

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

For the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Call to order: Steve Gerberry

Pledge: Completed

Prayer: Steve Gerberry

Roll Call: Steven Gerberry - Present Richard Harkins - Present
Edward Whittaker - Present Fred Bobovnyk - Present

Trumbull County Planning Commission Presentation:
TJ Keiran, Planner

Correspondence/Announcements:

- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents of the dates for this year's Spring Clean-Up Program which will be held the week of May 1, 2023.** Residents should put their material out on the same night as their regular pickup.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents of the dates for this year's Scrap Tire Pickup Program. Curbside collection will begin on Monday, May 1, 2023 and continue through Friday, May 5, 2023.** There is a limit of four car tires (off rims) per household, large truck tires will NOT be accepted. You can also drop-off your tires between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM during the collection week at the Township Administration Building at 1451 Prospect Street, Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the 2023 Flag Day Festival** dates will be held June 8, 9, and 10. The 2023 Flag Day Parade will be on Friday, June 9 at 6:00 PM.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents to remove decorations from the cemeteries by April 30, 2023** so our crews can clean-up the cemeteries for spring.
- The **Trustees are pleased to announce the Community Document Shredding Event that will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the community park.** This event was made possible by a Go-Green Community Grant that the Trustees secured from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.
- The **Trustees would like to announce that the 2023 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program will begin next month.** The 2023 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program will begin on Friday, May 5, 2023 and will continue each Friday through Friday, October 27, 2023. For tree limb pick-up, you must call the Township by Thursday of each week to be placed on the list for a Friday pick-up. Please keep the following rules and procedures in mind:
 - This program is intended for residential tree limbs up to 3 inches in diameter.
 - The tree limbs must be placed at the curbside with all the cut ends aligned with each other toward the street.
 - No shrubs, stumps, roots, lumber, or railroad ties will be accepted. All tree limbs must be free from vines.
 - We are not a tree removal service; if you are having a tree professionally removed let them do the entire job, you must have them take the tree limbs as well.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that open burning is not permitted within the Township.** We have had several brush fires that placed our firefighters and our resident's property at risk. Please do not open burn and enjoy the remainder of your spring.
- The **annual Community Garage Sale will take place this year on June 15, 16, and 17 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM on each of those days.** The organizers are going to have a list of addresses and a map this year, so please text Cheryl your information at 330-565-2449 if you plan to participate.

Reports:

- Financial Report – Presented by Fred Bobovnyk
- Administrator's Report – Presented by David Rouan

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- Zoning Report – Presented by Kelly Clarke
- Police Report – Presented by Police Chief Michael Naples
- Fire Report – Presented by Steven Gerberry
- Lane LifeTrans Report – Presented by Steven Gerberry
- Law Director’s Report – Presented by Cherry Poteet

Note: All reports are on file in the Fiscal Officer’s office.

Comments from the public will be heard on agenda items at this time; there will still be an opportunity for individuals to address the Board during our public comments part of the meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- 23-042 Motion to ***approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting that was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM.***

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 23-043 Motion to ***approve the drawing warrants upon our treasury and paying township bills.***

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 23-044 Motion to ***approve the Then and Now’s pursuant to the list provided by the Fiscal Officer.***

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 23-045 Motion to ***transfer \$30,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund effective April 5, 2023.***

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 23-046 Motion to ***authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to enter into a Software License Agreement – Annual Subscription Addendum with Affidavit Maker Software LLC of Springfield, Ohio.*** The term of the Software License Agreement shall be for one (1) year from May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 and the one-year rate will remain at \$600. This software is utilized by the police department for filing criminal charges with the Niles Municipal Court.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 23-047 Motion to ***authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to renew our membership with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services General Services Division Office of Cooperative Purchasing – Cooperative Purchasing Program*** for the term commencing August 1, 2023 and term ending July 31, 2024. The cost to participate in

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the program is an annual fee of \$100 and the Township uses the program annually to purchase our police cruisers and other equipment.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

- 23-048 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to enter into an agreement, on behalf of the board of Trustees, for management services with Sedgwick** of Cleveland, Ohio for the purpose of Employer Risk/Claim Representative (ERC) with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Industrial Commission of Ohio for a term of one year and the fee for the service is \$1,620.00.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

- 23-049 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to participate in the Trumbull County Engineer's 2023-2024 Winter Fill Program for Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt)**. This action is being taken for to prepare for the 2023-2024 winter season.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Abstained Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

- 23-050 Motion to **donate \$100.00 to the Girard American Legion in support of the Memorial Day Ceremony** preparations for the decorating the of Veteran's graves in Township cemeteries.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

- 23-051 Motion to **donate \$300.00 to the Mineral Ridge VFW Post 4192 in support of the Memorial Day Ceremony** preparations for the decorating of the Veteran's graves in Township cemeteries.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

- 23-052 Motion to **donate \$100.00 to the Mineral Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Association in support of the Memorial Day decoration of the graves of former firefighters that have passed**.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

- 23-053 Motion to **authorize the Township law director to file an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the Township in the appeal of AWMS Water Solutions, LLC v. Mary Mertz, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, Case No. 2023-0125, Ohio Supreme Court**, to highlight for the Court the importance of protecting the residents of Weathersfield Township from the dangers of earthquakes induced by the AWMS#2 injection well.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

Public Comments:

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Open Comments

Next Meetings:

Next Meetings: Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 3:30 PM; Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 3:30 PM; and Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

23-054 Motion to *adjourn the meeting*.

Motion by: Rich Harkins

Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes

Richard Harkins - Yes

Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

Fred Bobovnyk, Fiscal Officer

Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

Edward K. Whittaker, Trustee