

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Call to order: Steve Gerberry

Pledge: Completed

Moment of Silence: To acknowledge the passing of William Thompson who was a former Lieutenant with our Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

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

Correspondence/Announcements:

- The **Trustees are pleased to announce that they have received a 2024 MARCS Grant from the Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire in the amount of \$47,704.00**, of which \$46,984.00 shall be used for MARCS radio equipment and \$720.00 is for the radio monthly subscription fees. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Captain Jeff Tucker for his work on completing this grant application and for securing these much-needed grant funds.
- The **Trustees would like to announce that the 2024 Flag Day Festival** dates will be June 6, 7, and 8. The 2024 Flag Day Parade will be on Friday, June 7 at 6:00 PM.
- The **Trustees would like to announce the dates for this year's Spring Clean-Up Program which will be held the week of April 29, 2024**. 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, April 29, 2024 and continue through Friday, May 3, 2024**. 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 two new police cruisers have been completed and have been placed in service**. This purchase was made based upon the safety forces levy that was passed in the spring 2023.
- For **those residents in that portion of the Township that are served by Armstrong, they have announced an upcoming rate increase**.

Reports:

- Financial Report – Presented by Steve Gerberry
- 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 Potteet

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:

24-021 Motion to **adopt a Proclamation of the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees in recognition of Noah Potts**.

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Whereas, the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees takes immense pride in recognizing outstanding achievements of young individuals in our community; and

Whereas, Noah Potts has demonstrated extraordinary commitment, discipline, and leadership on his path to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest and most esteemed rank within the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Noah Potts, through his diligent efforts, has successfully advanced through the ranks, starting from Scout Rank on August 7, 2017, to ultimately achieving the Eagle Scout Rank, showcasing his mastery in various skills and his unwavering dedication to the principles of Scouting; and

Whereas, in his journey, Noah Potts has embodied the Scout Oath and Law, displaying exceptional character and upholding the values of duty to God, country, others, and self, as evidenced by his various leadership roles within Scouting, including Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

Whereas, Noah Potts has significantly contributed to our community through various service projects, most notably his Eagle Scout Project, organizing a blood drive in Mineral Ridge on July 1, 2023, which collected 29 pints of blood, aiding over 80 patients; and has shown a continuous commitment to honoring veterans, environmental stewardship, and supporting local heritage; and

Whereas, Noah Potts has extended his leadership and service beyond Scouting, as evidenced by his roles as a Cub Scout Den Leader, Captain of the Cross Country Team, and through his participation in other extracurricular activities such as the History Club, Yearbook, and Rifle Team; and

Whereas, Noah Potts has excelled academically, being recognized as an Honor Roll Student, a member of the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, and as a Cross Country Academic All Ohioan, in addition to earning varsity letters in Track and Cross Country;

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed, that the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees hereby honors Noah Potts for his outstanding achievement in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

We commend his exemplary service, leadership, and commitment to excellence. We extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for his future endeavors, particularly as he prepares to embark on his collegiate journey.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes

Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

24-022 Motion to ***adopt a Proclamation of the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees in recognition of James Michael Kaminski.***

Whereas, James Michael Kaminski, Jr. has achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America, demonstrating exemplary dedication, leadership, and commitment to the ideals of Scouting; and

Whereas, James has shown exceptional skill and perseverance by successfully completing the challenging journey to Eagle Scout, marked by significant milestones including Scout Rank, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life Ranks; and

Whereas, James has demonstrated a profound commitment to community service and leadership through his active participation in Troop 83, holding positions such as Chaplain Aide, Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Den Chief for Cub Scout Pack 83; and

Whereas, his Eagle Scout Project, the installation of a concrete pad for the Gaga ball pit at the local elementary school so that both the basketball court and the Gaga ball pit would have its own space and both areas would be able to be fully utilized, reflects his

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dedication to improving community spaces, enhancing recreational facilities for the enjoyment and benefit of all; and

Whereas, James's involvement in various other organizations, including the Order of the Arrow, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Weathersfield History Club, Drama Club, Business Professionals of America, and the On Target Rifle Team, showcases his diverse talents and commitment to excellence; and

Whereas, his extensive community service, including efforts at Kerr Cemetery, Niles Cemetery, Mosquito Lake, Camp Stambaugh, Pioneer Scout Reservation, On Target Outfitters, and participation in numerous other community projects and events, exemplifies his dedication to serving others and bettering his community;

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed that the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and honors James Michael Kaminski, Jr. for his significant achievement in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. We commend his remarkable dedication to personal development, leadership, and community service.

