

**MINUTES OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 2022**

Mr. Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

The following guest was also present: Joette Dedden, Connie Miller, Gary Breeze, Brian Wells, David Stubbs and David Dowell.

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

Mr. Jacobs motioned to **approve the minutes** of the March 1st meeting. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Waynesville Village Council member Joette Dedden was present to provide information concerning a cooperation agreement the village would like the township to enter into with them. The agreement would then be used in applying for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant for the village’s proposed 2023 Franklin Street and Third Street Water Main Replacement projects. She said a cooperation agreement would possibly help the project receive the points needed for the grant to be approved by the state. She said if approved, the funds contributed by the township would go towards replacement of the fire hydrants.

Mr. Breeze spoke concerning litter that is being spread and dumped on O’Neill Road. He said the county had sent out a crew to pick up what had been spread along the roadway and the township road department had cleaned up a large amount that had been dumped the end of the road.

He also commented on the poor volume from the microphones that are being used in the meeting room.

REPORTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Department Supervisor, Scott Camery provided the following report:

A **culvert replacement** was completed on Thursday, March 3rd. I have another that I am going to replace once the weather settles down a bit more.

I have had to close **Corwin Avenue** several times with recent rains. I believe there is an obstruction down stream somewhere that is holding back water more often than usual. (I suspect beaver activity)

The 2022 **project list** continues to grow.

I should have the completed 2021-2022 winter **snow and ice material usage report** ready for the first meeting in April.

We have been busy performing maintenance on **mowers**, in preparation for the upcoming mowing season.

I met with the “**Gunite**” rep with regards to a quote for repairing the pipe on Old 73. The quote is reasonable considering the amount of extra shoring that they will be doing.

I attended a meeting, at Warren County Communication Center regarding an upgrade to the **road department radios**, on March 14, 2022.

100% **equipment availability**.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Paul Scherer provided the following report:

I completed and submitted the State of Ohio **EMS Grant** application.

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We have received five (5) **applications** over the last week. We have started the process and will schedule interviews shortly.

Thanks to Scott and his guys for getting our **mowers** ready for the mowing season.

Food and supplies have been ordered for our **Spring Fish Fry** that is scheduled for April 23rd & 24th. We have had several people call and ask about tours of the station since they missed last year.

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

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Zoning Inspector, Stacey Lowing provided the following report:

Subject: Mid-monthly Zoning Report

Magazine

All content has been sent over to Stacey Castle for design. Ads and articles were sent over as available in order to expedite the process. Currently reviewing drafts and the final version will likely be sent over to the printer by mid-week.

Trustees Training Session with Prosecutor Adam Nice

Scheduled for March 24th at 5:00 pm. Topics include site plan review, agritourism, and social media.

BZA upcoming hearing, March 17th

3550 Lytle Road, Judith Mescher, front yard setback variance.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator, Donald Edwards provided the following report:

Warren County COVID:

COVID positive cases are **decreasing** from **1,500 - 750** per day in Ohio in the past two weeks in Ohio. *[Warren County is averaging about 13 positive cases per day. 55% decrease in the last two weeks] Warren County is number 32 out of 88 Counties for current case per 100,000. [85]. Warren County has seen another decent decrease in the last two weeks.*

ARPA FUNDS:

Undistributed ARPA funds were attacked and considered in a plan to claw back \$7 billion from 30 states, but was cast aside after objections. Ohio was one of those 30 states. House lawmakers late Wednesday passed a \$1.5 trillion spending bill that will keep the federal government funded, after abandoning a plan that would have involved taking away billions of dollars in previously approved pandemic aid that states are expecting.

Note: we have been notified of a Reallocation Payment from the First Tranche in the amount of \$1,180.34.

O.D.O.T. Township Stimulus Grant:

We were notified that our project was not selected.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced the awardees of the Township Stimulus Program. Created last year, this one-time program provides townships with funds to be used for sidewalks, roadways, and culvert projects. The Township Stimulus Program received 1182 eligible applications, requesting just under \$138M. The budget for the program is \$8M.

There were 56 townships that will be receiving money. Only 3 projects in O.D.O.T. District 8 and none in Warren County.

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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.

Update: Following WCC progress. Committee is working on getting proposal for project management. Area counties are seeing companies matching ARPA funds 4 to 1 or 5 to 1.

OneOhio MOU:

An integral part of the OneOhio memorandum of understanding (MOU) is incorporating all local stakeholders in the process. W.C. Commissioner Shannon Jones has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve as our county's representative to region 14's Board. March 8th. discussed the MOU and establish a protocol to effectively participate in Region 14's project selection process.

March 8th, Warren County's OneOhio organizational meeting. Please find the attached slide deck.

As a follow up, Tuesday's meeting resulted in the Warren County Local Governance Board being comprised of a representative from the following entities:

- 1 - Cities & Villages
- 1 - Townships
- 1 - Warren County Board of Commissioners
- 1 - Warren County Educational Institutions
- 1 - Warren County Chamber Alliance
- 1 - Warren County Port Authority
- 1 - Mental Health Recovery Board
- 1 - Public Health
- 1 - Judiciary representative

Next Steps:

Commissioner Jones will report out Warren County's local governance structure to Region 14 during their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Representatives will be identified for each of the above entities by Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

Health Insurance:

Township Anthem Plan. Our renewal date is May 1st 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. FormFire was completed on 3/10/22 and should take about two weeks to market it for pricing. Hope to have information for our April meeting.

