

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 1016

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
September 6, 2023

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

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Tony Palmer, Chair	Present
	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 Chair Palmer.

**Guest Speakers:**

*Gary Conner, Wildlife Management Supervisor, Ohio Department of Natural Resources*

Conner discussed the authority and scope of the Division. Noted that ODNR does not supersede any local ordinance, nor do they have authority to mandate action. They can consult and advise. Biological carrying capacity and social carrying capacity are the two areas that are examined in managing the mission. The area has not surpassed the biological carrying capacity for deer. The concerns seemingly surpass the social carrying capacity for deer and geese in central Ohio. Data collection will be needed to further explore the problem with deer population. Deer vehicle collisions are one metric used.

This issue has been discussed with many communities in our area. The communities must meet the need.

Kayati asked about the cemeteries and how that can be assisted. Landscape loss and damage is common.

Resident asked what other communities are doing. Exclusion is the golden rule, but it is expensive and impractical. Solutions could include various removal programs including a controlled hunt system.

Trapping and removal is not a successful tool.

An inventory is essential to start the process. The City of Worthington helicopter program was not from DNR. Snow cover is important to have a quality count. A discussion of various inventory programs was discussed.

It was explained that a permit is needed and the requirements for the program. It is suggested to have a measurable set of goals.

The various methods of inventory techniques were explained.

Palmer asked about data and if other entities track deer auto accidents. Comer explains the methods of collection used.

Conner generally recommends "no feeding" ordinances. Even though they are generally not enforced.

Resident asked if DNR tracks diseases in the deer. Comer explained the various tracking that is done. It is not uniformly tracked for deer.

Resident asked about dead deer found in a yard and how the carcass is removed. Comer explained that there are no free removal services. The Division does not remove deer. There is only one wildlife officer for Franklin County.

Resident who lives next to the woods and discussed the wildlife on his property. The resident discussed how much he enjoys the wildlife.

Oberle asked about when the area might meet the biological capacity. Comer discussed the lack of apex predators in Ohio.

Comer emphasized that there is not a single solution or silver bullet. Generally, it takes two or three years before any active management occurs.

Resident on Zoom asked if they were permitted to shoot the deer with a gun or bow. Comer answered that in some areas of Franklin County it is legal. Chief Tuchfarber noted that the projectile cannot leave the property.

Palmer thanked Comer for the vast information and attendance.

Palmer called for a brief recess.



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**Approval of Agenda:**

Farley asked to have Credit Card Approval added to the agenda.

Chief asked for approval of an invoice.

Oberle asked to have the following issues added:

JEDD Update

Fire District Update

TIRC District update

Kayati wants to add Roof Discussion

Kunze moved the agenda, Oberle seconded the agenda. Agenda was approved unanimously.

**Resident Comments**

None

**TRUSTEES****Old Business:****Deer Population Concerns--Update**

No additional comment or report.

**Fall Newsletter**

Palmer asked about articles. Oberle stated that he had a fire topic he will draft.

**New Business:****Call Insurance Lease Renewal\***

Palmer described that the lease would be extended for two years with built in increases.

Palmer moved to approve the Resolution 09062023A, Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor\***

Palmer explained that this is the annual resolution to accept the amounts certified.

Kunze moved the resolution, Oberle seconded the resolution. Resolution passed unanimously.

Palmer called for a roll call vote:

Kunze aye

Oberle aye

Palmer aye

**Resolution to Approve Premium Pay to Employees Under the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund\***

Palmer explained that all ARPA funds will be expended via resolution. This resolution is for premium pay for \$1,500 for fulltime employees and \$500 part-time. Farley noted that Constable Spears is the only employee not eligible due to the ending federal declaration of emergency prior to his hire date.

Palmer moved Resolution 090623C. Kunze seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

**JEDD Update**

Oberle stated that Continental was unable to make their appointment. Oberle noted that names are being discussed. There will be a JEDD meeting in October. The City of Worthington is interested in increasing the scope of the JEDD. There will be appointments for the next meeting.

**Fire District Update**

Oberle discussed that the fire levy is on the ballot as Issue 8. Oberle and Farley will meet with the City of Worthington to schedule an open house at the fire station. There will be discussion about education. Oberle discussed the need to explain the recent increases for property values.



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Resident asked about issue sheets for residents. Oberle discussed that residents could organize around that effort. Discussion about the appropriate protocol were discussed and the need to follow compliance procedures set forth in Ohio law.

**TIRC Update**

Oberle provided an update on the Tax Increment Revenue Commission to discuss the three current funding statuses. They were all approved at the meeting.

**FISCAL OFFICER**

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**August Credit Card Statement**

Palmer examined and signed the credit card statement for August.

**POLICE**

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Invoice Approval for Body Warn Cameras**

Chief Tuchfarber asked to pay Public Safety Outfitters for \$1,125 that will be covered by a grant in reimbursement.

Kunze moved approval, Palmer seconded. Motion carried.

**ROAD and CEMETERY:**

**Old Business:**

**Sharon Hills Drainage--Update**

No update

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

No update

**New Business**

**Roofing Estimates for Replacement**

Kayati presented several estimates for the roof at the road facility.

Kayati discussed the needed scope of work. Estimates were received from Newman Roofing, Garvin, Contractors Inc. (Ables), and Ohio Metal Roofing.

Kunze asked which roof would be better with an ice guard. Kayati explained the differences. Kayati noted that the current roof is fifty years old.

Ohio Metal is the low estimate. Kayati noted that he had done due diligence on the Auditor's website and noted that the City of Columbus has used Ohio Metal.

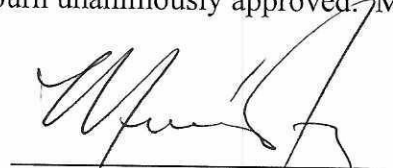
Palmer noted that if there was comfort with the low estimate, that a resolution would be prepared for the next meeting.

Approval of the minutes from August 16, 2023. Oberle moved, and Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kunze moved to adjourn, Oberle seconded. Motion to adjourn unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

9/20/2023  
Date

  
Chair

  
Fiscal Officer