

**MINUTES OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
HELD JULY 18, 2023**

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

Roll call: Mr. Jacobs – present; Ms. Colvin -present; Mr. Patrick - 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: Fred and Diane Vonderhaar, Chris Colvin, Dale Edwards, Joe and Holly Shutts, Carson Shutts, Ralph Blanton, and Wade Easterling.

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

Ms. Colvin asked for a motion to approve the July 5, 2023, minutes. Mr. Jacobs motioned to approve the minutes, and Ms. Colvin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADDITIONS, REMOVALS OR DISCLOSURES FROM THE POSTED AGENDA: None.

Scholarship presentation: Fred Vonderhaar from the Warren County Township Association presented Carson Shutts with a \$1,500 scholarship. Three \$1,500 dollar scholarships are awarded each year by the Warren County Township Association.

The Trustees gave Carson Shutts a certificate, and he then read his winning essay to the audience.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Scott Camery, Road Superintendent, provided the following report:

1. Chip-Seal re-surfacing for 2023 has been completed. The contractor did a particularly respectable job. All roads went smoothly.
2. The Slurry-Seal (Micro-surfacing) has been completed. We had some challenging temperatures that we had to deal with along with some equipment and material problems. I also had to have the contractor return to Sandy Run sub-division to repair several spots that disrespectful residents damaged the roadway after application had been made. Additional damage was done by Rumpke garbage and recycle trucks with uncaring and disrespectful drivers. The repairs were made to the best of the ability of the contractor. The other sub-divisions that slurry seal was applied to were applied without incident. (At the time of this report)
3. Reclimite application to Cook-Jones Road is on the horizon and will complete this year's "major" road projects.

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4. The parts that I ordered did come in finally. They have been installed and that equipment is available for use.
5. Now that my major road resurfacing has been completed, I am now getting back to other projects and tasks that I have on my schedule.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No report.

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Stacey Lowing, Zoning Inspector, provided the following report:

- Power washing

Hired Happy’s Power Washing to clean the curbs, sidewalks, gutters, and the front entrance of the administration building. Work was completed on July 11.

- Fair Housing (the information below was provided by the RPC)

The Warren County Regional Planning Commission is finalizing a draft of the Warren County Assessment of Fair Housing, identifying existing issues and discrimination in which people of federally protected classes may be facing within the community. We invite you to learn more about the Assessment of Fair Housing draft and to provide your feedback at our Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 25th, 2023, from 6PM to 8PM**. The public hearing will be held at the Warren County Administrative Building in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Room 128, located at 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036.

- Attended the Warren County Safety Council meeting on July 14. The topic was distracted driving.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Donald Edwards, Administrator, provided the following report:

FD Staffing:

Looking for approval of “Sign on Bonus” program reinstated for fire department staffing and also the consideration of presenting to voters a ballot initiative for funding a First Responding Full -time unit of personnel to supplement the Volunteer and Part-time crews now on the roster.

Ohio Dept of Development:

Waynesville applied to “ODOD” for funding when the Third Street Project did not make the OPWC Grant cut-off line for approval.

Now they have received \$499,750 State Grant for Critical Water Infrastructure Upgrades that can be combined as match with the OPWC funds.

For a Total combined funding of \$999,243.00

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OPWC Third Street Project:

Awarded to Smith Corp. (See attached letter) \$925,171.40

OTARMA:

Just received our OTARMA property and casualty insurance renewal packet. I will be reviewing it and will have it on our agenda for the August 1st meeting.

Wayne Local Schools:

At the last meeting the Board of Education passed a Resolution to proceed to Levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation. I believe this is being run as an Additional because an existing levy is expiring. I was told it is not increasing revenue. (See attached documents)

Wayne Twp. Millage Certification:

Received millage certification from the Warren County Auditor's office.

Residential / Ag valuation is 294,638,290

Class II 14,581,940

Public Utility 37,880,480

TOTAL Valuation = 346,880,480

Misc.:

July 21st 9:00 am LM River Paddle Tour and Leadership luncheon

Email:

From: Riley, Chief Deputy Barry K. <Barry.Riley@wcsooh.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 10:18 AM

To: Gus Edwards <gusedwards@waynetownship.us>

Subject: Meetings

Mr. Edwards,

I am sure you are aware of the pending transitions here at the Sheriff's Office with Sheriff Sims retiring at the end of his term. My goal is to meet with every township trustee we provide service to over the next few months and before I started reaching out to them, I wanted to make sure you were in the loop. Too much respect for you to not alert you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know. Or if you feel it best to alert them prior to me reaching out, I totally trust your guidance.

Barry

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Website update status- Mr. Patrick said it is underway and he will have something ready by the next meeting.

B. Discussion on Fire Levy for Staffing First Responders- A discussion was held between the Trustees and staff members about the proposed levy to determine the appropriate millage that should be on the ballot. They agreed that these services are necessary, which means that the levy is needed. Additional topics discussed included having paramedics on each shift, that there would be six full-time positions as well as part-time positions that would be filled using the levy funds. Also, the proposed salary levels were discussed. Ultimately, the trustees decided to pursue a 2.25 mill continuous levy.

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C. Fire Dept. “Sign-On Bonus” program for Volunteers: The trustees and fire chief discussed this proposal. A determination was made that the program would pay \$1,500 to a new member of the department. This amount would be paid in thirds: \$500 each at sign-on, at six months, and one year. The sponsor would receive \$500 split into two equal payments at sign-on of the new member, and at one year.

D. Other-Mr. Camery stated that the Corwin Road closure is going to be extended by one week, to July 28th. Mr. Jacobs was contacted by a resident of Carter Drive about traffic on 73, and stated he would like to speak to ODOT about the situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Questions or Concerns Regarding the Bills: None

B. Legislation:

RESOLUTION 2023-49 A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PROPOSING A NEW ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION, 2.25 MILLS ADDITIONAL

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 18th of July 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-51 RESOLUTION APPROVING OF A WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT SIGN-ON BONUS FOR NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR SPONSORS

Ms. Colvin motioned to adopt the resolution. 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 18th of July 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-52 APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE AND HIRING OF MATHEW H. MELONE TO THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A FIREFIGHTER II / EMT-B

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; Ms. Colvin – yea; Mr. Jacobs – yea. The resolution was therefore adopted the 18th of July 2023.

C. Other:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Coffman received a recall notice on the 2021 Chevy 6.6-liter diesel truck, and for the Ford F15. He also had a notice from the Sunrise Cooperative regarding the fuel tax exemptions, a letter regarding the natural gas aggregation program. The Warren County Health District newsletter was also received. Mr. Edwards also received an aggregation letter, as well as opt-out notices regarding natural gas for the administration building.

ELECTED OFFICIAL’S COMMENTS: Ms. Colvin is going to the leadership float on the river, and Mr. Jacobs, as well as Mr. Edwards will be at the luncheon. Mr. Jacobs thanked the road and fire

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department efforts during the recent storm.

WORK SESSION: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, at 8:10 pm Ms. Colvin motioned to adjourn. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

President, Board of Trustees