Anthem is rebranding to: **Elevance Health**

Fire Dept. Members Recognition:

On March 23rd Wayne Township Fire Department members Tim Salas, Tiffany Kronenberger and Tanner Patterson will be recognized by Miami Valley Hospital for their field delivery of a "baby girl" on March 2nd.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

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

Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce has been invited: Date to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS:

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State Route 73 and Old Route 73: No updates.

Gazebo: No updates.

Other Old Business: None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Zoning Code and Map Amendments: Removal of VT-PUD

At 7:31 p.m. Mr. Patrick made a motion to open the public hearing to consider the removal of all Village Transition – Planned Unit Development (VT-PUD) provisions from the Wayne Township Zoning Code and the VT-PUD Overlay District from the official Wayne Township Zoning Map. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Patrick opened the floor to proponents for the removal of the Village Transition – Planned Unit Development (VT-PUD) provisions from the Wayne Township Zoning Code and the VT-PUD overlay district from the official Wayne Township Zoning Map.

Mr. Breeze and Ms. Dedden both spoke in support of removal.

Mr. Patrick opened the floor to opponents to the removal of the Village Transition – Planned Unit Development (VT-PUD) provisions from the Wayne Township Zoning Code and the VT-PUD Overlay District from the official Wayne Township Zoning Map.

There were no opponents who spoke.

Mr. Patrick then opened for discussion by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Patrick said the public has voted on this issue more than once and had spoken quite directly through an election referendum and the election of trustees Colvin and Jacobs. He said right now it was about fulfilling promises made by himself and the newly elected trustees.

Ms. Colvin said she wanted people to understand that there would still be a Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the zoning code but the VT-PUD is the one that would be removed. She said she thought the VT-PUD needed to be removed from the zoning code.

Ms. Lowing said PUD's allow for mixed uses in a development. She then told of two (2) PUD's in the township.

Mr. Jacobs spoke concerning the VT-PUD. He said it was his understanding that the VT-PUD was originally put in place to protect against annexation. He said he thought the Board needed to have a plan in place to protect the township from the possibility of future annexation.

Mr. Edwards showed an old map of the township and how past annexations had been made by the villages of Waynesville and Corwin.

Mr. Patrick said he thought the Board was all on the same page and had an obligation to the residents who had put them in office. He further stated that change is always going to happen, which can't be stopped. He said that the township zoning commission had recommended that the Board look at something to replace the VT- PUD. He said he thought the Board should put together an advisory council to see what the options may be.

At 7:46 p.m., being no further discussion, Mr. Patrick made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Questions or Concerns Regarding the Bills: None.

Legislation:

RESOLUTION 2022-16 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL GUNITE FOR REHABILITATION OF A 36-INCH CMP CULVERT PIPE AT 4917 OLD STATE ROUTE 73

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Mr. Patrick motioned to adopt the resolution. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion and upon call of the roll thereon the vote resulted as follows: Ms. Colvin – yea; Mr. Jacobs – yea; Mr. Patrick – yea. The resolution was therefore adopted the 15th day of March 2022.

[Prior to the vote on Resolution 2022-16 there was a discussion concerning the extent of work included in the project. Mr. Edwards also gave some history on how the township had obtained that section of Old Route 73 years ago in a swap with Warren County.]

RESOLUTION 2022-17 RESOLUTION APPROVING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2022

Ms. Colvin motioned to adopt the resolution. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion and upon call of the roll thereon the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Jacobs – yea; Mr. Patrick – yea; Ms. Colvin – yea. The resolution was therefore adopted the 15th day of March 2022.

RESOLUTION 2022-18 RESOLUTION REMOVING ALL VT-PUD PROVISIONS FROM THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP ZONING CODE, AND REMOVING THE VT-PUD OVERLAY DISTRICT FROM THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

Mr. Patrick motioned to adopt the resolution. Ms. Colvin seconded the motion and upon call of the roll thereon the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Patrick – yea; Mr. Jacobs – yea; Ms. Colvin – yea. The resolution was therefore adopted the 15th day of March 2022.

[Prior to the vote on Resolution 2022-18 there was a brief discussion concerning some of wording in the resolution. After the discussion some minor amendments were made which are reflected in the adopted resolution.]

Other New Business: Mr. Patrick asked Mr. Edwards if Waynesville Village Manager, Gary Copeland had contacted him concerning the Village of Waynesville’s plan for Wilkerson Lane.

Mr. Edwards said he had not.

Ms. Dedden said the village planned to resurface Wilkerson Lane this year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OTARMA Service Center: Information concerning insurance coverage and intergovernmental contract updates.

Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation: Notices concerning a change in the estimated annual premium , premium increases and the premium installment schedule.

Oeder Sand & Gravel: A 2022 material and price listing.

Warren County Engineer’s Office: A copy of the final signoff on the township’s road mileage.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Jacobs said per news reports, firefighters in Ukraine are still fighting fires and rescuing people in the midst of a war with Russia. He said his heart went out to them.

Ms. Colvin and Mr. Patrick thanked those who had attended the meeting.

WORK SESSION: There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tabled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, Mr. Patrick motioned to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Ms. Colvin seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

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