We express our sincere pride in his accomplishments and extend our best wishes for his future endeavors, confident that the skills, values, and experiences gained through his Scouting journey will guide him towards continued success and service.

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

- 24-023 Motion to ***approve the minutes from the Reorganizational Meeting that was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM and the Regular Meeting that was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM.***

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

- 24-024 Motion to ***adopt a resolution to approve the drawing warrants upon our treasury and paying township bills.***

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

- 24-025 Motion to ***adopt a resolution to approve the Then and Now's pursuant to the list provided by the Fiscal Officer.***

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

- 24-026 Motion to ***adopt a resolution to transfer \$25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund*** effective January 22, 2024.

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

- 24-027 Motion to ***adopt a resolution to amend the permanent appropriations and permanent revenues for Budget Year 2024*** on a level of control for the General Fund at the line item basis and on a level of control for all remaining funds at the fund basis: 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, effective January 31, 2024.

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Proposed Appropriations For 2024 - General (Fund 1000)		
Account Code	Account Name	Appropriation
1000-110-111-0000	Salaries - Trustees	\$52,844.40
1000-110-121-0000	Salary - Township Fiscal Officer	\$8,939.70
1000-110-122-0000	Salaries - Township Fiscal Officer's Staff	\$50,856.00
1000-110-131-0000	Salary - Administrator	\$35,500.00
1000-110-190-0000	Other - Salaries	\$7,500.00
1000-110-211-0000	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System	\$41,459.68
1000-110-212-0000	Social Security	\$120.00
1000-110-213-0000	Medicare	\$4,000.00
1000-110-221-0000	Medical/Hospitalization	\$94,908.96
1000-110-222-0000	Life Insurance	\$2,250.00
1000-110-223-0000	Dental Insurance	\$3,600.00
1000-110-224-0000	Vision Insurance	\$1,000.00
1000-110-230-0000	Workers' Compensation	\$9,000.00
1000-110-311-0000	Accounting and Legal Fees	\$21,500.00
1000-110-312-0000	Auditing Services	\$5,800.00
1000-110-313-0000	Uniform Accounting Network Fees	\$3,250.00
1000-110-314-0000	Tax Collection Fees	\$6,500.00
1000-110-330-0000	Travel and Meeting Expense	\$1,200.00
1000-110-342-0000	Postage	\$350.00
1000-110-343-0000	Postage Machine Rental	\$200.00
1000-110-345-0000	Advertising	\$2,000.00
1000-110-360-0000	Contracted Services	\$43,000.00
1000-110-360-0005	Contracted Services {DEMOLITION}	\$7,500.00
1000-110-360-0058	Contracted Services {Trumbull County Engineer}	\$12,500.00
1000-110-381-0000	Property Insurance Premiums	\$6,000.00
1000-110-382-0000	Liability Insurance Premiums	\$4,250.00
1000-110-410-0000	Office Supplies	\$4,000.00
1000-110-420-0000	Operating Supplies	\$5,000.00
1000-110-591-0000	Contributions to Other Organizations	\$750.00
1000-110-599-0000	Other - Other Expenses	\$4,000.00
1000-120-190-0000	Other - Salaries (Zoning Department)	\$52,356.00
1000-120-323-0000	Repairs and Maintenance	\$2,000.00
1000-120-341-0000	Telephone	\$3,750.00
1000-120-351-0000	Electricity	\$6,500.00
1000-120-352-0000	Water and Sewage	\$1,900.00
1000-120-353-0000	Natural Gas	\$4,000.00
1000-130-212-0000	Social Security	\$100.00
1000-130-500-0000	Other	\$5,000.00
1000-190-380-0067	Insurance and Bonding {Insurance Fire Demo}	\$10,000.00
1000-310-360-0000	Contracted Services	\$5,000.00
1000-420-370-0000	Payment to Another Political Subdivision	\$35,000.00
1000-610-500-0057	Other {Festivals}	\$12,000.00
1000-760-730-0000	Improvement of Sites	\$5,000.00
1000-910-910-0000	Transfers - Out	\$131,000.00
1000-920-920-0000	Advances - Out	\$0.00
Total Proposed Expenditures:		\$713,384.74

Anticipated Revenue For 2024 - General Fund (Fund 1000)		
Account Code	Account Name	Revenue
1000-101-0000	General Property Tax - Real Estate	\$455,761.09
1000-103-0000	Permissive Sales Tax	\$100.00
1000-301-0003	Licenses and Permits {Armstrong Cable Franchise Fee}	\$39,500.00
1000-301-0033	Licenses and Permits {Time Warner Cable Franchise Fee}	\$16,250.00
1000-302-0042	Fees {Zoning Fees}	\$35,500.00
1000-401-0059	Fines {Traffic Cameras}	\$114,064.55
1000-532-0000	Local Government Distribution	\$0.00
1000-533-0000	Liquor Permit Fees	\$500.00
1000-534-0000	Cigarette License Fees	\$350.00
1000-535-0000	Property Tax Allocation	\$7,500.00
1000-539-0000	Other - State Receipts	\$30,000.00
1000-701-0000	Interest	\$65,000.00
1000-802-0000	Rentals and Leases	\$500.00
1000-803-0057	Contributions {Festivals}	\$12,000.00
1000-892-0000	Other - Miscellaneous Non-Operating	\$40,000.00
1000-892-0067	Other - Miscellaneous Non-Operating {Insurance Fire Demo}	\$10,000.00
1000-941-0000	Advances - In	\$0.00
Total Anticipated Revenue:		\$827,025.64

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Statement Of Fund Activity - FY2024				
Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Fund Balance	Total Estimated Receipts	Total Resources Available for Expenditure	Total Estimated Expenditures and Encumbrances
General	\$358,320.38	\$827,025.64	\$1,185,346.02	\$713,384.74
MVL	\$10,660.71	\$67,075.00	\$77,735.71	\$77,735.71
Gas Tax	\$57,693.68	\$159,400.00	\$217,093.68	\$213,500.00
Road & Bridge	\$1,862.40	\$131,000.00	\$132,862.40	\$130,828.92
Cemetery	\$35,170.70	\$86,500.00	\$121,670.70	\$102,050.28
Garbage & Waste Disposal District	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Police	\$95,153.82	\$2,171,429.42	\$2,266,583.24	\$1,957,215.52
Fire	\$218,267.87	\$514,012.20	\$732,280.07	\$392,265.00
Drug Law Enforcement	\$29,485.16	\$16,000.00	\$45,485.16	\$45,485.16
Enforcement & Education	\$3,876.39	\$500.00	\$4,376.39	\$500.00
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$43.72	\$0.00	\$43.72	\$43.72
American Rescue Plan	\$6,063.42	\$150.00	\$6,213.42	\$6,213.42
Lighting Districts	\$6,129.85	\$48,485.00	\$54,614.85	\$52,730.00
OneOhio	\$8,414.55	\$2,160.23	\$10,574.78	\$10,574.78
Bond/Note Retirement Fund	\$0.36	\$109,124.57	\$109,124.93	\$109,124.57
Capital Projects - (State Capital Project)	\$500,000.10	\$0.00	\$500,000.10	\$500,000.10
Capital Projects - (FHWA & ARC)	\$0.00	\$1,192,140.00	\$1,192,140.00	\$1,192,140.00
Public Works	\$0.00	\$223,034.00	\$223,034.00	\$223,034.00
Total:	\$1,341,143.11	\$5,548,036.06	\$6,889,179.17	\$5,736,825.92

2024 Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources						
Fund	1/1/2024 Cash Balance	1/1/2024 Encumbered	Unencumbered Cash Balance	Anticipated Tax Revenue	Anticipated Other Sources	Total Available Resources
General	\$368,046.77	\$9,726.39	\$358,320.38	\$455,761.09	\$371,264.55	\$1,185,346.02
Total General Fund:	\$368,046.77	\$9,726.39	\$358,320.38	\$455,761.09	\$371,264.55	\$1,185,346.02
MVL	\$12,112.06	\$1,451.35	\$10,660.71	\$0.00	\$67,075.00	\$77,735.71
Gas Tax	\$59,680.04	\$1,986.36	\$57,693.68	\$0.00	\$159,400.00	\$217,093.68
Road & Bridge	\$2,014.00	\$151.60	\$1,862.40	\$0.00	\$131,000.00	\$132,862.40
Cemetery	\$35,999.51	\$828.81	\$35,170.70	\$0.00	\$86,500.00	\$121,670.70
Garbage & Waste Disposal District	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Police <small>(Anticipated Tax Revenue includes 76% of the 2023 Police, Fire, & EMS Levy)</small>	\$162,805.70	\$67,651.88	\$95,153.82	\$1,513,751.42	\$657,678.00	\$2,266,583.24
Fire <small>(Anticipated Tax Revenue includes 24% of the 2023 Police, Fire, & EMS Levy Re)</small>	\$284,540.52	\$66,272.65	\$218,267.87	\$477,612.20	\$36,400.00	\$732,280.07
Drug Law Enforcement	\$29,485.16	\$0.00	\$29,485.16	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$45,485.16
Enfr. & Education	\$3,876.39	\$0.00	\$3,876.39	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$4,376.39
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$43.72	\$0.00	\$43.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.72
American Rescue Plan	\$129,656.70	\$123,593.28	\$6,063.42	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$6,213.42
Lighting Districts	\$6,129.85	\$0.00	\$6,129.85	\$0.00	\$48,485.00	\$54,614.85
OneOhio	\$8,414.55	\$0.00	\$8,414.55	\$0.00	\$2,160.23	\$10,574.78
Total Speical Revenue:	\$744,758.20	\$261,935.93	\$482,822.27	\$1,991,363.63	\$1,205,348.23	\$3,679,534.13
Bond/Note Retirement	\$0.36	\$0.00	\$0.36	\$109,124.57	\$0.00	\$109,124.93
Total Bond/Note Retirement:	\$0.36	\$0.00	\$0.36	\$109,124.57	\$0.00	\$109,124.93
Capital Projects - (FHWA & ARC)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,192,140.00	\$1,192,140.00
Capital Projects - (State Capital Project)	\$500,000.10	\$0.00	\$500,000.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.10
Public Works - (OPWC)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$223,034.00	\$223,034.00
Total Capital Projects & Public Works:	\$500,000.10	\$0.00	\$500,000.10	\$0.00	\$1,415,174.00	\$1,915,174.10
Total:	\$1,612,805.43	\$271,662.32	\$1,341,143.11	\$2,556,249.28	\$2,991,786.78	\$6,889,179.17

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

24-028 Motion to **adopt a resolution to advance \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Police District Fund** effective January 31, 2024.

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

24-029 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to enter into an agreement, effective February 2, 2024, with the Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal for the 2024 MARCS Grant in the amount of \$47,704.00**, of which \$46,984.00 shall be used for MARCS radio equipment and \$720.00 is for the radio monthly subscription fees. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Captain Jeff Tucker

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for his work on completing this grant application and for securing these much-needed grant funds.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

- 24-030 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to enter into an agreement, effective January 30, 2024, with Environmental Design Group of 450 Grant Street, Akron, Ohio 44311 to perform a Level 1 Ecological Survey Report (ESR) for an amount of \$7,750.00.** The Level 1 ESR is being performed at two locations on TH65 (Ohltown Girard Road) where culverts will be replaced as part of the Ohltown Girard Improvement Project, ODOT PID 117409. The Ohltown Girard Road Improvement Project is being funded with \$892,140.00 from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding through the Federal Highway Administration and with \$223,034.00 from the Ohio Public Works Commission for a project total cost of \$1,115,174.00.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Carried

- 24-031 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, trash removal, and other agreements as necessary** for the 2024 Flag Day Festival.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

- 24-032 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 2024 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

- 24-033 Motion to **authorize the use of the community park property for the 2024 Weathersfield Township Flag Day Festival** beginning on the morning of Monday, June 3, 2024 and ending Monday, June 10, 2024. 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

- 24-034 Motion to **reappoint 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, 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

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

24-035 Motion to ***ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE OWNER TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURE WHICH IS UNSAFE AND STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §505.86.***

