

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Meeting

REGULAR SESSION HELD AT

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10748

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road

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The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:	Laura Kunze, Chair	Present
	John Oberle, Vice Chair	Present
	Lindsay Duffey, Trustee	Present
	Tony Palmer, Fiscal Officer	Present

Pledge of Allegiance**Guest Speakers:** None**Attendance:** Chief Jeffrey Tuchfarber, Road Superintendent Tom Kayati**Approval of Agenda**

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the agenda as amended. John Oberle seconded. The motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER – Todd Weithman, Lauterbach & Eilber, Inc.

The Township received health insurance quotes from three different carriers: Aetna, United Healthcare, and, the Township's current carrier, Medical Mutual. As in past years, several carriers declined to provide a quote based on the carriers' lack of ability to offer a competitive quote. Aetna offered several options under a Southern Ohio chamber alliance (SOCA) multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA) plan. The Township's current health care plan is grandfathered by Medical Mutual, but switching to a SOCA MEWA plan from Aetna would result in a savings to the Township of over \$50,000. The Township could also select the Aetna SOCA MEWA plan that includes coverage similar to what Township employees currently have under the grandfathered Medical Mutual Plan. Medical Mutual quoted a 15 percent increase in premium costs.

Laura Kunze moved to approve the Anthem Blue Access SOCA MEWA PPO plan with deductibles of \$2,500 for an individual and \$5,000 for a family. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

Resident Pat Kelley suggested that all Ohio townships pool together under a healthcare insurance policy that covers all Ohio townships.

TRUSTEES**Old Business****Communications – Update**

The Township newsletter was mailed to residents.

Potential Annexation on Hanawalt Road - Update

The City of Westerville was expected to respond earlier to the Township's request regarding the service of water to the property. A call with the City is scheduled for next week.

Complaint Regarding Property on Old Woods Road - Update

No update.

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December 8, 2021**Page 2 of 4****Worthington/Township Fire District – Update**

The City of Worthington wants to reengage on the Fire District contract. The City will likely be scheduling meetings with the Township in January.

Deer Population Control – Update

Worthington City Council will be briefed about the issue at their January retreat, and approval is being sought from Council to begin working with other local governments.

Performance Pay Increase for Chief Tuchfarber

When Chief Tuchfarber was appointed as the Township's Chief of Police, the Board set performance metrics for the first six months, such that if Chief Tuchfarber met the performance metrics, the Board would consider a pay increase. The Trustees expressed that Chief Tuchfarber had exceeded expectations in his tenure as Chief of Police.

Chief Tuchfarber gave a brief update on new initiatives beginning in 2022.

John Oberle moved that the Board approve an annual salary increase to \$92,000 beginning with the next payday. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vacancy in Office of Trustee

During the last meeting of the Board, Trustee Lindsay Duffey announced her intention to resign her position as Trustee. Lindsay Duffey told the Board that she should resign effective January 31, 2022.

John Oberle had consulted with the Prosecutor's office regarding the appointment of a replacement to fill the remainder of Trustee Duffey's term. The Board will have 30 days to appoint a successor. If not the Trustees are unable to agree, the selection would go before the Franklin County Probate Court for appointment.

The Trustees asked that interested residents submit resumes or letter of interest to the Township by January 15, 2022.

New Business**Temporary Appropriation Budget**

Tony Palmer presented the temporary appropriation budget for 2022, which would be in effect beginning January 1, 2022. The Board will need to adopt a permanent appropriation budget for 2022 by April 1. The temporary budget was prepared based on estimates provided by the department heads.

John Oberle moved to adopt Resolution 12082021A to adopt the 2022 temporary appropriation budget. Lindsay Duffey seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the Board voted: John Oberle – aye, Lindsay Duffey – aye, and Laura Kunze - aye. The motion carried.

Mosquito Management Services Contract Extension

The Township has an option in its contract for a one-year extension for mosquito management services. The service contract was negotiated as part of a collection of jurisdictions for mosquito management services.

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Laura Kunze moved to approve the one-year extension of the contract. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

BWC Order in Workers' Compensation Claim

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation issued a tentative order that granted a five percent partial permanent disability on a claim. The award was expected to increase the premium by an estimated \$1,046 for one policy year and \$4,184 for the rate years of 2023 through 2026. The appeal period for the order ends December 10, 2021. If the Board elected to appeal the decision, the Township would be required to submit a contrary medical report at the Township's cost. The appeal could also result in an increase in the award order. The consensus of the Board was to not appeal the order.

2022 Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed a proposed meeting schedule for 2022. The schedule would continue the Board's practice of meeting the first and third Wednesdays of the month, with the exception of July and December where the Board would only hold one regular meeting during those months. Lindsay Duffey moved to adopt the proposed meeting schedule for 2022. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Legal Expenses for JEDD Board

The Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Board hired Chris Connelly of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister as legal counsel. Funds for the JEDD Board will not be available until February 2022. John Oberle asked that the Township Board of Trustees approve the payment of legal fees, for which the Township would be reimbursed after the JEDD Board receives revenue. John Oberle moved to approve the expense of \$1,590. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Continental / Olentangy Valley Center

The Township will be asked to sign statements regarding the tax incentives for the Olentangy Valley Center. The statements must be filed with the County Auditor. The statements will be reviewed by legal counsel. John Oberle moved to authorize him to sign the statements on behalf of the Board. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FISCAL OFFICER**Old Business****Bank Account Transition / Fraudulent Activity – Update**

The Township continues to follow up with its bank regarding the second payment at issue. According to the Township's bank, documentation is still being requested from Bank of America, which cashed the check.

Return of Local Coronavirus Relief Funds

The Township is returning the remaining amount in the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund to the State of Ohio, as required by federal law.

New Business**November Financial Management Reports**

Tony Palmer presented the following financial management reports for November: fund summary, revenue summary, appropriation summary, payment listing, and bank reconciliation. The general fund continues to see its balance dipping, which is at \$49,404.53 at the end of November.

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December 8, 2021**Page 4 of 4****November Credit Card Statement**

Tony Palmer presented the November credit card statement. Chair Kunze signed the attestation form.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Old Business****Step Leadership Training for Sgt. Dendiu**

Sergeant Brooke Dendiu was accepted to the Step Leadership Training and will begin her training in January.

New Business

None.

ROAD DEPARTMENT**Old Business****Rosslyn/Kanawha/Westview Sanitary Sewer - Update**

No update.

Surveying in Sharon Hills - Update

No update.

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection is completed except for two houses on Rosslyn. The Township is trying to reach the owners to have the cars moved so that the Road Department can complete the leaf collection.

New Business**Colony Way Road Maintenance**

The Township received a complaint about a curb and gutter on Colony Way. Tom Kayati inspected the curb and agreed that it will need repaired. The Township will ask for a cost estimate.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business to bring before the Board, John Oberle moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Lindsay Duffey seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

1/5/22
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer