

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

For the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**Call to order:** Steve Gerberry

**Pledge:** Completed

**Prayer:** Completed

**Roll Call:** Steven Gerberry - Present  
Edward Whittaker - Present

Richard Harkins - Present  
Fred Bobovnyk - Present

### Correspondence/Announcements:

- The **Trustees would like to congratulate junior firefighter Alex Rich, who just completed his junior year at TCTC, on his successful completion of his Firefighter 1 training and for passing the state of Ohio Firefighter 1 examination.** Alex will complete his Firefighter 2 training next year when he graduates from TCTC and he will then take the state of Ohio Firefighter 2 examination.
- The **Trustees would like to acknowledge that the Memorial Day Ceremony that was held on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the community park** was a success.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that yoga in the park will continue each Saturday at 9:00 AM**, weather permitting, through Saturday, August 26, 2023.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Bookmobile has returned to our Community Park** and will be there on the following dates; Wednesday, June 28; Wednesday, July 19; Wednesday, August 9; and Wednesday, August 30 from 11:00 AM until Noon on each of those days.
- The **Trustees would like to acknowledge that the 2023 Flag Day Festival** was a success.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the Community Document Shredding Event will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the community park.** This event was made possible by a Go-Green Community Grant that the Trustees secured from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the 2023 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program began this month.** The 2023 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program began on Friday, May 5, 2023 and will continue each Friday through Friday, October 27, 2023. 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 **Trustees would like to remind our residents that open burning is not permitted within the Township.** We have had several brush fires that placed our firefighters and our resident's property at risk. Please do not open burn and enjoy the remainder of your spring.
- The **annual Community Garage Sale will take place this year on June 15, 16, and 17 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM on each of those days.** The organizers are going to have a list of addresses and a map this year, so please text Cheryl your information at 330-565-2449 if you plan to participate.

### Reports:

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

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- Zoning Report – Presented by David Rouan
- Police Report – Presented by Police Captain Kris Hodge
- 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

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:

23-067 Motion to ***approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting that was held on Tuesday, May 9, 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

23-068 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

23-069 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

23-070 Motion to ***approve and authorize a \$14,000.00 contribution to the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Office for completion of the work associated with the Mineral Ridge Hydraulic Improvements Project*** and that the American Rescue Plan Act Fund shall be used to pay for the contribution.

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

23-071 Motion to ***renew our liability and property insurance coverage and policies through the Ohio Township Risk Management Authority (OTARMA)*** for a term of one (1) year commencing July 15, 2023 through July 14, 2024 for the ensuing policy year and to authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to execute, on behalf of the board of Trustees, all documents necessary to continue coverage.

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

23-072 Motion to ***authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board or Trustees, to enter into a Scheduled Maintenance Agreement with Professional Engine Systems of Canfield, Ohio*** for an amount of \$1,700.00 for a term of one (1) year commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The purpose of the maintenance

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agreement is for an annual inspection, oil, and filter change for each of the four (4) generators.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker    Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

- 23-073 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to renew the Group Policy for Life Insurance with The Standard Insurance Company of Portland Oregon, for a term of one year beginning June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2024.** The rates remain the same, the rate for Basic Life is \$0.567/\$1,000 of Benefit and the rate for Basic AD&D is \$0.030/\$1,000 of Benefit.

Motion by: Rich Harkins    Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Carried

- 23-074 Motion to enter into the **Supplemental Police Services Agreement with the Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority (TMHA).** This agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for the provision of specific police services associated with the TMHA's security programs. TMHA desires to contract with Weathersfield Township, by and through its police department, for additional police services to create a drug and crime free environment and to provide for the safety and protection of the residents.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker    Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

- 23-075 Motion to **authorize the closure of TH1494 (Fox Chase) between TH1495 (Deer Trail) and TH1493 (Country Meadows Avenue).** The road closure will be on Saturday, July 2, 2023 from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. The purpose of the road closure is for a block party. This area may be used for any purpose associated with the event; however, alcoholic beverages may not be consumed within the public right-of-way, fireworks may not be ignited within the public right-of-way, and no tents, tables, or chairs may be placed on the paved roadway surface.

Motion by: Rich Harkins    Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

Motion Carried

- 23-076 Motion to **authorize the purchase of two (2) 2023 Utility Police Interceptors at a total purchase price of \$115,343.00** from Statewide Ford Lincoln of 1108 West Main Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891; and to authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to execute, on behalf of the board of Trustees, all necessary documentation and agreements to effectuate the purchase, including the finance application and agreements with Ford Motor Credit Company for a municipal finance equipment lease-purchase for a three (3) year term, effective June 12, 2023. This purchase is being made in accordance with ORC §125.04.

Motion by: Edward Whittaker    Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

- 23-077 Motion **to provide Simon C. Irwin a conditional offer of employment for the position of a full-time probationary police officer with the Weathersfield Township Police Department.** This offer is contingent upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement prepared by Law Director Cherry Poteet. Upon meeting the conditions in the offer, he will become a full-time probationary police officer and 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. The board of Trustees would like to welcome Simon to our organization.

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Motion Carried

23-078 Motion **to provide Isaiah D. Brazofsky a conditional offer of employment for the position of a full-time probationary police officer with the Weathersfield Township Police Department.** This offer is contingent upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement prepared by Law Director Cherry Poteet. Upon meeting the conditions in the offer, he will become a full-time probationary police officer and 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. The board of Trustees would like to welcome Isaiah to our organization.

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

**Public Comments:**

Open Comments

**Next Meetings:**

Next Meetings: Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 3:30 PM; Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 3:30 PM; and Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

23-079 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