

**MINUTES OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

Mr. Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

The following staff were present: Donald Edwards, Administrator; Scott Camery, Roads Supervisor; Stacey Lowing, Zoning Inspector; and Kyle Lalich, Interim Fire Chief.

The following guests/residents were present: Matt Mumma, Sarah Jones, Emily Bassett, Cody Smeltzer, Jeff and Cate Jones, Dave Albers, Adam Diessler, Josh Carter, William Carter, Paul Bernard, Ellen Beckett, Jeremy Lane, Floy Marah, Barbara Robertson, and many others who did not sign in.

Mr. Jacobs led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Jacobs asked for a motion to approve the February 6, 2024, minutes. Mr. Patrick motioned to approve the minutes, and Ms. Colvin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADDITIONS, REMOVALS OR DISCLOSURES FROM THE POSTED AGENDA:

Added resolutions 2024-22 and 2024-23 to the agenda.

Guest: Warren County Sheriff, Larry Sims

He recounted the years that he has served, and that he will soon retire. He spoke about how Warren County is very safe, and that law enforcement is appreciated here. A yearly report was handed out to the Trustees and others in attendance. Then, he summarized the yearly report which included information about technology updates, school resource officers, and the new jail.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Scott Camery, Road Superintendent, provided the following report:

1. The Bomford Verge Mower has been picked up by the buyer. It went to Knoxville, Tennessee. He was pleased. The purchaser of the snowplow has paid but has not yet picked it up. I have sent reminders.
2. The new plow truck has been brought home. We have successfully transferred the communication system over to it and went through the calibration process. It went on its first voyage on Friday 16 February 2024.
3. I assisted WCEO Highway Department with “wedging” some asphalt in on Lower Springboro Road.
4. The State Route 73 bridge project is set to begin on 26 February 2024, according to a press release forwarded to me on 15 February 2024.

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5. I have made substantial progress with some tree trimming. However, there is still more to do.
6. I have not received any notice regarding the OEPA grant yet.
7. In the next couple of weeks, I will be preparing the 4900 International plow truck to go back to the WCEO Highway Department.
8. 100% of Road Department equipment is available for use.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No report was given.

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Stacey Lowing, Zoning Inspector, provided the following report:

- Board of Zoning Appeals, 2.15.24, Dale Napier 7411 E. St. Rt. 73 secondary dwelling unit, 2-2 split vote
- Magazine is underway, waiting on a few advertisers and articles.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Donald Edwards, Administrator, provided the following report:

Fire Chief Position:

Employment agreement has been extended and verbally accepted by Mr. Jason W. Beckett. Legislation is being presented tonight for hiring Jason Beckett as the NEW Fire Chief beginning February 26, 2024.

FD Applications:

We are scheduled to interview applications for part-paid and part-time members on Monday, February 12th. (five applications).
Three candidates were interviewed.

Road Closure:

February 26th The S.R. 73 bridge construction will begin.

Admin. Building:

The installation of the Two HVAC units is completed.

Security upgrades:

Lt Dowell is working on some security upgrades and replacements to make systems operable. This project is about 75% completed.

OTARMA;

The Chevrolet 6500 2023 dump truck and snowplow have been added to our list of scheduled equipment.

Lt. Tanner Patterson:

Mr. Patterson has submitted his resignation as a full-time employee effective at the end of day, March 15, 2024, but will remain employed as a part-time employee with Wayne Township.

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Tanner's first day with Clearcreek is set to be March 17th.

OIS:

May 1st Healthcare renewal coming up.

I need all employees covered under the township's plan to fill out their Formfire online.

Misc.:

1. MORE grants have been submitted. [Payment received]
2. Administration Building flag poles.[on hold until spring inspection]
3. Major Arrasmith on April 2nd agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Website-on hold
- B. Other

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Questions or Concerns Regarding the Bills: NONE

B. Legislation:

RESOLUTION 2024-21 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF TANNER PATTERSON FROM THE FULL-TIME POSITION AT WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 20th of February 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-22 APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE AND HRING OF BRYAN ARMOLD TO THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A FIREFIGHTER IN TRAINING

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 20th of February 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-23 APPROVE ENTERING INTO A CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL CONTRACT WITH BRIAN ARMOLD FOR A FIRE FIGHTING CLASS THROUGH THE WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

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; Ms. Colvin – yea; Mr. Jacobs – yea. The resolution was therefore adopted the 20th of February 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-20 A RESOLUTION APROVING THE HIRING OF JASON WARREN BECKETT AS WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRE CHIEF

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C. Other:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Edwards stated we received the check from OTARMA for the MORE grant, The Warren County Health Department monthly newsletter, an invitation to an open house at MVP, and an invoice for a contribution to the Warren County Drug Task Force.

ELECTED OFFICIAL’S COMMENTS:

Ms. Colvin had a birthday card for WWII veteran turning 100 years old available for those in attendance to sign if they wished.

WORK SESSION: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

Swearing in of new Fire Chief: Jason W. Beckett

He took the oath of office and then his wife pinned the badge on him.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, at 7:30 pm Mr. Jacobs motioned to adjourn. Ms. Colvin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

President, Board of Trustees