

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

For the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Call to order: Steve Gerberry

Pledge: Completed

Prayer: Steve Gerberry

Roll Call: Steven J. Gerberry - Present Richard Harkins - Present
Edward K. Whittaker - Present Fred R. Bobovnyk - Present

Correspondence/Announcements:

- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents of the dates for this year's Spring Clean-Up Program which will be held the week of May 9, 2022.** Residents should put their material out on the same night as their regular pickup.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents of the dates for this year's Scrap Tire Pickup Program. Curbside collection will begin on Monday, May 9, 2022 and continue through Friday, May 13, 2022.** 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 our annual Easter Egg event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at our community park.** Our board of Trustees and our firefighters will be hosting this drive-by event and they will be handing out Easter Bags to the residents.
- The **Trustees would like to announce that they have scheduled our annual street sweeping which will begin on Monday, April 25, 2022** and will continue until all of the streets have been swept.

Reports:

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

- 22-029 Motion to **approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting that was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM and the minutes from the Regular Meeting that was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 3:30 PM.**

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

- 22-030 Motion to **approve the drawing warrants upon our treasury and paying township bills.**

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

22-031 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
Steven Gerberry - Yes Vote: Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
Motion Carried

22-032 Motion to **transfer \$20,000.0 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund** effective February 14, 2021.

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

22-033 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to complete and execute the OTARMA Renewal Questionnaire and to submit all necessary documentation and schedules** as required to receive a renewal quotation for our liability and property coverage.

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

22-034 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to take the necessary steps pursuant to law to dispose of a utility trailer** which is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use acquired; and in the opinion of the Board, the utility trailer has a fair market value of less than two thousand five hundred dollars.

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

22-035 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to take the necessary steps pursuant to law to dispose of a storage shed** which is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use acquired; and in the opinion of the Board, the storage shed has a fair market value of less than two thousand five hundred dollars.

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

22-036 Motion to **authorize Township Trustee Steven Gerberry, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to apply for the 2022 Go-Green Grant from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.**

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

22-037 Motion to **amend Resolution # 22-022 to read as follows:**

Motion to authorize the purchase three new 2023 Ford F-750 6.7L V8 Diesel, Regular Cab and Chassis trucks for \$73,380.00 each from Allstate Ford, LLC of Youngstown, Ohio for a total purchase price of \$220,140.00; and Township Administrator David Rouan is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the board of Trustees, all necessary documentation and agreements to effectuate the purchase. This purchase is being made in accordance with ORC §9.48.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

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

- 22-038 Motion to ***enter into an agreement with The Gledhill Road Machinery Company of Galion, Ohio to complete the upfit on the three new 2023 Ford F-750 6.7L V8 Diesel, Regular Cab and Chassis trucks for an amount of \$78,821.00 each*** for a total contract price of \$236,463.00; and to authorize Township Administrator David Rouan to execute, on behalf of the board of Trustees, all necessary documentation and agreements to effectuate the upfit. This purchase is being made in accordance with ORC §125.04.

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

- 22-039 **MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING THE WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP NATURAL GAS PROGRAM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT TERM, REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE TRUMBULL COUNTY NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, ADOPTING THE PLAN OF OPERATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted deregulation legislation (H.B. No. 9) which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and counties to aggregate automatically, subject to opt-out provisions, the retail natural gas service located in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise such authority jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, Trumbull County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution recorded in Journal Volume 131, page 13645 to initiate a Natural Gas Program; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2016, the Board of Trustees authorized the establishment of a Natural Gas Aggregation Program for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township residents to join a larger Natural Gas aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, this Board seeks to discontinue the Weathersfield Natural Gas Aggregation Program and request membership in the Trumbull County Natural Gas Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township, State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the township, its residents, businesses and other natural gas customers located within the unincorporated limits of Weathersfield Township and who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Dominion Energy Ohio to discontinue the Township natural gas aggregation program at the end of the term of the current supplier contract which is through the May 2022 meter read cycle.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the township to request membership in the Trumbull County Natural Gas Program and adopt the Trumbull County Plan of Operation for the township residents located within the unincorporated limits of Weathersfield Township who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Dominion Energy Ohio.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Section 4. Township Administrator David Rouan is authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Section 5. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, thereof, for the reason that it is immediately necessary to contract consulting services for advice in a rapidly changing technical area, and provided it receives the necessary affirmative votes as required by the passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Board of Trustees.

Motion by: Rich Harkins

Seconded by: Edward Whittaker

Steven Gerberry - Yes

Vote: Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes

Motion Carried

22-040 **MOTION TO *ADOPT A RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING THE WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT TERM, REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE TRUMBULL COUNTY ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, ADOPTING THE PLAN OF OPERATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS***

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted deregulation legislation (S.B. No. 3) which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and counties to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise such authority jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, Trumbull County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution recorded in Journal Volume 132, page 14308 to initiate an Electric Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2016, the Board of Trustees authorized the establishment of an Electric Aggregation Program for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of township residents to join a larger Electric Aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, this Board seeks to discontinue the Weathersfield Electric Aggregation Program and request membership in the Trumbull County Electric Aggregation Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Weathersfield Township, State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the township, its residents, businesses and other electric customers located within the unincorporated limits of Weathersfield Township and who receive commodity sales, service and distribution service from Ohio Edison to discontinue the Township Electric Aggregation program at the end of the current supplier contract which is December 1, 2022.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the township to request membership in the Trumbull County Electric Aggregation Program and adopt the Trumbull County Plan of Operation for the township residents located within the unincorporated limits of Weathersfield Township who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Ohio Edison, effective December 1, 2022.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

- 22-041 Motion to **accept the resignation of Firefighter Joe Sigley effective February 28, 2022.** The board Trustees would like to thank Joe for his years of service with our fire department and for his commitment to the residents of our community. Joe has accepted a firefighter position with the village of McDonald.

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

- 22-042 Motion to **hire William Thompson, Jr. as a Probationary Firefighter** effective February 8, 2022. Bill 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 Bill should be promoted to Firefighter. The board of Trustees would like to thank Bill for his interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for his volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

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

- 22-043 Motion to **promote Cassidy Weimer from probationary Firefighter to Firefighter** effective today March, 8, 2022. The board of Trustees would like to thank Cassidy for her interest in becoming a Weathersfield Township Firefighter and for her volunteerism and commitment to the residents of our Township.

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

- 22-044 Motion to **promote Ivan Martin from probationary Firefighter to Firefighter** effective today March, 8, 2022. 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: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins
 Steven Gerberry - Yes Vote: Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
 Motion Carried

- 22-045 Motion to **promote John Green from probationary Firefighter to Firefighter** effective today March, 8, 2022. 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.

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22-046 Motion to **authorize Fire Chief Tom Lambert to utilize University Hospitals as Medical Director for our Fire Department and to utilize University Hospitals EMT/Fire software for reporting purposes with the state of Ohio.**

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

22-047 **Motion to authorize Township Fiscal Officer Fred Bobovnyk to advertise for bids for the construction of the community center located at the Township Park.**

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

Public Comments:

Open Comments

Next Meetings:

Next Meetings: Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 3:30 PM; Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 3:30 PM; and Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

22-048 Motion to **adjourn the meeting.**

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

Fred Bobovnyk, Fiscal Officer

Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

Edward K. Whittaker, Trustee