

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**Call to order:** Steve Gerberry

**Pledge:** Completed

**Prayer:** Steve Gerberry

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

**Trumbull County Emergency Management Agency Presentation:**  
John E. Hickey, Executive Director

### Correspondence/Announcements:

- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents that the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Bookmobile will be at our Community Park** on Monday, March 20; and Monday, April 10 from 9:15 AM until 11:45 AM on each of those days.
- 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 1, 2023.** 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 1, 2023 and continue through Friday, May 5, 2023.** 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 remind our residents that the 2023 Flag Day Festival** dates will be held June 8, 9, and 10. The 2023 Flag Day Parade will be on Friday, June 9 at 6:00 PM.
- The **Trustees would like to remind our residents to remove decorations from the cemeteries by April 30, 2023** so our crews can clean-up the cemeteries for spring.
- The **Trustees would like to announce that ODOT will be completing a drainage improvement project and resurfacing along SR46 between Prospect Steet to Ohtown McDonald Road.** The project is scheduled to begin in July and is expected to be completed by October.
- The **Trustees would like to announce that ODOT will be completing a resurfacing project on SR169 from North Road to the city of Warren Corporate limits.** The project is scheduled to begin in April and is expected to be completed by August.
- The **Trustees are pleased to announce that they have secured a Go-Green Community Grant from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.** The amount of the grant is \$875.00 and the grant proceeds will be used to have a document shredding day for our residents at the Community Park. The Board would like to thank Trustee Gerberry for his work on this project.

### Reports:

- Financial Report – Presented by Fred Bobovnyk
- 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 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.

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**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

23-032 Motion to ***approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting that was held on Tuesday, February 14, 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

23-033 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

23-034 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

23-035 **WHEREAS**, Weathersfield Township residents are blessed to live in a beautiful community;

**WHEREAS**, littering is against the law and litter is more prevalent than ever along our roadways;

**WHEREAS**, seeing litter along our roads is embarrassing to our residents who love our community and off-putting to our citizens;

**WHEREAS**, we can help keep Weathersfield litter-free by teaching our children and other young people not to litter, covering truck and trailer beds when transporting trash, carrying and using a litter bag in our vehicle, and reporting litterbugs when we see them;

**WHEREAS**, Paul Colla has taken it upon himself to pick-up litter during his daily walks and he takes great pride in doing so; and

**WHEREAS**, we can all learn from Paul's example and from his dedication to his community;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the board of Weathersfield Township Trustees hereby publicly recognizes Paul and would like to express their gratitude to him for his tireless litter pick-up efforts; and on behalf of the residents of Weathersfield Township, the Board would like to extend an invitation to Paul to be the Grand Marshal for the 2023 Flag Day Festival Parade.

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

23-036 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: Edward Whittaker    Seconded by: Rich Harkins

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

- 23-037 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to apply for a Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Appropriation through U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown's office for a Rural Development Community Facilities Grant for an amount of \$685,850.00, effective March 8, 2023.** If the CDS Appropriation is awarded, the funding will be used to construct the Multi-Jurisdictional Center.

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

- 23-038 Motion to **authorize Township Administrator David Rouan, on behalf of the board of Trustees, to apply for a Community Project Funding (CPF) Appropriation through U.S. Congressman Dave Joyce's office for a Rural Development Community Facilities Grant for an amount of \$685,850.00, effective March 8, 2023.** If the CPF Appropriation is awarded, the funding will be used to construct the Multi-Jurisdictional Center.

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

- 23-039 Motion to **promote police officer Lou Ronghi from the position of patrol officer to the position of sergeant within the Weathersfield Township Police Department** pursuant to the terms and conditions as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. The effective date of the promotion shall be March 13, 2023. The position shall receive the rate of pay, 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.

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

- 23-040 Motion to **accept the resignation of Police Officer Chris Russo** effective March 21, 2023. The board Trustees would like to thank Chris for his service with our Police Department and to the residents of our community. Chris has taken a new position with the Vienna Township Police Department.

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, March 23, 2023, at 3:30 PM; Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 3:30 PM; and Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

### Adjournment:

- 23-041 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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Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

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Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

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Edward K. Whittaker, Trustee