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §505.86 authorizes a Board of Trustees to declare structures within the Township to be a nuisance by reason of being insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, or unfit for human habitation, and to provide for the abatement of said nuisance by demolition and removal of said structures after thirty days' notice; and

WHEREAS, the Weathersfield Township Fire Chief has inspected the structure on the property located in Weathersfield Township at **1264 Emerson Street, Niles Ohio 44446**, (hereinafter "the Property") and has declared the structure on the Property to be insecure, unsafe, and structurally defective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1: The Board of Trustees determines that the structure on the Property is uninhabited, insecure, unsafe, dilapidated, dangerous and structurally deficient and must be demolished and removed for public safety, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §505.86.

Section 2: Notice shall be given to the owner(s) of the Property and any lienholders by certified mail or as otherwise provided in Ohio Revised Code §505.86, of the Township's declaration of nuisance and demand to abate said nuisance by demolition, and the right to request a hearing in writing within twenty days after the notice is mailed, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §505.86(B) and(C).

Section 3: If the Property Owner or lienholders fail to request a hearing before the Board within twenty days or provide for the demolition and removal of said nuisance structures within thirty days of giving notice, the Board authorizes the Township Administrator to enter into contracts for the demolition of the structures on the Property.

Section 4: The total costs incurred by the Township for the demolition and removal of the structure and abatement of the nuisance, including all associated site restoration work, and the costs incurred in providing notice shall be paid from the Township general fund, and the Township Fiscal Officer shall certify the total costs incurred to the county Auditor who shall place the costs upon the tax duplicate to be a lien upon such lands from and after the date of entry. The costs shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the Township general fund.

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

24-036 MOTION TO ***ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY TO BE INSECURE, UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND/OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND ORDERING DEMOLITION.***

WHEREAS, Under the authority of *Ohio Revised Code* §505.86, A board of township trustees may provide for the removal, repair, or securance of buildings or other structures in the township that have been declared insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective by any fire department under contract with the township or by the county building department or other authority responsible under Chapter 3781 of the *Ohio Revised Code* for the enforcement of building regulations or the performance of building inspections in the township, or buildings or other structures that have been declared unfit for human habitation by the board of health of the general health district of which the township is a part; and

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WHEREAS, the structures located on the Properties listed below have been declared unfit for human habitation by the Trumbull County Board of Health of the general health district of which the township is a part; and/or have been declared insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective by the Township fire department or by the county building department or other authority responsible under Chapter 3781 of the *Ohio Revised Code* for the enforcement of building regulations or the performance of building inspections in the township; and

WHEREAS, the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees hereby determines that the structures on the Properties are unsafe and constitute a nuisance and threat to public health and safety and must be demolished.

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, by authority of §505.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, as follows:

SECTION 1: The structures on the following list (hereinafter the “Properties”) have been declared insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective by the Weathersfield Township Fire Department, or have been declared unfit for human habitation by the Trumbull County Board of Health and are hereby determined to be unsafe and structurally defective and constitute a nuisance and a threat to the public health and safety.

PROPERTIES DECLARED INSECURE, UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND/OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND REQUIRE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL

	<u>OWNER OF RECORD</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AUDITOR PARCEL NUMBER</u>	
1	Joseph P. Cetar	1370 Orchard Court	Mineral Ridge, OH. 44440	21-023141
2	Robert D. Tillery	2904 Niles Carver Rd	Niles, OH 44446	21-137000
3	Barbara Stauffer	2896 Niles Carver Rd	Niles, OH 44446	21-138250
4	Gary Hilty	1264 Emerson Street	Niles, OH 44446	24-250151
5	Joyce Marie Shanower	451 Garland Ave	Niles, OH 44446	21-121740
6	Anthony Maffei	2809 Pittsburgh Ave	McDonald, OH. 44437	23-111400
7	Timothy Sigley	2837 Arlington Ave	McDonald, OH. 44437	23-108350
8	Latoya Joe Rodriguez	3158 Pittsburgh Ave	McDonald, OH. 44437	23-005350

SECTION 2: The Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees hereby orders the Property Owners to immediately abate the nuisance by demolition and removal of the structures.

