

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of

**SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT**

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10145

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
**May 4, 2022**  
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Laura Kunze, Chair	Present
	John Oberle, Vice Chair	Present (online)
	Tony Palmer, Trustee	Present
	Michael Farley, Fiscal Officer	Absent

**Attendance:** Chief Tuchfarber, Sgt. Dendiu, and Supt. Kayati

**Pledge of Allegiance****Approval of Agenda:**

Tom Kayati asked to add Joint Cemetery Meeting with City of Worthington, Medical Insurance, Curb and Gutter for 2022, and City of Columbus Storm Sewer Study. Laura Kunze asked to add: Worthington Fire Department Tour and Meeting and Franklin County Township Association

Tony Palmer asked to add: Resolution 05042022-Resolution to Approve Revised Budget for the Special Assessment Fund

Palmer moved the amended agenda, Kunze seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Guest Speakers:**

No guest speakers.

**Resident Comments:**

Public comment discussed the possibility of having a welcome letter delivered by a member of the police department.

A resident asked about the possibility of public grants for the sewer projects. Kunze reported that she believed Franklin County was considering making assistance available. Kayati noted that the project is not far enough along to make such determinations on assistance.

Kunze noted that the Township did not qualify for any of the previous water assistance.

Kunze noted that ARPA funds may be available and that she hoped the County was looking at this potential. Trustees and Kayati discussed dynamics of the current sewer project and the lack of information the Township has at this time.

More questions about tie-ins from residents were asked of Kayati. Kayati corrected a rumor that the roads would not be disturbed—Kayati reported that the lines would go in the roadway.

A resident noted that they provided communication to new neighbors about the services provided by the Township. Kunze noted that the police could be a good conduit of distributing information moving forward. The Chief noted that if the officers had a packet in the cruisers they could distribute that information.

A sound barrier wall has been put up on Olentangy River Road. The resident noted that these walls should be considered for the Township with the benefits of noise pollution mitigation. It was noted that ODOT controls the right of way.

**TRUSTEES****Old Business****Communications—Update**

Kunze reported that the newsletter was sent out to the residents of the Township.



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Palmer reported that he worked with Annie Phitayakorn to improve the website. The vacation house watch reporting portal had some work needed. Chief Tuchfarber noted that there was a resident inquiry about the vacation house watch weblink.

Palmer suggested that the time has come to move the newsletter to an electronic format. Palmer referenced that Kayati had informed the Trustees of potential technical compliance issues in the past for the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination Program). Kayati said he would need to understand how many residents were reached by the communication. Palmer clarified that this was the number of residents reached. Kayati discussed that this could be reported as a percentage. Palmer also discussed that there have been concerns about the Township holding private email addresses as they were thought to be a public record. The Sunshine Manual references that these email addresses may not be public records. Palmer will further explore the move to an electronic format in the interest of saving Township funds. Kunze discussed the potential maintenance considerations and ongoing upkeep of email addresses. She also wants to consider how new residents will be added to the lists.

Palmer asked Kayati about how other townships comply with the permit requirements. Kayati discussed that Sharon Township is a co-permittee with other townships in Franklin County. Oberle discussed the availability of using third-party vendors for the newsletter.

Palmer forwarded a request from Annie Phitayakorn that people turn in their agenda requests for the meeting by Monday of the meeting week.

**Complaint Regarding Properties on Old Woods Road—Update**

Chief Tuchfarber said there is no update on this property. The Chief did report that the new Code Enforcement Officer did report that properties on Riverside Drive needed additional follow up. One on Home Acre was found to be in compliance upon further follow up.

**Worthington/Township Fire District—Update**

Kunze reported that she and Farley met with City employees and they were provided a tour. Kunze explained the information and tour. She discussed the possibility of the Township Trustees cooking dinner for the fire fighters. She noted the amount of history preserved in the building. Palmer met with Robin Stewart and had a good discussion.

Oberle discussed potential timing and that if something were to happen this year, it would need to happen soon.

Kunze stated that Chief Zambito would attend a future Trustees' meeting.

**JEDD**

The JEDD board will meet tomorrow night (Thursday night). Oberle reported a couple of resignations from the JEDD Board. Oberle is working to find replacements. A Huntington representative (Todd Bailey) is being approached. Annie Phitayakorn will be resigning from the JEDD Board in the near future.

Oberle will have a resolution at the next meeting to amend the agreement to reflect changes in parcel numbers. City of Worthington will also need to make the change as well.

There is not an update on the undeveloped parcel. Once developed, the Township will receive both tax revenue and JEDD Revenue from the parcel.

**Deer Population Control—Update**

No update. A resident asked the question later in the meeting. Oberle noted that the Township has had discussions with the City of Worthington. Oberle noted that any solution needs to be regional in nature because of deer migration.

**OVC Mailbox—Update**



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Kunze stated that she and Chet Chaney, Perry Township Trustee, put together a written document to send to the U.S. Postal Service to move the mailbox. Congressman Balderson's Office is involved.

**Franklin County Township Association Meeting**

Kunze reported that the Franklin County Township Association meeting occurred in April, instead of the normal time of January. There was good discussion about annexation and the reasons why annexation is pursued.

**New Business****Discuss Airbnb Properties in Sharon Township**

Kunze was asked if the Township has any regulation about Airbnb. Oberle and Palmer noted that this would be a county zoning issue. Kunze noted that the new county zoning officer could be contacted. The Chief said he would facilitate the communication.

**Energy Special Incentive District (ESID)**

Palmer discussed the ESID special assessment and the need for an appropriation to distribute the funds to the ESID. The Resolution contains the revenue and appropriation levels for the ESID. Palmer moved to adopt the Resolution and Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Joint Cemetery Meeting of Sharon Township and City of Worthington**

Kayati reported out about the joint meeting. Oberle presented at the joint meeting. The joint meeting extended the millage collected for the cemetery. Kunze encouraged residents to tour the cemeteries and learn about the updates. Oberle referenced the significant changes in the operating environment in the City, the Township, and the Cemetery Board and the need for further communication about the cemeteries.

**Medical Insurance Update**

Kayati reported that the deductibles and out of pocket to the employee is more. Kayati explained his understanding of the medical benefits and referenced that the new plan is not the same as the previous plan. One of the issues that was discussed is the prescription benefit.

The Chief explained that the appropriated funds in each of the budgets should cover the need for additional TASC reimbursement funds. The funds should be there.

Kayati noted that TASC needs additional authorization to increase the reimbursement levels.

Oberle noted that Todd Weithman had represented that the change was going to be an "apples to apples" change—which is to say that the same level of benefits would be provided. Oberle has not seen any explanation as to why there was a change. The Township was told one thing, and reality has been different. Oberle suggested that Todd Weithman should discuss this with the Trustees. He suggested a special meeting on Zoom. Kunze suggested that we might not want to wait. She supports a special meeting. Kunze discussed the current situation and the additional risk that the Township may need to take on and the possible E&O coverage. Kayati noted that the major change was to the prescription benefit.

Discussion occurred about setting a special meeting.

A resident asked about whether the Township has explored joining an insurance benefit pool with other townships—if one exists. Kunze noted that sometimes smaller groups get better rates. Discussion of the pros and cons of joining such a pool was discussed. Kunze noted that she would ask Todd Weithman about the option.

**FISCAL OFFICER****New Business**

None



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**Old Business**

None

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

**Old Business**

**Rosslyn/Kanawha/Westview Sanitary Sewer—Update**

Kayati had no update on this project. Oberle said he will call Steve Renner to get an update on the project.

**Sharon Hills Drainage**

Kayati spoke with Jim Ramsey. Kayati and Ramsey are to have further communications. The County has been to the location for evaluation.

**New Business**

**City of Columbus Storm Sewer Study**

Kayati noted that he was contacted by the City of Columbus about Sharon Township potentially participating in a joint storm sewer study. The study will cover a significant area, mostly outside of Sharon Township, Kayati did not believe the study would be of benefit to the Township. He was making the Trustees aware of the offer by the City of Columbus.

**Worthington Hills Curb and Gutter**

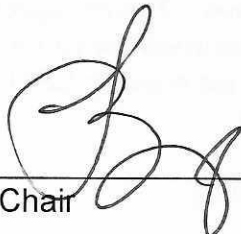
Franklin County said Sharon Township is the only township doing curb and gutter. Kayati reported that there would be about 1,008 feet of spot repairs. Franklin County provided an estimate of \$72,000 to complete the project. Larger contractors may not want to bid on this small of a project. Kayati was looking to work with other townships to identify potential contractors.

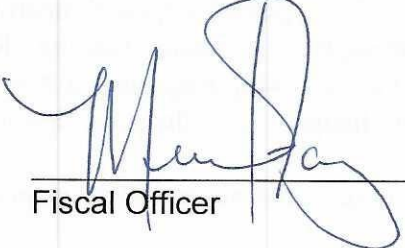
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes for April 20, 2022** Palmer moved, Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:37 pm, Oberle moved to adjourn, Palmer seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

5/18/22  
Date

  
Chair

  
Fiscal Officer