

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

**SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT**

Meeting

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

Held

95 E. Wilson Bridge Road

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June 7, 2023

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

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

Attendance: Chief Tuchfarber, Supt. Tom Kayati

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Vice Chair Oberle.

Guest Speakers:

None

Approval of Agenda:

Kunze asked to have Code Enforcement added to the agenda.

Oberle asked to add Memorial Parade Update.

Kunze moved, Oberle seconded the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Resident Comments

None

TRUSTEES

Old Business:

Fire Levy Resolution and Resident Outreach—Update

Oberle provided an update on drafting the necessary resolutions. Resolution of Necessity will come before the trustees on June 21, 2023.

August 9, 2023 is the deadline to place on the ballot.

Oberle discussed that outside counsel is drafting the necessary resolutions.

JEDD Appointments

Oberle noted that there are two appointments needed.

One is a Trustee and the other is an employee of a company located in the JEDD.

These appointments will come before the Trustees at the next meeting.

Annual Calendar—Update

Oberle discussed the annual calendar that Palmer emailed to Trustees. This constitutes all of the major items. There are a couple of issues that need to be added like various appointments (including water district, Memorial Board, JEDD etc).

Oberle referenced the work that Annie Phitayakorn is doing on this project.

Oberle discussed the need for an online shared drive to facilitate sharing of documents.

ARPA Expenditures—Update

Farley gave an update on the project and referred the Trustees and staff to previous conversations on the matter.

Oberle discussed his thoughts on the dynamics of investment in the building and the potential to invest in IT projects to make things more efficient.

Farley noted that Palmer wishes to schedule a working session to finalize the priorities.

New Business:

Consideration of OTARMA Annual Premium Invoice Payment

Farley explained that the new invoice is for \$27,776 for the new coverage year. This amount represents an increase of a little more than \$1,500 for the year. Farley also explained that the

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coverages are staying the same. Farley mentioned that the Township is slated to receive a \$1,447.27 rebate for renewing the policy with OTARMA.

Kunze moved to allow the payment and authorized Farley to sign all necessary documents. Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2024 Tax Budget

Farley discussed that Palmer and Farley inputted the tax budget for TY 2024. The numbers were provided by the senior staff. Farley thanked Chief Tuchfarber and Supt. Kayati for their assistance. Farley explained that the next meeting on June 21, 2023 will also be the public hearing for the tax budget. The final resolution must be passed by early July.

Code Enforcement

Kunze discussed issues that have been brought forward to her from residents about tall grass. With Franklin County Health no longer investigating tall grass complaints, this topic will likely become more pervasive.

Chief Tuchfarber discussed a variety of issues that have been brought forward to Sgt. Grant. Kunze noted that it would be helpful to have the Franklin County code enforcement officer to attend Sharon Township Trustee meetings twice a year.

Chief Tuchfarber noted that the County has hired a second code enforcement officer.

Oberle mentioned that the County should place more resources into this and recommended that the Franklin County Township Association meet with the Commissioners to request that the Commissioners place more resources on the matter.

Kunze said she would place information up on the Facebook page for resident's information.

FISCAL OFFICER**Old Business:**

None

New Business:**Biennial Audit Update**

Farley briefly gave an update that the Township is currently undergoing the biennial audit. The auditors requested substantial documents but have stated that no problems have been found. The auditors hope to have the audit completed by the end of June.

May Credit Card Statement

Farley presented Vice Chair Oberle with the monthly credit card statement. Oberle reviewed and signed the statement.

POLICE**Old Business:**

None

New Business:**Purchase of New Equipment**

The Chief reported that the body cameras have arrived. Those funds were previously approved. Additional equipment will be needed to sync the body camera with the car camera. There is an additional cost for the syncing equipment. \$3,500 is the cost of the additional equipment and installation for Motorola.

Kunze moved to approve not to exceed \$3,500 to purchase equipment and installation. Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Possible New Hire

The Chief reported that he recommends hiring a new constable, Justin Spears. He previously sent a letter to the Trustees. The Chief wants to hire the person this evening and swear him in at the next meeting.

Resolution 06072023 was presented to the Trustees for their consideration.

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Kunze moved Resolution 06072023 and Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Regarding Tasers

The Chief informed the Trustees that Constable Martindale received information about the possibility of having tasers donated from the City of Whitehall. The tasers have an expected lifespan of five to seven years.

Kunze and Oberle noted that they would support receiving the donation from City of Whitehall as it would provide significant savings for the Township.

ROAD and CEMETERY:

Old Business:

Sharon Hills Drainage--Update

Kayati has called Franklin County about the drainage to see if they have comments or recommendations. He believes that the City of Columbus is working toward a solution—but Kayati reminded the City that the area can take no additional water. Kayati discussed particulars of the plans.

Rosslyn/Kanawha/Westview Sanitary Sewer--Update

Kayati spoke with the County on the project and was assured that there is a possibility that the project will be put out for bid yet this year.

Kayati was told that there was a possibility of financial aid for tie-in costs. Franklin County employees have offered to attend a Trustee's meeting. There will be opportunity for public input in the future.

New Business

Salt Invoice from City of Worthington*

Oberle moved to approve payment of any invoice for road salt not to exceed \$3,000, Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Kayati noted that the ceremonies went smoothly. The Memorial Service was well received and well-coordinated.

Oberle noted that the cemetery grounds looked very good and discussed his positive impressions of the event.

At 7:36 pm, Kunze moved to adjourn, Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6/21/2023
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer