

**MINUTES OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Ms. Colvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

The following guests/residents were present: Robert Tuttle(Springboro), Brenda Ihle (Franklin), illegible, James Lewis (Batavia), Roger Gibb (Mason), Rich Gillette (Springboro), Elijah Gillette (Springboro), David Martin, Kelly Martin, Dale Maris (Harrison), John Burkard (Clearcreek), Dale Edwards, Barbara Burkard (Clearcreek), Rodney Boggs, Thomas Burkhardt, Chrich Eppich, Susan Dunn (West Chester), Kim Schneider, Tony Krueger (West Chester), Deborah Parker (Springboro).

Ms. Colvin led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Ms. Colvin motioned to approve the February 7, 2023 minutes, and Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**ADDITIONS, REMOVALS OR DISCLOSURES FROM THE POSTED AGENDA: none**

**Guest speaker: Mr. Rob Tuttle**

He stated that both sides have legitimate concerns, but there are reasons that a convention of states is not the best idea. He said that the federal government is out of control, but there are differences of how that problem should be addressed. He summarized what a convention of states is. Then he said that the congress should be held accountable to only spend money on enumerated powers. There are risks to having a convention of states, as the states will not control it, and will not be involved in determining the number or selection of delegates.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Roger Gibb, Mason Ohio: He countered Mr. Tuttle and stated that there was a disinformation campaign made by progressive activists. He referenced his previous presentation from several weeks ago. He says that collectively we need to take back our rights that the federal government has taken away.

Barbara Burkard: She read a modern version of part of the constitution on how a convention is called. She said that states have no power over the convention.

Christopher Epic: stated that he is with the Convention of states and cannot understand why some people who also think the government is out of control are against this convention.

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Debra Parker, Springboro: Once the convention is called and the congress names the delegates, there is no authority at that point about what is done. They have full authority to amend the constitution as they see fit. There are better ways to control the government such as enforcing what we already have or else nullification.

John Burkhard: said we have the same fears as those who would like the convention of states, however, this would not be the best way. He feels we just need to elect the right people.

Jim Lewis, Batavia: He said because of our founding fathers he can stand here today and speak. The government is to defend the unalienable rights of the people. The power must stay close to the people. People need elected that respect the constitution. He is in favor of the convention of states.

Kim Schneider, Waynesville: She stated that things in government are out of control, and is concerned about the nation. She asked the trustees how much they have studied the constitution, and would they have an ongoing discussion. She feels that having a convention gives all the power to the congress.

Tony Kruger, with the Convention of States: He stated that the convention of the states is not of the people or the federal government. States have residual sovereignty. No convention of states has been held because 34 states have not been able to agree on the subject matter.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Scott Camery, Road Superintendent, provided the following report:

1. I have been conducting maintenance activities on equipment and facilities.
2. I have been taking advantage of milder weather to replace some guardrail that had been damaged by fallen trees.
3. I have fielded many inquiries regarding the conduit installation.
4. We need the mileage certification signed tonight so that it can be forwarded to the County. (this is in your packet for tonight's meeting)
5. Tree trimming, pothole patrol and stick patrol are ongoing tasks. (As weather permits)
6. I have been working with Stacey continuing to work out details for the Recycle Rally.
7. 100% equipment availability.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Paul Scherer, Fire Chief, provided the following report:

Working on several grants that are due before end of March.

AFG Grant – power cot and load system

Safer Grant – Staffing

State EMS grant

Working to renew our Ohio Pharmacy License

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New Seagrave Engine

2009 PL Squad

I will be gone from late Thursday afternoon till March 6<sup>th</sup>. Cruise with my grandson and family.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT:**

Stacey Lowing, Zoning Inspector, provided the following report:

Recycle Rally

- Preparations are underway for the event which will be held April 29 from 9-2. We will need some volunteers to help with unloading items, directing vehicles, and taking payments for freon removal. All cash received is donated to the food pantry. Pantry items for the food bank are also accepted at the rally.

Magazine

- Magazine notices were sent to advertisers and community partners this week. Ads are starting to come in.

BZA

- Kassie Webb, conditional use/site plan, 4512 Lytle Rd., denied 2.16.23
- James Stump, variance, 9068 Old Stage Rd., upcoming hearing 3.16.23

Zoning Commission

Administrative zoning code amendments schedule

- March 2- Zoning Commission, review changes made at last meeting, initiate amendments if ready
- March 23- Warren County Regional Planning Commission
- April 6- Zoning Commission public hearing
- April 18-Trustees public hearing

Zoning Commission and Trustees public hearings:

- ZC- Brian Phillips, 4138 E. St. Rt. 73, B-1 and R-1 to B-3, hearing 3.2.23
- Trustees, same applicant- rezoning and also site plan (submitted by Brian Phillips and Perry Purkey) for the property at 4138 E. St. Rt. 73. Hearing on 3.7.23

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Donald Edwards, Administrator, provided the following report:

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**Winter Weather Events:**

We had several weather events on February 9<sup>th</sup> with high winds and gusts over 50 mph. The Road Department cold storage barn received some minor shingle damage, and a claim has been initiated through PERSO to determine a resolution to repair or replace the damage.

**County Engineer:**

Approved an open cut to Corwin Road for Warren County Sewer Department's re-location of the 10" force main sewer at the SR 73 overpass. This is being done in conjunction with the SR 73 bridge replacement coming up.

**Seagrave Fire Apparatus:**

Update: Prosecutor's letter has been mailed to the President / CEO of Seagraves in regards to their request of a surcharge on the contract price for fire engine related product and shipping cost increases. No response back yet.

**Massie Township:**

I spoke with Massie Township Trustees who have inquired about purchasing our 2009 squad. I researched five comparable ambulances and shared with their Board to see if they have resources to do a governmental requisition before we determine to list on GovDeals.

They will discuss at their meeting in March.

**Drug Task Force:**

I requested Major Steve Arrasmith to attend one of our meetings to review his annual report. He will be scheduling this soon.

**Medicount:**

We have in legislation, a new contract for EMS billing by Medicount, who has done our billing of EMS runs since 2015. This is basically a four year renewal with a slight provider increase in cost to service our account.

**Street Lighting District:**

Three streetlights, and one broken pole has been submitted to MVL for repairs and all have been completed to date.

**Misc.:**

Independence Day Committee

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Convention of States:**

**Website updates-** anticipated completion by March 1

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Questions or Concerns Regarding the Bills:** NONE

**B. Legislation:**

**RESOLUTION 2023-14** RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A “CLIENT SERVICES AGREEMENT” WITH MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR EMS BILLING PURPOSES

TABLED

**RESOLUTION 2023-15** RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE 2022 TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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. Patrick – yea; Mr. Jacobs – yea. The resolution was therefore adopted the 21st of February 2023.

**C. Other:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Coffman received Medicount Management’s 2022 annual report, the Warren County Health Department monthly newsletter, and a letter from McClusky Chevrolet stating that they would like to purchase the Fire departments 2019 Tahoe.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL’S COMMENTS:** Mr. Jacobs invited the public to a youth basketball tournament.

**WORK SESSION:** none

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, at 8:00 pm Ms. Colvin motioned to adjourn. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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President, Board of Trustees