

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Call to order: Steve Gerberry

Pledge: Completed

Prayer: Steve Gerberry

Roll Call: Marvin J. McBride - Present Steven J. Gerberry - Present
 Rich Harkins - Present Fred R. Bobovnyk - Present

Correspondence/Announcements:

- **717 Credit Union expects to have the Personal Teller Machine operational by the end of September** at the community park.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that they are keeping a list of residents that are interested in switching their electric service to Ohio Edison/First Energy.** Please contact the Township if you would like to be added to this list.
- The **board of Trustees has decided to cancel their annual Oktoberfest event that was to be held on October 10th.** Their decision was based on the ban of large public gatherings and is made in the best interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the 2020 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program is continuing.** The 2020 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program began on Friday May 8^h, 2020 and will continue each Friday through Friday October 24th, 2020. 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 **board of Trustees updated our residents on the annexation issue.**
- The **board of Trustees announced that TNP completed three home demolitions in the Deforest area.**

Reports:

- Financial Report – Presented by Fred Bobovnyk
- Administrator's Report – Presented by David Rouan
- Zoning Report – Presented by Melissa Murphy
- Police Report – Presented by David Rouan
- 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
- Regional Chamber's Report – Presented by Steve Gerberry

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:

20-077 Motion to **approve the consent agenda**, which includes the following:

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- **Minutes from the Regular Meeting** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM;
- **Drawing warrants upon our treasury and paying township bills;** and
- **The Then and Now's pursuant to the list provided by the Fiscal Officer.**

Motion by: Marvin McBride Seconded by: Rich Harkins
 Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 20-078 Motion to **accept the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Trumbull County Budget Commission for the Tax Year 2021.**

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride
 Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 20-079 Motion to **acknowledge and authorize the administrative staff to work remotely and from the office during the pandemic** from Monday, July 6th, 2020 until Friday, July 17th, 2020; the administrative employees will work staggered hours when they do work from the office during this time so they do not interact directly with one other; and to **acknowledge and authorize the road department staff to work amended hours during the pandemic** from Monday, July 6th, 2020 until Friday, July 17th, 2020; the road department employees will receive their work direction and assignments from the administrator and will not enter the shop at the same time or ride in the same vehicles.

Motion by: Marvin McBride Seconded by: Rich Harkins
 Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 20-080 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to take the necessary steps pursuant to law to dispose of a 1997 Ford F-250 Pick-Up Truck along with a Western 8' snow plow** which is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use acquired, in the opinion of the Board, the vehicle has a fair market value of less than two thousand five hundred dollars; and to authorize the Township Administrator to sign the Certificate of Title to a Motor Vehicle on behalf of the Trustees for this transaction.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride
 Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 20-081 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to take the necessary steps pursuant to law to dispose of a 1989 E-One Fire Engine** which is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use acquired, in the opinion of the Board, the vehicle has fair market value of less than two thousand five hundred dollars; and to authorize the Township Administrator to sign the Certificate of Title to a Motor Vehicle on behalf of the Trustees for this transaction.

Motion by: Marvin McBride Seconded by: Rich Harkins
 Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 20-082 Motion to authorize **Township Administrator David Rouan to purchase a new 2020 Ford F-250 Pick-Up Truck for \$29,204.00 and a Western 8' snow plow for \$5,500.00** through Klaben Ford Lincoln of Warren, Inc. of Warren, Ohio for a total purchase price of \$34,704.00, which is below the State purchase price, this purchase is made in accordance with ORC §125.40; to utilize Ford Municipal Lease/Purchase to finance the vehicle over a four (4) year term; and to authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to execute the Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Ford Motor Credit company pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride

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Motion Carried

- 20-083 Motion to **hire Trever Willoughby as a Probationary Firefighter** effective August 11, 2020. Trever will be trained and evaluated over the next six months by the Fire Chief and his fire officers. At the conclusion of the six-month probationary period, the Fire Chief will determine if Trever should be promoted to Firefighter. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Trever for his interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for his volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride
Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
Motion Carried

- 20-084 Motion to **hire McKenzie Baker as a Probationary Firefighter** effective August 11, 2020. McKenzie will be trained and evaluated over the next six months by the Fire Chief and his fire officers. At the conclusion of the six-month probationary period, the Fire Chief will determine if McKenzie should be promoted to Firefighter. The Board of Trustees would like to thank McKenzie for his interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for her volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

Motion by: Name Seconded by: Name
Vote: Steve Gerberry - Vote Rich Harkins - Vote Marvin McBride - Vote
Motion Carried

- 20-085 Motion to **hire Christopher McDonald as a Probationary Firefighter** effective August 11, 2020. Christopher will be trained and evaluated over the next six months by the Fire Chief and his fire officers. At the conclusion of the six-month probationary period, the Fire Chief will determine if Christopher should be promoted to Firefighter. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Christopher for his interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for his volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Steve Gerberry
Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
Motion Carried

- 20-086 Motion to **hire Daniel Hawout as a Probationary Firefighter** effective August 11, 2020. Daniel will be trained and evaluated over the next six months by the Fire Chief and his fire officers. At the conclusion of the six-month probationary period, the Fire Chief will determine if Daniel should be promoted to Firefighter. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Daniel for his interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for his volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

Motion by: Marvin McBride Seconded by: Rich Harkins
Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
Motion Carried

- 20-087 Motion to **accept the resignation of Firefighter Michael O'Connell** effective August 1, 2020. The board Trustees would like to thank Mike for his 18 years of service with our fire department and to the residents of our community. Mike no longer has the time to commit to the fire department due to his full-time work and his family commitments.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride
Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
Motion Carried

Public Comments:

Open Comments

Next Meetings: Every Thursday at 7:00 AM and Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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Adjournment:

20-088 Motion to *adjourn the meeting*.

Motion by: Rich Harkins

Seconded by: Marvin McBride

Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes

Rich Harkins - Yes

Marvin McBride - Yes

Motion Carried

Fred Bobovnyk, Fiscal Officer

Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

Marvin J. McBride, Trustee