

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00PM

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**Call to order:** Steve Gerberry

**Pledge:** Completed

**Prayer:** Steve Gerberry

**Roll Call:** Marvin J. McBride - Present  
Rich Harkins - Present

Steven J. Gerberry - Present  
Fred R. Bobovnyk - Present

**Correspondence/Announcements:**

- ***Presentation of a fire axe to retired firefighter Calvin Sigley to commemorate his years of service with our fire department.***
- ***The Trustees would like to thank Police Chief Michael Naples, Jr, Captain Kris Hodge, Law Director Cherry Poteet, and the entire Police Department for receiving Final Certification from the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency on Community Engagement.*** The department has been deemed compliant by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.
- ***The Trustees would like to announce the dates for this year's Spring Clean-Up Program which will be held the week of May 17, 2021.*** 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 17, 2021 and continue through Friday, May 21, 2021. 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 have scheduled a drive-by Easter Egg handout for our resident's that will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2021 beginning at 1:00 PM at the Community Park and Gazebo.***
- ***The Trustees would like to remind our residents about the Annual Fish Fry*** that the Mineral Ridge Fire Association is hosting each Friday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM during lent. This year's fish fry will be a drive-by pick up only event.
- ***The Trustees would like to remind our residents that the decorations from all the Township cemeteries must be removed by Friday, April 30, 2021*** so that our crews can begin spring clean-up and ***prepare for the Memorial Day Ceremonies.***
- ***The Trustees would like to remind our residents that they are keeping a list of residents that are interested in switching their electric service to Ohio Edison/First Energy.*** Please contact the Township if you would like to be added to this list.

**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 Cherry Poteet
- Regional Chambers 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:**

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21-028 Motion to **approve the consent agenda**, which includes the following:

- **Minutes from the Regular Meeting** Tuesday, February 9, 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

21-029 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to complete and execute the OTARMA Renewal Questionnaire and to submit all necessary documentation and schedules** as required on behalf of the board of Trustees to receive a renewal quotation for our liability and property coverage.

Motion by: Rich Harkins      Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

21-030 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to engage FMC Architects of North Royalton, Ohio** to complete the architectural/mechanical/structural/electrical plans for the community center for an amount less than \$50,000.00.

Motion by: Marvin McBride      Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

Motion Carried

21-031 Motion to **assign Fire Captain Raymond Knepper the additional duties of Fire Safety Officer for the Fire Department, effective today March 9, 2021.** The board of Trustees would like to thank Captain Knepper for his dedication, for his continued service, and for his commitment to the residents of our Township.

Motion by: Rich Harkins      Seconded by: Marvin McBride

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

Motion Carried

21-032 Motion to **enter into an agreement with the Weathersfield Local School district and Weathersfield Township for a School Resource Officer** for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021.

This Agreement is entered into this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, by and between the Board of Education of the Weathersfield Local School District ("School Board") and the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township ("Township").

WHEREAS, the Township operates the Weathersfield Township Police Department ("Police Department");

WHEREAS, the School Board operates the Weathersfield Local School District, a public school district within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the School Board and the Township seek to promote school and community safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, the School Board and Township agree to have a Weathersfield Township Police officer serve as a School Resource Officer ("SRO") in the Weathersfield Local School District on the following terms and conditions:

1. The Township agrees to provide a uniformed police officer from the Weathersfield Township Police Department to serve as the SRO in the Weathersfield Local

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- School District for a three-year period, beginning September 1, 2021, and ending August 31, 2024. During the school year, the officer will be a full time SRO.
2. The School Board shall pay the Township Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$58,600.00) annually over the term of this Agreement, as invoiced by the Township at the end of each school fiscal year.
  3. The goals of the SRO program are to promote school safety by helping to build a positive school climate in which everyone feels safe, and students are supported to succeed. The SRO acts as a bridge to the Police Department and seeks to reduce crime committed by and against youth in the community. The SRO accomplishes these goals by supporting a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment in the school for students, teachers, and staff through relationships with students, teachers, and the community, helping to build a school culture of open communication and trust, getting to know students and staff at the school, and serving as a role model.
  4. The SRO will remain in the Police Department's chain of command and subject to Police Department rules, regulations, and operating procedures.
  5. The SRO shall receive all training required under ORC §3313.951, including SRO training, ALICE training and other training deemed appropriate by the Police Chief. The SRO shall have an understanding of child and adolescent development and age-appropriate practices for conflict resolution.
  6. The schedule and specific duties of the SRO and the educational programs to be offered by the SRO will be determined by the Police Chief after consultation with the School District.
  7. It is understood and agreed that the SRO is responsible for law enforcement at the school but not general student discipline. Complaints from parents, students and school personnel regarding student discipline, behavior and truancy will be addressed by the school administrators, not the SRO. The SRO is not a school disciplinarian and violations of the student code of conduct or school rules that are not criminal matters will be handled by school faculty and staff, not the SRO. The SRO will not intervene in student discipline unless the situation creates an imminent threat to the health, safety, and security of students or others and the SRO will employ de-escalation techniques as appropriate.
  8. School staff are to notify the SRO of all violent or other criminal activity that creates a safety risk. The SRO, as a law enforcement officer, is responsible for all criminal investigations. The SRO may use discretion and issue warnings or other alternatives to arrest for misdemeanor activity. Felony offenses, sex offenses, weapons offenses, and offenses of violence will normally result in the filing of criminal charges. The decision to file criminal charges is always the decision of the SRO and the Police Department.
  9. The SRO, the Police Department, and the School District will coordinate crisis planning and will review and update school crisis plans periodically.
  10. The School Board agrees to cooperate in any grant or other applications for funding for the SRO upon request by the Township.
  11. This Agreement is intended for the benefit of the parties hereto and shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties. This Agreement may be modified only in writing signed by both parties.

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

21-033 Motion to ***repeal Motion 20-134, to declare the contract with the Regional Chamber of Commerce void, and to determine that no Township funds are or shall be appropriated for the contract, effective immediately.***

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

### Public Comments:

Open Comments

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**Next Meetings:** Regular Meetings Every Thursday at 12:00 PM; and Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

21-034 Motion to *adjourn the meeting*.

Motion by: Marvin McBride      Seconded by: Rich Harkins  
Vote: Steve Gerberry - Yes    Rich Harkins - Yes    Marvin McBride - 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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Marvin J. McBride, Trustee