

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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 mention that their Second Annual Oktoberfest was well attended and a great success.**
- The **Trustees will be hosting a Lattes and Legislators event with the Regional Chamber; state representatives Michael O'Brien and Gil Blair will be attending.** The event will be held Friday, October 18th, 2019 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the Weathersfield Township Fire Station #41 located at 3588 Main Street, Mineral Ridge, Ohio, 44440.
- The **Trustees would like to remind everyone that their 2019 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program will be ending soon.** The 2019 Residential Tree Limb Chipping Program will be ending Friday October 25th, 2019. 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 everyone that the 2019 Trick or Treat event has been scheduled for Thursday, October 31st, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** and that the Police Department has Trick-or-Treat bags available at the Administration Building for the children.
- The **Trustees, the Boy Scouts, and Firefighter Dean Ritchie are working on a new program for our fallen veterans.** Wreaths will be placed on their grave markers for the Holiday Season.
- The **Trustees would like to announce that they were one of 24 Trumbull county fire departments that participated in the FEMA Communications Grant that was coordinated by Champion Township Fire Chief Hickey.** The Township's portion of the \$1.8 million communications grant is \$136,872.73, with a 10% local match of \$13,687.27. The proceeds will be used to purchase MARCS radios; 32 Portables Radios, 12 Mobile Radios, and 3 Base Station radios.
- The **Trustees would like to mention their individual support of the upcoming Warren-Trumbull Library levy.**

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 Steve Gerberry
- 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.

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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:

Status

New Business:

19-132 Motion to **approve the consent agenda**, which includes the following:

- **Minutes from the Regular Meeting** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 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: Rich Harkins - Yes Steve Gerberry - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
 Motion Carried

19-133 Motion to **transfer \$35,661.86 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund** effective September 11, 2019; to **transfer \$3,428.25 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund** effective September 27, 2019, and to **transfer \$1,149.41 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund** effective September 27, 2019.

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

19-134 Motion to **promote Anthony Caruso from Firefighter to Fire Lieutenant at station #41 effective today, October 8th, 2019.** The board of Trustees would like to thank Lieutenant Caruso for his dedication, for his continued service, and for his commitment to the residents of our Township.

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

19-135 Motion to **promote Dean Ritchie from Firefighter to Fire Safety Officer for the Weathersfield Township Fire Department, effective today, October 8th, 2019.** The board of Trustees would like to thank Safety Officer Ritchie 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: Rich Harkins - Yes Steve Gerberry - Yes Marvin McBride - Yes
 Motion Carried

19-136 Motion to **accept the resignation of Firefighter Joshua Bayless** effective September 19th, 2019. Josh and his family moved to Canfield and will be unable to continue to serve as a firefighter for our Township; Josh hopes to move back to our community at some point in the future and continue his service to the Fire Department. The board Trustees would like to thank Josh his years of service with our fire department and to the residents of our community.

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

19-137 Motion to **promote police officer Donald Fridley 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 October 14th, 2019. The position shall

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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 #16-144.

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

- 19-138 Motion to ***promote police officer Christian Thoma 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 October 14th, 2019. 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 #16-144.

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

- 19-139 Motion to accept ***the resignation of part-time police officer Rey Callozo*** effective October 8th, 2019. We would like to thank Rey for his service to our police department and to our community.

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

Public Comments:

Open Comments

Next Meetings:

Work Sessions: Every Thursday at 7:00 AM.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM
 The Trustees open forum begins at 6:15 PM.**Adjournment:**

- 19-140 Motion to ***adjourn the meeting.***

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

Fred Bobovnyk, Fiscal Officer_____
Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee_____
Richard T. Harkins, Trustee_____
Marvin J. McBride, Trustee