SECTION 3: The Zoning Inspector is hereby instructed to notify the Property owners and all lienholders of record by certified mail, return receipt requested, or if the address of a party in interest is unknown and cannot reasonably be obtained, by posting on the property and publication of notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the township, of the Township’s declaration of nuisance and demand to abate said nuisance by demolition of the Structures, and of their right to request a hearing in writing within twenty days after the notice is mailed.

Section 4: If the Property Owners or Lienholders of any Property fail to request a hearing before the Board within twenty days or provide for the demolition and removal of said nuisance structures within thirty days of giving notice, the Board authorizes the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation to enter upon the properties and provide for abatement of said property nuisance by conducting an asbestos survey and demolition and removal of the property structures.

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

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes

Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

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24-037 Motion to **adopt a resolution certifying to the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control that the Board of Trustees has no objection to the transfer of the existing C2-C2X liquor permit from THUMKELI Limited DBA Mini Food Mart of 1505 North Main Street, 1st Floor, Niles Ohio 44446 to MANNAT KAUR Inc, DBA Mini Food Mart of 1505 North Main Street, 1st Floor, Niles Ohio 44446 and that the Board does not request a hearing for the requested transfer.**

The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to complete the Notice to Legislative Authority form certifying that the Board of Trustees does not request a hearing on this matter and return said form to the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control.

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

24-038 Motion to **accept the resignation of Patrick Glunt from the Board of Zoning Appeals effective March 31, 2024.** The Board of Trustees would like to thank Pat for his dedicated service to our community and they look forward to working with him as the newly elected fiscal officer beginning April 1, 2024.

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

24-039 Motion to **appoint John Polanski to the unexpired term on the Board of Zoning Appeals**, term commencing April 1, 2024 and term ending December 31, 2026; and to set the board of board of Zoning Appeals rate of compensation at \$25 per meeting attended for the board members and for the alternate board members. The Trustees would like to thank John for his willingness to serve on the board.

Board of Zoning Appeals	
Member	Term Ending
Charles Colburn	December 31, 2024
Richard Cross	December 31, 2025
John Polanski	December 31, 2026
Donald Johnson	December 31, 2027
Cathy Zapka	December 31, 2028
Alternate Member	Term Ending
Richard Rostan	December 31, 2027

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

24-040 Motion to **appoint Matthew Glidewell to the unexpired term as an alternate member of the Township Zoning Commission**, term commencing April 1, 2024 and term ending December 31, 2026; and to set the Zoning Commission rate of compensation at \$25 per meeting attended for the commission members and for the alternate commission members. The Trustees would like to thank Matt for his willingness to serve on the Zoning Commission.

Zoning Commission	
Member	Term Ending
William Henning	December 31, 2024
Brad Lang	December 31, 2025
Dave Sylak	December 31, 2026
Joe Carl	December 31, 2027
Jonathan Noel	December 31, 2028
Alternate Member	Term Ending
Matthew Glidewell	December 31, 2026

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

- 24-041 Motion to ***promote Jackson Iceman from probationary Firefighter to Firefighter*** effective today, February 13, 2024. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Jackson for his commitment to becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for his 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

- 24-042 Motion to ***hire Andrew Lesbinsky as a Junior Firefighter*** effective today, February 13, 2024. As Junior Firefighter he will begin training pursuant to the Junior Firefighter Program as previously established by the Fire Chief and adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Andrew for his interest in becoming Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for his volunteerism and his 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

- 24-043 Motion to ***accept the resignation of firefighter William Thompson, Jr. effective February 1, 2024.*** Bill has moved out of the response area. The Board of Trustees would like to thank Bill for his dedicated service to our community.

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

- 24-044 Motion ***to authorize Chief Michael Naples, Jr., on behalf of the board of Trustees, to renew the annual service agreement for 2024 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

- 24-045 Motion ***to accept a \$100.00 donation from Richard and Karen Bucher to our Fire Department.*** The donation was made in Memory of Marge Jones who passed away on December 23, 2023. Marge was so appreciative of the work that our Fire Department does on a daily basis.

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

Public Comments:

Open Comments

Next Meetings:

Next Meetings: Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 3:30 PM, Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 3:30 PM; and Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

- 24-046 Motion to ***adjourn the meeting.***

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Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins
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