

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

**SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT**

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10146

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95 E. Wilson Bridge Road

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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: Sgt. Brooke Dendiu, Chief Tuchfarber, Supt. Tom Kayati

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

Guest Speakers:**Approval of Agenda:**

Supt. Kayati asked to have the Water Main Break added to the agenda to provide an update.

Resident Comments

A resident from Westview Avenue expressed concern with the traffic at the Tree of Life School. The resident questioned the approach Tree of Life has taken with traffic approach. The resident asked what the Township could do.

Kunze asked about if the traffic has gotten worse as the year has gone on.

The resident noted that the new school occupants are not using as many buses and more parents are dropping their children off directly.

Chief Tuchfarber explained that the intersection in question is actually in the City of Columbus. The Sharon Township Police Department has had officers in the area and working on the portions in the Township.

The Chief noted possible alternatives by local residents for traffic. The Chief also mentioned the Department could have a discussion with the school.

Another resident spoke about the traffic concerns on Westview. A proposed Goodwill training location and public store for retail is considering that area. The concern is that such an entity would increase traffic a great deal.

TRUSTEES**Old Business****Complaints Regarding Properties/Code Enforcement—Update**

A resident asked about code enforcement generally and whether additional conversation about amending the code has occurred.

Kunze discussed that she had been reviewing the code and this would be discussed in January relative to strategic planning.

Chief Tuchfarber said there was no update about the property in question.

The resident asked about the code of regulations and the amendment process and noted Perry Township was going through an update process.

Kunze noted that Perry Township is a Home Rule Township and has more authority to amend the zoning code. Kunze said she would be happy to discuss proposed changes with Perry Township. Kunze also encouraged the resident to provide any direct edits to the Trustees.

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

Oberle explained that Palmer drafted a letter responding to the November 28, 2022 letter from the City of Worthington. The letter has been signed off by legal counsel. Oberle provided background on the contents of the November 28 letter and legal counsel's belief that the letter does not trigger the 45-day period in the letter. Oberle reiterated that the Township will have a good faith negotiation with the City of Worthington. Oberle explained that the Township has not disagreed with the City of Worthington as of this time.

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Palmer noted that the letter seeks to preserve the relationship and level of service with the City of Worthington.

Kunze noted that she appreciates the work on this topic and that legal counsel has been engaged.

Oberle reported that he has contacted Robin Stewart to inform Stewart that a special meeting occurred and a letter is forthcoming.

JEDD—Update

No update.

Deer Population Control—Update

An update will be forthcoming in January. Oberle discussed that the issue cannot be studied forever. Oberle continues to push for a decision.

Palmer and Kunze discussed adding this matter to OTA and Franklin County Township Association agendas.

Call Insurance Lease Agreement—Resolution 12142022A to Extend Call Insurance Lease

Palmer explained that the lease would extend the relationship until August 2023. The extension would follow the same pattern for increases. Palmer noted that Call Insurance has been a good tenant.

Kunze moved to adopt Resolution, Palmer seconded the approval of the Lease agreement.

Motion to approve Resolution 12142022A carried unanimously.

Temporary 2023 Appropriation Budget—Resolution 12142022B to Adopt 2023 Temporary Appropriation Budget

Palmer explained the process and need for the Temporary Appropriation Budget. He reminded Trustees that a permanent budget will need to be approved prior to the end of March 2023.

Palmer moved to adopt Resolution to Adopt 2023 Temporary Appropriation Budget. Kunze seconded the motion. Kunze called for a roll call vote:

Kunze Yes

Oberle Yes

Palmer Yes.

New Business:**Health/Dental/Vision Insurance Renewal***

Todd Weithman, Township health insurance broker, joined the meeting virtually to provide an update on the status of proposals for new employee health plans. Weithman explained that plans were still submitting responsive proposals.

Kunze asked about moving off of TASC to a new vendor.

Weithman recommended moving forward with Anthem.

Discussion occurred about the third-party administrator between keeping TASC or moving to Harrison.

Kunze moved to renew Anthem to the \$3,000/\$6,000 with 5.26% renewal rate, Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kunze moved to change TPA provider to Harrison Group, Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kunze moved to continue the HRA approach with the Township picking up any additional costs due to the plan move, Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 Meeting Schedule*

Palmer moved to accept the schedule as proposed, Oberle seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER**Old Business:**

None

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New Business:**December Credit Card Statement***

Farley presented the credit card statement and attestation statement to Chair Kunze. Chair Kunze signed the attestation statement.

BWC Premium Payment Approval

Farley explained that the new premium is about \$10,000 more than last year. Farley noted that the Township has seen a significant claims history over the last year. Farley corrected a prior statement that the plan was moving to a prospective rating program. The BWC plan remains retrospectively rated.

Palmer moved to pay BWC premiums for 2023, Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE**Old Business:**

None

New Business:**Resignation of Constable Nick Psota (12/28)**

Chief Tuchfarber asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Constable Psota.

Oberle moved, Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Possible Employment of New Constable

Chief reported that he had been approached by a retired Worthington Police Department officer about joining the police department. The Chief and the Sergeants met with the potential applicants. The prospective officer will have a ride along with the Sharon Township Police Department in the coming weeks. Chief described the benefits of having an experienced officer join the Department. This would not occur until February as the potential officer has a previously scheduled vacation prior to February.

ROAD and CEMETERY:**Old Business:****Roslyn/Kanawha/ Westview Sanitary Sewer—Update**

No update

Sharon Hills Drainage Issue—Update

No update

New Business:**Bryan Gearhardt Pay Increase to Step 2 (\$22.02) effective 12/1/2022 (start of current pay period)**

Kayati asked to advance Bryan Gearhardt to Step 2 to reflect a missed period. Palmer asked Kayati if he could provide a schedule of pay raises so that Annie Phitayakorn could manage timelines and to ensure that the Township deals with pay raises in a timely manner.

Kunze moved and Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Main Break

Kayati briefed the Trustees about water main break on Riverside Drive between Kanawha and Roslyn. The City of Columbus responded to the break.

Maple Canyon Easement

Kunze reported that she continues to attempt to obtain additional information about the project before an easement is brought forward for consideration.

Approval of Minutes:

November 16, 2022: Palmer moved, Kunze seconded. Carried unanimously (Oberle abstained)

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November 29, 2022: Palmer moved, Kunze seconded. Carried unanimously

December 6, 2022: Kunze moved, Oberle seconded. Carried unanimously.

At 8:07pm, Oberle moved to adjourn, Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1/4/2022
Date

Tony Palmer
Chair

Maura Jay
Fiscal Officer