

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting
Held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Call to order: Name

Pledge: Status

Roll Call: Steven Gerberry - Attendance Richard Harkins - Attendance
Edward Whittaker - Attendance Patrick Glunt - Attendance

Correspondence/Announcements:

- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the 2024 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program has begun.** The 2024 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program will continue each Friday through Friday, October 25, 2024. 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 announced that the new fire truck that was purchased with the revenue generated from the 2023 Safety Forces Levy is now in service and located at Station 41 in Mineral Ridge.** Rescue 41 is a combination rescue truck and engine with 1,000 gallons of water. The Trustees thanked the Fire Department members for their hard work with equipping Rescue 41 and getting the truck in service.

.Reports:

- Financial Report – Presented by Patrick Glunt
- Administrator’s Report – Presented by David Rouan
- Zoning Report – Presented by Kelly Clarke
- Police Report – Presented by Police Chief Michael Naples
- Fire Report – Presented by Fire Chief Tom Lambert
- Lane LifeTrans Report – Presented by Lane's Chief Tom Lambert
- 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:

- 24-127 Motion to **approve the minutes from the Special Meeting that was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM and the Regular Meeting that was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM.**
- Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker
Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
Motion Carried
- 24-128 Motion to **adopt a resolution to approve the drawing warrants upon our treasury and paying township bills.**

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Motion Carried

24-129 Motion to ***adopt a resolution 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

24-130 Motion to ***adopt a resolution to transfer \$15,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund*** effective August 7, 2024.

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

24-131 Motion to ***enter into an Agreement for Public Depository for the Deposit of Public Funds, effective April 5, 2024, with The Farmers National Bank of Canfield, Ohio*** for the period beginning April 30, 2024 and ending April 29, 2029 pursuant to the terms and conditions as they are set forth in the agreement.

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

24-132 Motion to ***adopt a resolution, effective July 9, 2024, authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act revenue to be used for the purchase of new tires for the roadside mower for an amount of \$1,603.70 and for the purchase of a new hydraulic cylinder for the boom mower for an amount of \$1,927.33, the two purchases total \$3,531.03.***

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

24-133 Motion to ***authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to apply for a \$3,000.00 MORE Grant from the Ohio Township Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) for our Fire Department, Police Department, and Road Department.*** If awarded, the OTARMA MORE Grant proceeds, which would be \$1,000.00 for each department, will be used to either reimburse each department for the cost of safety equipment that has already been acquired this Fiscal Year or to purchase new safety equipment this Fiscal Year.

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

24-134 Motion to ***authorize the closure of TH1374 (Wildwood Drive)*** beginning at intersection of CR58E (Ohltown McDonald Road) and continuing south to TH60B (Watson Marshall Road). The road closure will be effective Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM. The purpose of the road closure is for the 30th annual block party. This area may be used for any purpose associated with the event; however, alcoholic beverages may not be consumed within the public right-of-way, fireworks may not be ignited within the public right-of-way, and no tents, tables, or chairs may be placed on the paved roadway surface.

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

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24-135 Motion to ***adopt a resolution rescinding resolution 24-101 that was adopted to proceed with demolition of a structure which is unsafe, structurally defective, and unfit for human habitation.***

PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2809 Pittsburgh Avenue, McDonald OH 44437 PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 23-111400, WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS the Property Owner requested a hearing before the Board of Trustees. The hearing was held on April 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM and was continued at the Property Owner’s request to May 9, 2024 when additional evidence was taken; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was recorded by electronic means, and at the hearing, the Board of Trustees received evidence, including photographs of the property, copies of the Notices sent to the Property Owner, a letter from the property owner, and the testimony from the Property Owner; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing on May 9, 2024, the Property Owner stated that he wanted to enter into an agreement with the Board of Trustees pursuant to RC §505.86, providing that the Property Owner would complete the rehabilitation of the structure and obtain an occupancy permit by May 31, 2025, however the Property Owner subsequently refused to sign the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has now executed and entered into the agreement with the Board of Trustees on July 18, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio to rescind resolution 24-101 that was adopted to proceed with demolition of a structure which is unsafe, structurally defective, and unfit for human habitation.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately, or upon the earliest date as otherwise allowed by law.

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

24-136 Motion to ***adopt the following revised Policy and Procedure for the Police Department*** as recommended by the police chief and the law director:

Policy 17 – Use of Force and Deadly Force

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

24-137 Motion to ***adopt a resolution to enter into an agreement with Sundance Systems, Inc. of 8001 Sweet Valley Road, Valley View, Ohio 44125 for an amount of \$3,200.00.***
The purpose of this agreement is for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) server setup and configuration that is Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) compliant for the Law Enforcement Automated Data Systems (LEADS) that is used by our Police Department for an amount of \$2,000.00 and for the MFA that is CJIS compliant for LEADS annual software license agreement and maintenance for a term of one year, term ending August 4, 2024, for an amount of \$1,200.00.

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

24-138 Motion to ***adopt a resolution to enter into an agreement, for a term of one year, with Active911, Inc. of 518 North 19th Street, Philomath, Oregon 97370 for an amount of \$2,722.00.*** The purpose of this agreement is for the continued use of the ActiveAlert application that our Fire Department utilizes for 911 Computer Aided Dispatching,

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mapping, routing, tracking personnel response, paging, and notifications; and for the ActiveComms application that will now enable our responding Fire Department personnel to monitor call status while they are enroute to the fire stations which improves their situational awareness of the ongoing emergency in real-time.

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

Public Comments:

Open Comments

Next Meetings:

Next Meetings: Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 3:30 PM, Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 3:30 PM, and Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

24-139 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

Patrick J. Glunt, Fiscal Officer

Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

Edward K. Whittaker, Trustee