

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

For the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Call to order: Steve Gerberry

Pledge: Completed

Prayer: Steve Gerberry

Roll Call: Steven Gerberry - Present
Edward Whittaker - Present

Richard Harkins - Present
Fred Bobovnyk - Present

Correspondence/Announcements:

- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the 2022 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program is continuing.** The 2022 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program will begin on Friday May 6, 2022 and will continue each Friday through Friday October 28, 2022. 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 **Eastgate Regional Council of Governments recently announced that Weathersfield Township has been approved for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Funding for four Township Highways. The STBG award totals nearly \$1.6 Million in funding, and the projects will be constructed in 2025, 2026, & 2027.** The four Township Highways include: Ohltown Girard Road (County Line Road) from Four Mile Run Road to State Route 46 (Main Street); Niles Carver Road from Salt Springs Road to the railroad tracks; West Webb Road from the Mahoning County Line to Ohltown McDonald Road; and Salt Springs Road between Carson Salt Springs Road and Austintown Warren Road. The board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank Randy L. Smith, P.E., P.S., the Trumbull County Engineer, and his staff for the preparation of the preliminary engineering design and the cost estimates, and for the assistance with completing the grant applications for these four Township Highways.
- **Trustees would like to thank Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership for their hard work and efforts to get the abandoned home on Prospect Street removed and demolished last month.**
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the Township Gas Aggregation Program with Constellation Energy will be ending with your meter reading in May.** The Trustees would like to remind our residents that they have an opportunity to join the Trumbull County Gas Aggregation Program. The Trumbull County Gas Aggregation Program began in March of this year and continues through February 2026. A fixed rate of \$3.99 per Mcf has been established and there is a senior discount (over 65) at \$3.89/Mcf. For enrollment information please contact Constellation Energy at (844) 809-6834
- Announced the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Office final meeting for the Heaton Chute sanitary sewer project will be held on September 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Niles McKinley High School auditorium.

Reports:

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

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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:

22-112 Motion to **approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting that was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.**

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

22-113 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

22-114 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

22-115 Motion to **establish the OneOhio Fund to account for the opioid settlement, to request an Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Trumbull County Budget Commission; and to request the Budget Certification stating that our appropriations do not exceed our Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Trumbull County Budget Commission.**

2022 Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources						
Fund	1/1/2022 Cash Balance	1/1/2022 Encumbered	Unencumbered Cash Balance	Anticipated Tax Revenue	Anticipated Other Sources	Total Available Resources
General	\$391,439.92	\$8,131.03	\$383,308.89	\$364,973.38	\$336,068.12	\$1,084,350.39
Total General Fund:	\$391,439.92	\$8,131.03	\$383,308.89	\$364,973.38	\$336,068.12	\$1,084,350.39
MVL	\$28,906.98	\$180.00	\$28,726.98	\$0.00	\$70,075.00	\$98,801.98
Gas Tax	\$76,828.39	\$11.08	\$76,817.31	\$0.00	\$105,587.00	\$182,404.31
Road & Bridge	\$17,541.83	\$402.61	\$17,139.22	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$47,139.22
Cemetery	\$37,037.04	\$180.34	\$36,856.70	\$0.00	\$103,750.00	\$140,606.70
Police	\$496,170.39	\$4,937.12	\$491,233.27	\$1,041,367.96	\$747,900.00	\$2,280,501.23
Fire	\$232,476.54	\$2,270.84	\$230,205.70	\$381,902.23	\$27,050.00	\$639,157.93
Drug Law Enforcement	\$15,611.37	\$0.00	\$15,611.37	\$0.00	\$19,000.00	\$34,611.37
Enfr. & Education	\$3,341.02	\$0.00	\$3,341.02	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,841.02
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.00
American Rescue Plan	\$419,715.25	\$0.00	\$419,715.25	\$0.00	\$419,730.37	\$839,445.62
Lighting Districts	\$17,645.20	\$921.84	\$16,723.36	\$0.00	\$46,335.00	\$63,058.36
OneOhio	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,160.23	\$2,160.23
Total Speical Revenue:	\$1,345,315.01	\$8,903.83	\$1,336,411.18	\$1,423,270.19	\$1,572,087.60	\$4,331,768.97
Bond/Note Retirement	\$0.36	\$0.00	\$0.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.36
Total Bond/Note Retirement:	\$0.36	\$0.00	\$0.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.36
Capital Projects	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.10
Public Works	\$137,462.07	\$137,462.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$292,211.80	\$292,211.80
Total Capital Projects & Public Works:	\$137,462.17	\$137,462.07	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$792,211.80	\$792,211.90
Total:	\$1,874,217.46	\$154,496.93	\$1,719,720.53	\$1,788,243.57	\$2,700,367.52	\$6,208,331.62

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

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22-116 Motion to **accept the low bid and award the contract for the Residential Waste and Recyclable Material for single family and two-family dwelling structures within the unincorporated area of Weathersfield Township to Browning-Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc., DBA Republic Services of Youngstown for a term of three (3) years commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31st, 2025** with the option for two mutually agreed extension periods of two (2) years each. The basic service rate will be \$17.00 per month and Republic Services of Youngstown will continue to offer residents of the Township the current service levels of 1x week MSW collection with 95-gallon cart and every-other-week recycling collection with an 18- gallon bin; and to offer residents of the Township, if they so choose, to recycle with the use of a 65-gallon or 95-gallon recycling cart for an additional fee of \$1.45 per month. The fee for minimum generator subscribers is \$3.25 per bag; the fee for construction debris is \$15.00 per cubic yard; the fee for yard waste in excess of the weekly allotment is \$3.00 per bag; and the fee for garage side pickup (for non-handicapped customers) is \$10.00 per month. Republic Services of Youngstown also agrees to continue the annual Spring Clean-Up Program and to collect one (1) bulk item per month at no additional charge; additional bulk items per month will be collected at a rate of \$8.00 per bulk item. The current basic service rate, which will be ending December 31, 2022, is \$15.65 per month.

Motion by: Rich Harkins

Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Carried

22-117 Motion to **promote Lynda Briach from the position of Administrative Assistant II to the position of Administrative Assistant I effective August 15, 2022 at a rate of \$20.56 per hour.** Lynda has been with the Township for many years and is well deserved of this promotion.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker

Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

22-118 Motion to **accept and acknowledge the resignation of Melissa Murphy effective July 29, 2022.** The board Trustees would like to thank Melissa for her many years of service with the Township and to the residents of our community. Melissa has taken a new position with the Ravenna Township.

Motion by: Rich Harkins

Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Carried

22-119 Motion to **hire Kelly Clarke in the position of Administrative Assistant I effective August 22, 2022 at a rate of \$20.56 per hour.** Kelly will be hired on a six (6) month probationary period. The board of Trustees would like to welcome Kelly to our organization.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker

Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

22-120 Motion to **accept the resignation of Police Officer Christian Thoma effective August 6, 2022.** The board Trustees would like to thank Christian for his many years of service with our Police Department and to the residents of our community. Christian has taken a new position with the Liberty Township Police Department.

Motion by: Rich Harkins

Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Carried

22-121 Motion to **hire Nathan A. Novotny as a part-time police officer within the Weathersfield Township Police Department effective July 21, 2022.** The part-time police officer position shall receive the rate of pay, benefits, and other considerations as

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set forth in the policies and procedures as adopted by the board of Trustees. Nathan works for the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

- 22-122 Motion to ***promote part-time police officer Nathan A. Novotny to a full-time police officer position within the Weathersfield Township Police Department effective August 12, 2022.*** The full-time police officer position shall receive the rate of pay at 100%, benefits, and other considerations as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement by and between the board of Trustees and the OPBA as adopted by Resolution #20-102.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Carried

- 22-123 Motion to ***hire Christopher Russo as a full-time police officer within the Weathersfield Township Police Department effective August 13, 2022.*** The full-time police officer position shall receive the rate of pay at 100%, benefits, and other considerations as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement by and between the board of Trustees and the OPBA as adopted by Resolution #20-102.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

- 22-124 Motion to ***hire Brooklyn Youngblood as a Probationary Firefighter*** effective today's date. Brooklyn 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 Brooklyn should be promoted to a Firefighter. The board of Trustees would like to thank Brooklyn for her interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for her volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Carried

- 22-125 Motion to ***hire Suzan Hunt as a Probationary Firefighter*** effective today's date. Suzan 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 Suzan should be promoted to a Firefighter. The board of Trustees would like to thank Suzan for her interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for her volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

- 22-126 Motion to ***hire Lydia Killian as a Probationary Firefighter*** effective today's date. Lydia 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 Lydia should be promoted to a Firefighter. The board of Trustees would like to thank Lydia for her interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for her volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Status

Public Comments:

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Open Comments

Next Meetings:

Next Meetings: Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 3:30 PM; Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 3:30 PM; and Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

22-127 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