

MINUTES OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING HELD APRIL 5, 2022

Mr. Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Gary Breeze, Larry Sims, Joette Dedden, Connie Miller.

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

Ms. Colvin motioned to **approve the minutes** of the March 15th meeting. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the March 24th Work/Training Session with the Warren County Prosecutor's office. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Warren County Sheriff, Larry Sims gave a handout "Year in Review 2021", his year-end report. He then told about the operation and activities of the department during 2021. He also told of the newly constructed sheriff's office and corrections facility (jail) which they had moved into in October 2021.

Ms. Colvin asked about plans for the old jail.

Sheriff Sims said it was vacant and currently there were no plans for it. He said it is possible that it would eventually may be torn down.

Chief Scherer asked about the departments staffing.

Sheriff Sims said there has never been a problem with staffing of Deputy Sheriff 's but, he is currently short of corrections officers and having a problem filling those vacancies.

Mr. Breeze asked Sheriff Sims if he saw any issues with the new CCW legislation in Ohio.

Sheriff Sims said the new law is called "Constitution Carry" and he didn't have any foreseen issues with it. He said under the constitutional carry law, you have the same restrictions as with the CCW permit, except the constitutional carry does not require a permit. But, he said if a person planned to travel into another state which has concealed carry reciprocity laws that person would need a CCW permit.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Waynesville Council member Joette Dedden thanked the Board for considering the Village's proposal of entering into a cooperation agreement which 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.

REPORTS:

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Department Supervisor, Scott Camery provided the following report:

Currently we have been doing some proactive **ditching**.

The **mowers** have been serviced and are ready to go.

Winter **deicing equipment** has been partially de-saddled (plows have been dropped), however these can be easily re-hooked if need be.

The 2022 **resurfacing bids** hopefully, will be opened this week.

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The Old State Route 73 **pipe rehabilitation** project was completed yesterday, April 4th.

I have one **pipe installation** still on the schedule.

I have brought the **bulldozer** into the shop to address some steering clutch issues as well as several oil leaks.

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

[Mr. Jacobs said he had a resident ask who would take care of picking up trash along Lytle Road. Mr. Camery said that was a county road and it would be either the property owner or someone could call Warren County Solid Waste and ask that the litter patrol to pick it up.

Mr. Patrick asked if a tree was down on a county-maintained road what reporting procedure would Mr. Camery recommend.

Mr. Camery said it would be best to call Warren County Dispatch.]

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Paul Scherer provided the following report:

Monthly **activity reports** for March were previously emailed to the trustees.

EMS runs for March	67
Fire runs for March	23
Public Service calls for March	<u>8</u>
Total runs for March	98

EMS runs for 2022	301
Fire runs for 2022	68
Public Service calls	<u>27</u>
Total runs for 2022	396

As of this date in 2021 we had 60 Fire, 247 EMS, and 33 Service calls for a total of 340 calls. We are currently up 56 calls from last year.

Submitted the **Washington Twp.** 1st quarter 2022 contracted services bill on Monday.

The Annual Service and testing of **Suppression System** at the station has been completed with no problems.

I have a few **applications** in process and hope to be ready for second meeting in April.

Kendall Cunic has submitted his **resignation**.

April schedule has been rough due to personnel changes.

The new windows for the **Miami Street station** have been delivered and should be installed soon.

[There was a brief discussion concerning staffing and the problems Chief Scherer is having problems filling the departments schedule.]

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Zoning Inspector, Stacey Lowing provided the following report:

Subject: Monthly Zoning Report—March 2022

PERMIT ACTIVITY AND FEE ACTIVITY:

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Accessory Structures \$100.00

3472 E. Lower Springboro Road, det. garage with accessory dwelling unit (BZA approved)
7410 E. State Route 73, Fowler, KRF detached garage
9484 Cold Springs, Matthew Beach, shed
3550 Lytle Road, Champion Windows, sunroom (BZA approved)
5195 Thomas Drive, David George, detached garage
9440 Sandy Run Drive, Cyrus McCarty, pergola

Accessory Structure \$25

5195 Thomas Drive, David George, pergola

In-ground pool \$75.00

9727 Elm Tree Road, MV Pools
8491 Cierra Way, Anchor Pools
8668 Compton Road, Patriot Lux Pools
9478 Cold Springs, Knickerbocker Pools
9141 Valdosta Way, Dustin Clark

Addition \$100

5195 Thomas Drive, David George, patio roof addition

13 permits/fees collected for a total of \$1,100.00 All funds have been deposited.

BZA

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

Magazine

The 2022 Spring magazine has been mailed out, but the final accounting on the cost is not ready at this time as I am waiting on invoices for the design and printing.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator, Donald Edwards provided the following report:

Warren County COVID:

COVID positive cases have **decreased enough that Ohio is now reporting weekly below 500** per day in Ohio in the past two weeks. *[Warren County is averaging about 4 positive cases per day. A decrease from 13 per day in the last two weeks]*

Warren County is number 61 out of 88 Counties for current case per 100,000. [26].

*Warren County has seen another decent decrease in the last two weeks and now shown as **Green**.*

Broadband:

Update: Following WCC progress. *Commissioners were advised to wait on State and Federal infrastructure funds committed to Broadband. The Board was undecided as to whether to proceed with their funds or use them elsewhere.*

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.

[We had a couple Insurance carriers that declined to quote, due to overall risk. Received quotes from Medical Mutual and United Healthcare , neither were lower than Anthem.

Recommend moving to the Anthem SOCA MEWA PPO 6000/0%/8000 plan along with an increased “Funded Plan” of \$1,500 / \$3,000 through OPEC.]

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April, also is open enrollment for our Insurance Policy if anyone needs to make any changes.

Projects:

The two OPWC projects that were presented at the last Board meeting need clarification. First of all, the CARES Act money expired at the end of 2021. We now have our ARPA funds (I assume that is what they were referring to) that can be used for waterline projects. I ask if you want to use ARPA funds that we received for township services, (Waynesville received same funding for Village usage) or support the project out of voted levies? Second concern I have is that it is my understanding that the integrating committee that scores these projects require a minimum of 5% to receive the four extra points that are given for multi-jurisdictional participation. I can try to get this verified by the April 19th meeting.

Training:

Thank you to Stacey Lowing for organizing the training session with Adam Nice from the Warren County Prosecutor's office. It was very informative and on topic. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

Also, thank you to the new Trustees for taking the time to tour the Greater Warren County DTF office. Always an informative trip.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Gazebo: The gazebo clock dedication has been pushed back to the July 4th Independence Day Celebration.

Other Old Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Questions or Concerns Regarding the Bills: None.

Legislation:

RESOLUTION 2022-19 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF KENDALL A. CUNIC FROM THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Jacobs motioned to adopt the resolution. Mr. Patrick 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 5th day of April 2022.

RESOLUTION 2022-20 A RESOLUTION APPROVING OF A HEALTHCARE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE WITH OHIO INSURANCE SERVICES AS AGENT AND AUTHORIZING DONALD EDWARDS, ADMINISTRATOR TO ACT AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS

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. Jacobs – yea; Mr. Patrick – yea; Ms. Colvin – yea. The resolution was therefore adopted the 5th day of April 2022.

[Prior to a vote on Resolution 2022 Mr. Edwards went over information concerning healthcare and benefit package plans and coverage.]

RESOLUTION 2022-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREATER WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE FOR THE YEAR 2022

Mr. Patrick motioned to adopt the resolution with a contribution of \$4,925.00. Mr. Jacobs 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 5th day of April 2022.

[Prior to a vote on Resolution #2022-21 the Board agreed to a contribution of \$4,925.00.]

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There was a discussion concerning proposed resolutions 2022-22 and 2022-23 which would authorize the submission of a pre-application and multi-jurisdictional participation thereof by the Village of Waynesville and the Wayne Township Board of Trustees in the Ohio Public Works Program for PY37.

The Board decided to table those resolutions until further information is received.

Other New Business:

Due to previously scheduled vacations of Board members, Mr. Patrick made a motion that the June 7, 2022 Board meeting be moved to May 31, 2022. Ms. Colvin seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Edwards informed the Board that we could possibly have an upcoming indigent burial request.

Mr. Edwards said he was notified today by Trebel LLC that our natural gas supplier had filed bankruptcy.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Internal Revenue Service: Notices that future correspondence would be sent to our physical address rather than the closed out P.O. box number.

Warren County Health Department: Quarterly report for December 2021 through February 2022.

Direct Energy: Notice that they would be our new natural gas supplier through Center Point Energy.

Ohio Division of Liquor Control: Notice of the procedure to object to liquor permit renewals.

Ohio Living Quaker Heights: An invitation to their "Centennial 100 Year Celebration".

Mr. Edwards gave some history on the formation of Ohio Living which manages numerous nursing homes in Ohio.

U.S. Census Bureau: A survey of public employment and payroll.

Atrium Medical Center: An invitation to their "2022 Gala".

OTARMA: A policy renewal questionnaire.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Colvin said she would be on vacation April 10th through April 17th.

She then told about an Ohio Township Association (OTA) zoom training session she had attended. She also said she and Mr. Edwards had recently attended a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lemonwood Soap Company in Waynesville.

WORK SESSION:

There was a discussion concerning a complaint of speeding traffic in the Sandy Run Subdivision. It was agreed to contact the sheriff's office and ask to borrow their portable speed sensor/posting sign and also ask for increased patrolling of that area.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, Mr. Patrick motioned to adjourn at 8:41p.m. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

President, Board of Trustees

Fiscal Officer