

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

**SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT**

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10116

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road _____
January 4, 2023 _____ 20 _____

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Attendance: Chief Tuchfarber, Supt. Tom Kayati

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Chair Kunze.

Guest Speakers:

Deputy from Franklin County Sheriff's Office attended the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

Kayati asked to have the following added to the agenda: Permission to purchase auger motor added to Road Department topics.

Chief Tuchfarber asked to have the following added to the agenda: KGT's service plan for laptops.

Oberle move, Palmer seconded. Motion carried.

Resident Comments

Resident discussed an issue on Home Acre Drive dealing with a formerly vacant property. Owner does mow the lawn. The resident discussed several issues including "squatters" in the detached garage that recently suffered a fire. No efforts have been made to clean up trash and a piano in the yard. The police have been called. The resident noted that Sharon Township Police Department has attempted to act and seek assistance from Franklin County.

Chief Tuchfarber will have Sgt. Grant reconnect with the Franklin County Health Department about the need to have the garage cleaned up. The Chief noted that Sgt. Dendiu had had previous discussions with the resident and Chief will follow up with Sgt. Dendiu. Trustee Kunze asked about how to deal with violations of township zoning code in this matter.

A second question was asked about a vehicle that is parked on the street and was hit. The resident asked about the authority of the Township with inoperable vehicles. Chief Tuchfarber answered the question and explained that recent court decisions have made it illegal to mark vehicles to determine if they have moved the vehicle. The Chief explained that the Department is without authority to enforce the issue as there are no parking restrictions for Home Acre.

TRUSTEES

Organizational Appointments/Resolutions

Organizational Appointments*

Laura Kunze moved to appoint Tony Palmer as the Chair of the Sharon Township Board of Trustees. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Laura Kunze moved to appoint John Oberle as the Vice Chair of the Sharon Township Board of Trustees. Tony Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tony Palmer moved to appoint Laura Kunze as the Board's liaison to the Sharon Township Police Department. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tony Palmer moved to appoint John Oberle as the Board's liaison to the Worthington Fire Department. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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John Oberle moved to appoint Tony Palmer as the Board's liaison to the Sharon Township Road Department. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Laura Kunze moved to appoint John Oberle as the Board's liaison to the Administrative Office. Tony Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Laura Kunze moved to appoint Tony Palmer as the Board's liaison to the Sharon Township Memorial Board. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 01042023A to approve 2023 appointments*

Kunze moved. Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 01042023B to approve salaries*

Kunze moved. Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 01042023C to approve movement of appropriations within fund*

Kunze moved. Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 01042023D to approve per diem rates*

Oberle moved. Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 01042023E to approve reemployment of employees*

Kunze moved. Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 01042023F to approve requests for advance tax payments*

Oberle moved. Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 01042023G to employ attorneys for 2023*

Kunze moved. Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Worthington/Township Fire District—Update on City's Request

Oberle provided an update. Township has not received a response from the City of Worthington. The Township has taken the position that the Township has until February 1, 2023—if action not taken—that date will likely trigger the 45-day period in the contract. Oberle discussed his outreach to the City of Worthington and the Village of Riverlea.

Oberle recommended at the next meeting to have joint presentations from Sharon Township and City of Worthington. The Village of Riverlea will be invited. This session should be used to address questions and present information. Oberle noted that the Township is underpaying for fire service, but the amount of underpay is not determined. Oberle recommended that the next meeting be dedicated to fire funding discussion.

Oberle then recommended that the Trustees hold a special meeting thereafter. Then hold a special meeting to vote on the recommendation. Kunze noted that communication with neighborhoods is essential. A flyer will be developed.

Palmer noted that the regular meeting on January 18, 2023 will be exclusively for fire funding discussions. A special meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. At that meeting, it will be determined if another special meeting is needed. Palmer discussed the possibility of having a special meeting on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 7:00am. The Trustees reached a consensus that they should schedule the January 27, 2023 special meeting in the case they are ready to take action on the levy before February 1, 2023.

Memorial Board – Legal Opinion

Palmer explained that the Township received a legal opinion from the Franklin County Prosecutor. It is marked attorney client privileged. The Prosecutor asked if the opinion could be

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forwarded to the Memorial Board. Palmer explained that that action would need to be approved by the Trustees.

Oberle noted that the opinion should be released but the opinion is not ready to be released. Oberle noted that the appointment discussion needs to be questioned and clarified. Palmer said that he would follow up with the County Prosecutor on the question and how it may be released in the future.

FISCAL OFFICER

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

POLICE

Old Business:

None

New Business:

KGT Contract

Chief Tuchfarber explained that the contract is \$1248.00 an increase of \$66 from last year. The Chief sought approval for the laptop maintenance contract. Kunze moved. Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD and CEMETERY:

Old Business:

Approval of Freight Charge for Bell Equipment Invoice from November

Kayati noted that the freight charge for the previously approved expenditure is \$178.48 for the shipping of the part. He was unaware that the charge would be forthcoming. However, Kayati noted that the amount is very reasonable for the transport of such a heavy piece of equipment. Oberle moved. Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Purchase of Auger Motor Replacement

Kayati asked for approval up to \$1,300 is the approximate cost for the motor. The purchase is necessary to assist in snow plowing. Kunze moved, Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

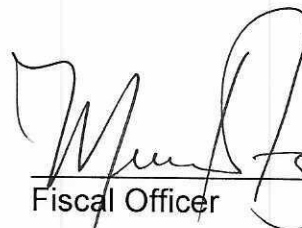
Approval of Minutes:

December 14, 2022: Oberle moved, Kunze seconded. Carried unanimously.

At 7:24pm, Palmer moved to adjourn, Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1/18/2023
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer