

**MINUTES OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING HELD MARCH 1, 2022**

**Mr. Patrick** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll call:** Ms. Colvin – present; Mr. Patrick – present; Mr. Jacobs – present.

**The following staff were present:** Zoning Inspector, Stacey Lowing; Roads Supervisor, Scott Camery; Fire Chief, Paul Scherer and Fiscal Officer, Darrell Coffman.

**The following guest was also present:** Brian Wells, David Dowell, Gary and Joyce Breeze.

Mr. Patrick led those present in the **pledge of allegiance to the flag**.

Ms. Colvin motioned to **approve the minutes** of the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Major Arrasmith, Commander, Warren County Drug Task Force was present to give the 2021 Annual Report of the Warren County Drug Task Force and handed out printed copies of the report.

He said it was good to be back, as the annual report was not given last year due COVID -19 restrictions. He congratulated newly elected trustees Diane Colvin and Andy Jacobs and thanked the Board for their continued support.

He then told of how the Drug Task Force is funded which included the Ohio HIDTA program, the Justice Assistance Grant, the Drug Law Enforcement Grant, the Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement Fund as well as annual contributions from the Warren County Commissioners and the villages, townships and cities of Warren County.

He went on to tell of criminal investigations, prescription drug take-backs, drug diversion investigations as well as education and prevention.

Mr. Patrick asked how much of the drug trafficking could be traced back to the border with Mexico.

Major Arrasmith said most of it could be. He said there was a percentage of people shipping packaged drugs but, the most they deal with is from the southwest border area.

Ms. Jacobs asked if Warren County worked with the Montgomery County Drug Task Force.

Major Arrasmith said they did and many other Task Forces.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Wells said he hadn't been to a meeting in a while. He then congratulated Ms. Colvin and Mr. Jacobs on being elected to the Board. He said he hoped they would do what they had said they would do if elected.

**REPORTS:**

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Department Supervisor, Scott Camery provided the following report:

I have made another round of "**pothole patrol**". I used all the material that I had on hand. I am planning on re-supplying this week so that I can repair a few spots I was not able to complete. Most of the problems that I have been dealing with are driveways and pipe inlets and outlets that property owners are not properly maintaining. Overall though the roads are in good shape.

I have closed and reopened **Corwin Avenue** several times due to high water from the recent heavy rains. This is basically the standard operation procedure (SOP) for this time of year as we move on towards Spring.

I am working on the 2021-2022 winter **snow and ice material usage report**.

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My **2022 “project” list** continues to be a work in progress.

I have a **culvert replacement** on the schedule for this week.

While I had Corwin Avenue closed I took advantage of no traffic and **trimmed several trees** in the intersection @ US Route 42. In recent years, this intersection has had several calls for downed limbs and visibility complaints.

All road department **equipment** is available for use.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief, Paul Scherer provided the following report:

Monthly **reports** for February were previously emailed to the trustees.

**February 2022 Activity Reports**

EMS runs for February	72
Fire runs for February	17
Public Service calls for February	<u>8</u>
<b>Total runs for February</b>	<b>97</b>
EMS runs for 2022	234
Fire runs for 2022	45
Public Service calls for 2022	<u>19</u>
<b>Total runs for 2022</b>	<b>298</b>

As of this date in 2021 we had 38 Fire, 193 EMS, and 22 Service calls for a total of 253. We are currently up 45 calls from last year.

The **ladders** have been inspected and tested and all passed and certified.

The **SCBA** have been tested and certified (3 sent in for repairs).

The **recall for PCM on 303** has been reprogrammed by Sweeney Ford and back in service as second out.

We want to run the miles up on **302**.

**Windows** for the old fire station were ordered on December 28<sup>th</sup> and still in production (March delivery).

We have started our annual **EMS Protocol Training**.

We started receiving items for **new monitors**, mounts, and Verizon modems. The monitors are few weeks out.

We have completed the Officers Lieutenant **promotional exam** process.

[Ms. Colvin asked Chief Scherer if he was having any staffing issues. He said not really but, currently had one member out.]

**ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Zoning Inspector, Stacey Lowing provided the following report:

Subject: Monthly Zoning Report - February 2022

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**PERMIT ACTIVITY AND FEE ACTIVITY:**

**Accessory Structure** - \$100.00

5458 Chenoweth Road, Jeff Qvick, pole building.

Activity shelter (C, recreational) \$660.00.

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Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, activity shelter, 4491 E. State Route 73.

**Variance** - \$500.00

3550 Lytle Road, Judith Mescher.

3 permits/fees collected for a total of \$1,260.00. All funds have been deposited.

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**BZA:**

5702 Elbon Road, Whitt Mead, side yard setback variance, approved.

3472 E. Lower Springboro Road, Mike Wolters, conditional use/site plan for secondary dwelling unit within a detached garage, approved.

3550 Lytle Rd., Judith Mescher, front yard setback variance, public hearing March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**VT-PUD amendment next step:**

Wayne Township Zoning Commission, public hearing March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Magazine:**

Submitting information and ads to Stacey Castle as they are ready. I contacted the printer to see if there is a paper shortage again that would affect the timing of the magazine. They had the type of paper that we use in stock and reserved it for us.

[Ms. Colvin asked Ms. Lowing if anything had come out of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) meeting that was held last week concerning amendments to the Wayne Township Zoning Code.

Ms. Lowing said the executive committee did recommend the amendment but, she hasn't received a written letter from the RPC making it official.]

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator, Donald Edwards was not present but provided the following written report:

**Warren County COVID:**

COVID positive cases are **decreasing** from **3,200 - 1,300** per day in Ohio in the past two weeks in Ohio. *[Warren County is averaging about 30 positive cases per day. Slight decrease in the last two weeks] HIGH TRANSMISSION rate.*

*Warren County is number 35 out of 88 Counties for current case per 100,000. [ 203 ].*

*Warren County has seen a decent decrease in the last two weeks.*

**Governor Signs Bill Reauthorizing Temporary Electronic Meetings**

The Governor has signed House Bill 51, which was passed by the General Assembly. The bill includes an amendment making another temporary allowance for electronic meetings through June 30, 2022. The bill contains an emergency clause and is, therefore, effective now. Townships now have the option to hold electronic meetings again if they choose.

**Corwin Ave.:**

Back in the fall, Scott and I had identified a safety concern developing at the intersection of US Rt. 42 with low hanging limbs over the roadway and impeding growth that obscured vision of the intersection and visibility to the South. The project was in the Village of Waynesville, but it would take the use of a bucket truck and a road closure to accomplish. We decided to do it sometime while we had the Avenue closed for high water. This cutting was done during last week's road closing.

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### **Slurry Seal;**

Working with Waynesville's manager to include two of their streets in this summer's Slurry Seal projects to gain better pricing with multiple projects being performed out of the same mobile plant staging.

### **Broadband:**

The staff out of the Warren County Commissioner's office is soliciting information from all jurisdictions on availability of high-speed internet and any developments that were being used or in place that would help them make a better decision on direction for a county wide project. They also were inquiring about any available funding from each jurisdiction. I informed them of 'Bridgewired' relevance in Northeast Warren County. I said our Board has a small amount of ARPA funds with a long list of projects but would be willing to listen and evaluate if we could commit these funds for service. Also explained problems we have dealt with in the past of provider not willing to run service to residents far off the road without charging them an exorbitant price. Encouraged them to put minimum standards in contracts to provide service to the home.

### **OneOhio MOU:**

An integral part of the OneOhio MOU is incorporating all local stakeholders in the process. Warren County Commissioner Shannon Jones has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve as our county's representative to region 14's Board. Commissioner, Jones is asking you or a representative to an organizational meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the MOU and establish a protocol to effectively participate in Region 14's project selection process.

I will attend unless advised otherwise.

### **Health Insurance:**

Township Anthem Plan. Our renewal date is May 1<sup>st</sup> and we have received our quote for this renewal. Unfortunately, it comes with a 24% increase, so I have asked Ohio Insurance to shop our group to underwriters to see if we can get any other providers with a lower quote with same coverages.

In order to do this, we need those employees enrolled in our current Anthem plan to fill out the "Formfire" online by the end of the week.

Last year, 2021, we had a 30% rate increase, this year 24%. Our loss ratio has been well over 100% the last several years.

### **Upcoming Guest Speakers:**

Warren County Sheriff, Larry Sims,  
April 5, 2022 Trustees Board meeting @ 7:00 pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**State Route 73 and Old Route 73:** The Ohio Dept. Of Transportation (ODOT) has installed two signs, on the west side of the intersection notifying drivers of the upcoming intersection.

**Gazebo:** Due to needed repairs to the clock, that is planned to be installed near the gazebo, the Waynesville Merchants Association (WMA) will not hold the dedication until a date which will later be determined.

**Other:** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Questions or Concerns Regarding the Bills:** None

**Legislation:** There was none.

**Other:** Mr. Patrick said the microphone or the cord to the microphone, at the speaker stand in the meeting room, needed to be repaired or replaced as it kept cutting in and out during the meeting.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Medicount Management:** An Annual Report of Emergency Medical Services which Wayne Township had provided in 2021, for which they had provided billing services.

**Ohio Dept. of Commerce:** Information concerning the distribution of liquor permit fees.

**Ohio Secretary of State:** A township officials survey.

**PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Patrick stated that his heart, thoughts and prayers go out to the Ukrainian people, as they are suffering from the attack on their country by Russia.

**WORK SESSION:** There was none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, Mr. Patrick motioned to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

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President, Board of Trustees

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Fiscal Officer