Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting Held onTuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00PM

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:

• The Trustees would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Flag Day Festival; the event was a great success we had record attendance.

Reports:

- Financial Report Presented by Fred Bobovnyk
- Administrator's Report Presented by David Rouan
- Zoning Report Presented by Melissa Murphy
- Police Report Presented by 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 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:

- 21-072 Motion to *approve the consent agenda*, which includes the following:
 - Minutes from the Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 8, 2021 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

21-073 Motion to *transfer \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund* effective July 9, 2021.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride

Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes

Motion Carried

21-074 Motion to **establish the following rules for the scheduling and notice of meetings of the board of Trustees for remainder of the 2021 calendar year**.

REGULAR MEETINGS – The regular monthly meetings of the board of Trustees will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and on the following Thursday's at 3:30 PM; July 22, August 5, August 19, September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, December 9, and December 23. All meetings will be held at the Township administration building or by virtual technology as permitted by law. Notice of these regular meetings will be posted on the Township bulletin board and

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website. Any changes to this meeting schedule will be posted on the Township bulletin board and website.

SPECIAL MEETINGS – Notice of special meetings of the board of Trustees will be posted on the Township bulletin board, website, and will be provided by email to the local newspapers (the Warren Tribune Chronicle) and any other person that requests same, at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of such meeting, except in an emergency in which case the notice shall be given as soon as practicable.

Motion by: Name Seconded by: Name

Vote: Steve Gerberry - Vote Rich Harkins - Vote Marvin McBride - Vote

Motion Status

21-075 Motion to accept a \$25 donation from Todd Murdock of Mineral Ridge to the police Department.

Motion by: Marvin McBride Seconded by: Rich Harkins

Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes

Motion Carried

21-076 MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURES AT 2308 S. BELLWOOD AVENUE, NILES OH 44446, WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP WHICH ARE UNSAFE, STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND TO ABATE NUISANCE AND REMOVE JUNK VEHICLES AND DEBRIS PURSUANT TO R.C. 3929.86, R.C. 505.86, R.C. 505.87 AND R.C. 505.871

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §505.86, §505.87 and §505.871 authorize the 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, by accumulation of garbage, debris or vegetation and junk motor vehicles and to provide for the abatement of said nuisance by securing or demolition and removal of said structures, garbage, and junk vehicles; and;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021 the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 21-054 determining the structures on the property at 2308 S. Bellwood Avenue, Niles OH 44446, Weathersfield Township ("the Property") to be unsafe and structurally defective and unfit for human habitation and the property a nuisance by virtue of an accumulation of garbage and debris and junk motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the individuals or entities with an ownership or legal or equitable lien interest in the Property and/or Structure (hereinafter collectively "Parties in Interest") were notified by certified mail, return receipt requested and regular mail of the Township's declaration of nuisance, right to request a hearing, and the demand to abate said nuisance by demolition, pursuant to RC 505.86(B) and(C); and

WHEREAS, the Parties in Interest failed to provide for the demolition and removal of said nuisance Structure or request a hearing before the Board.

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

Section 1: The structures on the Property remains unsafe and structurally defective and unfit for human habitation thereby constituting a direct threat to the public health and safety. The structures are not reasonably repairable and must be demolished and removed to protect the health and safety of the township residents.

Section 2: The Township Administrator is authorized to enter into contracts for the demolition and removal of the structures, garbage and debris on the Property and site restoration and for the removal of the junk motor vehicles.

Section 3: The cost of the work shall be paid from the deposit received pursuant to R.C. 3929.86. If there are any funds remaining after the completion of the work, they will be returned to the Parties in Interest. Any costs in excess of the amount of the deposit shall

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be paid out of the Township general fund, and the Weathersfield Township Fiscal Officer is requested to certify any costs of the demolition and removal of the structure, in excess of the deposit, together with a proper description of the lands, 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.

Section 4. All formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride

Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes

Motion Carried

21-077 Motion to *hire John Greene as a Probationary Firefighter* effective July 13, 2021. John 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 John should be promoted to Firefighter. The board of Trustees would like to thank John 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

21-078 Motion to *promote Ivan Martin from Junior Firefighter to Probationary Firefighter* effective July 13, 2021. The board of Trustees would like to thank Ivan 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 - Vote Rich Harkins - Vote Marvin McBride - Vote

Motion Carried

21-079 Motion to *promote Kassidy Weimer from Junior Firefighter to Probationary Firefighter* effective July 13, 2021. The board of Trustees would like to thank Kassidy for her interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for her 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

21-080 Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of part-time police officers and part-time firefighters pursuant to O.R.C. §122.22 (G)(1). 7:22 PM

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride

Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes

Motion Carried

21-081 Motion to come out of executive session. 8:09 PM

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Marvin McBride

Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes Rich Harkins - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes

Motion Carried

Public Comments:

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Open Comments

Next Meetings:

Next Regular Meetings: Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 3:30 PM; Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 3:30 PM; Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM, and Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 3:30 PM.

Adjournment:

21-082 Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

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

Fred Bobovnyk, Fiscal Officer

Seconded by: Rich Harkins
Marvin McBride - Yes
Marvin McBride - Yes

Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

Marvin J. McBride, Trustee