

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

**SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT**

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10126

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road _____ 20____
March 15, 2023

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

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

Attendance: Chief Tuchfarber, Supt. Tom Kayati

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

Guest Speakers:

None

Approval of Agenda:

Supt. Kayati asked to have Sharon Hills added to the agenda. Kunze moved the agenda as amended, Palmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resident Comments

Gary Beougher, president of the Sharon Memorial Board asked to speak. He thanked the Trustees for assisting the Board with understanding the legal standing of the Board. Beougher noted that the Board is autonomous and holds the deed to the Memorial Hall. Beougher noted the difficulty in acquiring funds for brick and mortar projects.

Beougher discussed the potential for securing funds from a bank via a loan or mortgage.

Beougher said he is negotiating rents for existing tenants to gain additional revenue. The president noted that this would not generate a great deal of funds.

Beougher explained that they can come to the Trustees to present a case in the event of a catastrophic event. He explained that the Board is aware of their duties.

Beougher noted the needs of the Board. Concrete skin on the side of the building to protect brick foundation needs to be fixed. The second need are the downspouts and where the water is dumped. The downspouts needed to be reconfigured at a cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000. The eaves also needed to be replaced.

Beougher asked the Trustees for help in regards to having the Township conduct lawn mowing and snow removal. Palmer asked for the costs incurred on these services currently. Beougher said that in previous years it was between \$3,000 and \$5,000 but is higher this year. Kayati noted that the Township does not own mowers, as they are owned by the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Kayati explained that snow removal may also be difficult due to the size of the trucks.

General discussion occurred about the possibilities of assisting the Memorial Board.

Palmer applauded Beougher for his diligence and work on behalf of the Board.

TRUSTEES

Old Business:

Worthington/Township Fire District - Update

Palmer noted that the two that have attended the meetings are not present this evening. Palmer relayed that that conversations are moving positively and Farley noted that a special meeting may be required in the near future.

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2023 Appropriation Budget*

Palmer explained that the temporary budget expires on April 1, 2023 and that a permanent budget must be in place. The budget is consistent to the budget for 2022.

Palmer moved to approve the budget as presented. Kunze seconded the motion. Palmer called for a roll call vote:

Palmer	AYE
Kunze	AYE

Resolution of Advances*

Palmer explained that the cemetery advance has been paid. The Resolution would accept the solution to the previous advance issue.

Palmer moved to adopted **Resolution 03152023B** and Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Palmer explained the resolution of the advances for the police department. Palmer said that the police advances will be treated as a transfer rather than an advance.

Palmer moved **Resolution 03152023C**, and Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

OTARMA Proxy Statement

Palmer described the OTARMA Proxy Statement. Palmer moved to have Tony Palmer as the proxy for the OTARMA, Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER

Old Business:

None

New Business:

February Credit Card Statement

Palmer discussed that the February Credit Card statement was needed and explained the charges. The expenses were reviewed. Palmer signed the Credit Card statement.

POLICE

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Constable's 2023 Pay Step Increases

Chief Tuchfarber explained the pay steps and the annual process. Tuchfarber expressed support for a slightly larger increase by five percent to deal with economic pressures and recognition of being down staff. The step increases may assist with retention and recognition. The pay step increases would go into effect on March 23, 2023.

Palmer asked if the funds were budgeted. Tuchfarber confirmed they were.

Kunze expressed support given the recruiting environment.

Kunze moved the increase effective March 23, 2023. Palmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of New Server

Tuchfarber noted that the server went down again. He reminded the Trustees that there is another server available from the Sharon Township IT vendor. The company is willing to accept \$2,000 for the used server. This is compared to \$4,000 for a new server.

The IT vendor has negotiated a trial period with the selling entity.

Tuchfarber reported that he investigated cloud server options and that per-user fees make the adoption of the cloud for a small organization cost prohibitive due to per-user fees. When the internet goes down, constables will not be able to access case files.

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Tuchfarber sought permission to spend \$2,000 to purchase the server from Tony Gordon, the Township's IT contracted professional.

Kunze expressed support of the purchase.

Kunze moved to approve the purchase and Palmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Lexipol Yearly Subscription

Tuchfarber seeks permission to continue the Lexipol subscription in light of the increased subscription fee.

Kunze moved to approve and Palmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Purchase Body Cameras*

Tuchfarber explained that Sgt. Grant has investigated purchasing from vendors. The grant will cover the expenses on a reimbursement basis. The amount of purchase will be \$23,520.00 and Tuchfarber seeks approval to spend these funds. The amount is in the budget.

Kunze moved to approve, Palmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ROAD and CEMETERY:

Old Business:

Sharon Hills Drainage

Kayati received a call from a resident that had been contacted by the City of Columbus discussing the ongoing easement requests. Kayati noted that there were several conversations last year and then everything went quiet. The City of Columbus now intends to move the project into Sharon Township. Kayati told the City of Columbus that the Township will not support the project as presented. Kayati forwarded the information to Franklin County. Kayati thinks it is time to engage legal counsel in the process.

Kunze explained similar tactics in other easement discussions at Maple Canyon.

New Business

None

Approval of Minutes:

March 1, 2023: The vote was postponed on the minutes because Trustee Kunze was not in attendance at the March 1, 2023 meeting.

At 7:18 pm, Kunze moved to adjourn, Palmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4/5/2023
Date

Tony Palmer
Chair

M. Stang
Fiscal Officer