

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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**Call to order:** Steve Gerberry

**Pledge:** Completed

**Prayer:** Steve Gerberry

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

**Correspondence/Announcements:**

- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Bookmobile will be at our Community Park** on Monday, February 27; Monday, March 20; and Monday, April 10 from 9:15 AM until 11:45 AM on each of those days.
- The **Trustees would like to announce 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 announce 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 announce that the 2023 Flag Day Festival** dates will be June 8, 9, and 10. The 2023 Flag Day Parade will be on Friday, June 9 at 6:00 PM.
- The **Trumbull County Health Combined District Advisory Council** will meet on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the District offices located at 176 Chestnut Avenue, NE in Warren.
- The **Trustees would like to congratulate the Mineral Ridge Historical Society for gaining an official listing on the National Register of Historic Places** for the 1830's Moss House located on Burnett Street in Mineral Ridge.

**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 Steven Gerberry
- Fire Report – Presented by Steven Gerberry
- Lane LifeTrans Report – Presented by Steven Gerberry
- Law Director's Report – Presented by Cherry Potet

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:**

23-016 Motion to **approve the minutes from the Reorganizational Meeting that was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM and the Regular Meeting that was held on Tuesday, January 10, 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

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- 23-017 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
- 23-018 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
- 23-019 Motion to **transfer \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund** effective January 19, 2023.
- Motion by: Edward Whittaker    Seconded by: Rich Harkins  
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes    Richard Harkins - Yes    Edward Whittaker - Yes  
 Motion Carried
- 23-020 Motion to **authorize the Trumbull County Engineer's Office and the Trumbull County Commissioners to advertise for bids, on behalf of Weathersfield Township, for the Ohio Public Works Commission Project – 2023 Township Road Improvements Program.**
- Motion by: Rich Harkins    Seconded by: Edward Whittaker  
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Abstained    Richard Harkins - Yes    Edward Whittaker - Yes  
 Motion Carried
- 23-021 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to enter into agreements, on behalf of the board of Trustees, for entertainment, sound and lighting, tents/tables/chairs, stage, restrooms, and trash removal** for the 2023 Flag Day Festival.
- Motion by: Edward Whittaker    Seconded by: Rich Harkins  
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes    Richard Harkins - Yes    Edward Whittaker - Yes  
 Motion Carried
- 23-022 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan and Township employees to assist with the planning, preparation, set-up, operation, take-down, and other matters regarding the 2023 Weathersfield Township Flag Day Festival and the Flag Day Festival Parade** during regular Township work hours and to schedule additional hours during the evening or over the weekend on an as-needed basis at the direction and discretion of the Township Administrator.
- Motion by: Rich Harkins    Seconded by: Edward Whittaker  
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes    Richard Harkins - Yes    Edward Whittaker - Yes  
 Motion Carried
- 23-023 Motion to **authorize the use of the community park property for the 2023 Weathersfield Township Flag Day Festival** beginning on the morning of Monday, June 5, 2023 and ending Monday, June 12, 2023. The property can be used for any purpose associated with the festival.
- Motion by: Edward Whittaker    Seconded by: Rich Harkins  
 Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes    Richard Harkins - Yes    Edward Whittaker - Yes  
 Motion Carried
- 23-024 Motion to **authorize Township Trustee Steven Gerberry, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to apply for the 2023 Go-Green Community Grant with the Geauga-**

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**Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.** The amount of the grant request is \$875.00 and the grant proceeds will be used to have a document shredding day for our residents at the Community Park.

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

23-025 Motion **to authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to apply for the 2023 Scrap Tire Grant from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.**

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

23-026 Motion **to authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to apply for the 2023 Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation – Safety Intervention Grant, effective February 1, 2023, for an amount of \$40,000.00.** If awarded, the grant will be used to purchase new snow removal equipment.

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

23-027 Motion **to authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to enter into an agreement, on behalf of the board of Trustees, with VAZA Consulting of Pickerington, Ohio for technical assistance with applying for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) funding through Eastgate Regional Council of Governments for a fee of \$3,200.00, effective February 10, 2023.** The ARC POWER funding request will be for an amount between \$700,000.00 – \$800,000.00 and if awarded, the funding will be used for the construction of the Multi-Jurisdictional Center.

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

23-028 Motion **to accept, effective February 10, 2023, the proposed National Opioid Settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart** and to authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to execute and file a Participation Form for each settlement on behalf of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio.

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

23-029 Motion **to authorize Chief Michael Naples, Jr., on behalf of the board of Trustees, to renew the annual service agreement for 2023 with the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (MVCRT)** and to contribute \$2,000.00. This fee is paid by all the law enforcement agencies within the response area of the MVCRT

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

23-030 Motion **to appoint Trustee Richard Harkins to the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Advisory Council pursuant to and in accordance with ORC § 6115.104 (A).** The purpose of the advisory council is to annually review and evaluate the receipts and disbursements of funds by the board of directors of the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (aka Meander Water) from the preceding calendar year; and to review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the board of directors regarding operation, polices, programs,

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and improvements of the district. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the board of directors of the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (aka Meander Water) and with the Trumbull County Clerk of Courts.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker    Seconded by: Steve Gerberry

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

Motion Carried

**Public Comments:**

Open Comments

**Next Meetings:**

Next Meetings: Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 3:30 PM; Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 3:30 PM; and Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

23-031 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

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Fred Bobovnyk, Fiscal Officer

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Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

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Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

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Edward K. Whittaker, Trustee