

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD AUGUST 13, 2024

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hartkemeyer at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Fiscal Officer, Shelly Schultz

Trustee Chairperson, Shannon Hartkemeyer	Present
Trustee Vice Chairperson, Michael Berding	Present
Trustee, Joe McAbee	Present

INVOCATION: Deacon Rick Reder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Fire Department – New Hires, 6 additional career firefighters est. \$800,000
Chief Berter – We need these to fill the gap of part time positions.
Mr. Berding - Do we have funding in place for this?
Chief Berter – Each year the budget is set for a number of positions. Half of those positions being filled with full time. We haven't been able to support a fully staffed shift this year. The money in part is there but we will incur additional costs.
Mrs. Hartkemeyer - What will the cost differential be?
Mrs. Vonderhaar - Discussion of TIFF funds. We would be able to sustain this for 2, 3 or 4 years without a levy.
Mr. McAbee - Shelly I'd like to see a current list of debts and time sequence.
Mr. Berding - I would like to have all the information in front of us before voting. We have the resolution on here now for a first read. I do think its fair that all 3 of us are comfortable on voting on this and if Trustee McAbee feels like he doesn't have all the information he would like to have to make a sound decision maybe we should just leave as a 1st read at this time.
Mr. McAbee - I appreciate that. We really didn't have a discussion last time we just had a presentation.
- B. Fire Department – Engine repair and replacement est. \$32,000
Chief Berter – Engine 213 was found to have substantial cracks in the sub-frame. For that repair work it will be significant for \$32,000.00. This has been out of service for about a month.
- C. Next Trustee Meeting will be 8:30 AM September 10th

CONSENT AGENDA

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board of Trustees to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any Trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve

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the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Consent agenda.

All in favor.

- A. Recommend motion to suspend reading of the minutes of the following meeting:
 - a. Trustee Regular Meeting July 9, 2024
 - b. Tax Budget Hearing July 9, 2024
- B. Recommend motion to approve the minutes.
- C. Recommend motion to approve payment of the bills by the Fiscal Office
 - a. All in favor.

MOTIONS – Consent Agenda Item

- A. **Motion** to accept DYNO-GLO Propane Gas Grill for the Police Department from Home Depot, 6562 Winford Ave., Fairfield Township, 45011 valued at \$299.00.

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda Items

- A. Resolution No. 24-112 approving open Purchase Order Balances.
- B. Resolution No. 24-113 declaring nuisance and ordering abatement on properties.
- C. Resolution No. 24-114 authorizing purchase of ammunition for the Police Department.
- D. Resolution No. 24-115 authorizing purchase of tasers for the Police Department.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT – Fiscal Officer, Shelly Schultz

Audit is still on going. We did get an opioid settlement since our last meeting of \$44,000.00.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Administrator, Julie Vonderhaar

The Touch A Truck was a success. Wanted to give kudos to all the staff. Kimco was gracious enough to let us use their area. Tremendous teamwork.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH BUTLER TECH DONATING INTERNATIONAL AMBULANCE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE COST OF TWO PARAMEDIC CLASSES #24-116

Chief Berter – This is similar to what we've done in the past. This is for a 2016 International Ambulance that's going to the high school program at Butler Tech in exchange for two rooster classes in two upcoming paramedic classes. This will cover the costs of classes in full.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #24-116.

YES – Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

ABSTAIN – Mr. Berding

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A FULL-TIME DEPUTY CHIEF POSITION IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT #24-117

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF SIX FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT #24-118

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FAIRFIELD PREVENTON COALITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 #24-119

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #24-119. All in favor.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT FROM BUTLER COUNTY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM CDBG #24-120

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #24-120.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH A SUPPLIER RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC. #24-121

Mrs. Vonderhaar – This is a 30% reduction for communities. This sets a secure price of \$0.5894 per Ccf for natural gas supply charges.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #24-121.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION APPROVING REPAIR OF FIRE ENGINE #213 FROM SPECIALTY TRUCK REPAIR., INC. AT A TOTAL COST OF \$30,901.41 #24-122

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #24-122. All in favor.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH MOBILCOMM INC., TO UPGRADE THE WEATHER SIRENS AT A COST NOT EXCEED \$35,000.00 #24-123

Captain Peters – We have 5 but there are 4 that aren't working properly.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #24-123.
All in favor.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE 2024 NATURE WORKS GRANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUBMISSION FOR THE NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS #24-124

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #24-124.
All in favor.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF INCREASED COSTS FROM THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CDBG FUNDING FOR THE PATER AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT #24-125

Mr. Goins – This is acknowledging an increase in pricing. We had a grant amount of \$300,968 approved for the Pater Avenue Project, but the bid came in over at \$306,316.01 That resolution just acknowledges that the Trustees will pay that.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #24-125.

All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TID – Trustee McAbee – No Report

EMA – Trustee Hartkemeyer – No Report

OKI – Trustee Hartkemeyer – No Report

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Berding – It was a great ribbon cutting ceremony today at Bridgewater Falls for Frutta Bowls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steering Committee Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2024, 6:00 PM
- Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday – Monday, September 2, 2024
- Patriots Day Festival – Saturday, September 7, 2024, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- CIC Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 8:30 AM
- Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 8:30 AM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **ORC 121.22 (G) (1)** to consider the discipline, appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official; and

ORC 121.22 (G) (4) to discuss collective bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation and other terms and conditions of employment.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to go into executive session

All in favor.

- President convenes executive session at 8:04 PM
- President resumes regular meeting at 9:37 PM

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Hartkemeyer	Yes
Mr. Berding	Yes
Mr. McAbee	Yes

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to authorize Administrator Julie Vonderhaar to execute the newly negotiated 2024-2027 collective bargaining agreement with the Fairfield Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF5276.

All in favor.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt the recommendation of the Township Administrator with respect to discipline imposed on Firefighter Brennan Berter.

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adjourn at 9:38 PM.

All in favor.

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Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Chairperson

Michael Berding, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee