made a motion to return to regular Session at 9:03 PM

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye

Comments from the Board:

None

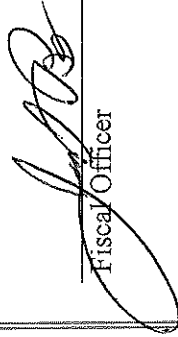
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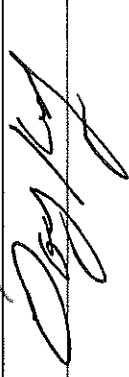
There being no further business to come before the board

Mr. King moved to adjourn.

Mr. Schaible seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - All Aye


Fiscal Officer

Trustees