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# REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Mr. Britton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Mrs. Schlachter seconded

Roll Call Trustees: Mr. Britton here, Mrs. Schlachter, Mr. Schuster here.

Pledge of Allegiance

Department Heads present:

Police Department – Chief Kaiser

Road/Park Department – Bryon McIntosh

Fiscal Officer - Shelly Nowakowski

Fire Department – Chief Kay working Toledo Fire, excused

Zoning - Tom Yunker on vacation, excused

**MOTION: APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING  
August 24, 2021.**

Mr. Britton moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Britton yes.

Trustee Britton: Thank you and sorry for having to move the meeting to a day later. We had to attend the 911 consolidation meeting. We will bring everyone up to speed later in the meeting regarding that.

**MOTION: ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:05P.M. PER  
ORC #121.22G TO CONSIDER PURCHASE AND SALE OF PROPERTY.**

Mr. Britton moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Britton yes.

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**MOTION: BACK FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:25 p.m.**

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Brittson yes.

**MOTION: TO PUBLISH SALE OF 5708 BLESSING DRIVE, TOLEDO, OHIO NOTICE IS PUBLISHED FOR 14 DAYS ON THE WEBSITE AND ONCE IN THE PAPER FOR ORC 505.10.**

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Brittson seconded.

Trustee Schuster would like to have a discussion.

Roll Call ended with a 2 to 1 vote after discussion.

Roll Call: Mr. Brittson yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Schuster no.

Kim I am going to get you the wording for the Resolution from legal counsel. The Resolution is going to state:

**TO PUBLISH SALE OF 5708 BLESSING DRIVE VIA SEALED BID, WITH A MINIMUM OF BID OF \$75,000.00 AND THE NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE. THE BIDS WILL BE COLLECTED THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2021 AND THE BID WILL BE DUE BY OCTOBER 12, 2021 BY 3:00 P.M. AND WILL BE OPENED PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING. HISTORIC STONES WILL BE REMOVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE BUILDING.**

Trustee Schuster would like to have a discussion.

Trustee Schuster: I know we already discussed this in Executive Session but something this informative I think all of the department heads and the public should be informed. I am going to be voting no on this. I think its quite clear, I have been saying this all along. Something as far as a possible sale of that asset or demolition of that asset I am not in favor of, I will never be in favor of. I understand it only takes two votes to make this happen so if anybody wants to speak now or its forever hold your peace. Especially people like Bryon or Chief Kaiser. If you don't speak your minds now.... Ok maybe I am the only one fighting for something and nobody else cares about it. Mrs. Kingsley, resident replies from audience "no you're not".

Mr. McIntosh states: Ok I will tell everyone what I said. I would like to stay in my drive through bay. I have been there for many years. I told Mark this a few weeks ago, few months ago.



Then Trustee Brittson and I met and we had some options and he asked that if this is would happen could you make this work or that work. I told him I could make it work. I am torn between both ways. If it were my money part of me says it is time. I have seen it go down for the last 20 years. The other part of me says that I want to see it fixed. I want to stay in there. I can never say 100% I want to go either way. But if it is sold and it comes down that I am going to stay out in the other building. I can make it work. The Road Department isn't going anywhere. I care about Washington Township, its my home, for now. I understand what Mr. Schuster is saying and I understand what

Mrs. Schlachter and what Mr. Brittson are saying. I don't want anyone to think "you said this and you meant that", that isn't me. I am not 100% either way. So, whatever is best for my department, my family, coworkers, friends the whole area. That's what I will do.

Trustee Schlachter: So, I have talked to Chief Kaiser and I have talked as well to you about this. Bottom line we just do not have the funds to fix that building. I went over the Seagate Report, I haven't got any quotes so I went back over the Seagate Report and went over everything again. We know that the roof quote is. It is about \$150,000.00 and that is not even touching the inside of the building to make it what you guys deserve. We have the opportunity to get money back from property tax money to help pay for some of these up coming expenses. I pulled all the data from what Michelle (fiscal officer) had sent over the weekend. It cost \$38,000.00 to run that building so we wouldn't have that cost either. You would still have a place, which we have already talked about, there will be some investment into that. We already made the move permanent into the Shoreland space. We are at the point where we have to pull this bandage off and make a decision. We can't afford to fix that building. We don't want to demo it, people are saying they don't want it demoed, ok then let's make a decision on which way we want to go. We know we want those historic stones. So, we want to make it work for you. Your office space is in Shoreland. Bryon you are not in your office 40 hours a week. You're in and out to drop trucks off, you're out cutting grass and but mostly on the road. We are trying to find a facility like a warehouse space where you can keep your things but still be able to work. But again, your office is on Shoreland. Bryon: I never thought that far ahead until Trustee Brittson came over and went over some ideas with me. He had some good ideas, like Trustee Schuster has good ideas. I am just torn. My honest answer is I will make whatever work.

Trustee Schuster states: I want to remind everyone that if we don't own that building, we won't have heat. There's not even a gas line going into those buildings, no insulation, no furnace, no sewer service, no water service, and no bathrooms. He is giving up a lot. Mr. Kaiser will be losing his police storage lot. He just did over 80 tows last cycle and he sold 3 cars for \$7,450.00. All that revenue is going to go away.

Trustee Schlachter and Trustee Brittson state that is not true. We are still going to keep the tow lot.

Trustee Schuster states: ok sorry I stand corrected.

Chief Kaiser asks, if you put a motion to sell the building, 5708 Blessing does that include Bryon's building?

Trustee Schlachter: There is 3 separate lots there. The former police station, general offices up front and Bryon's drive through garage are what are all included in the sale.

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Brittson seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Brittson yes,

Interruption of roll call from Trustee Schuster.

Trustee Schuster states he would really like someone to rescind this motion until we could talk it over more.

Resident George Green states he would like to speak, Trustee Schlachter states not right now you can talk at the end.

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Brittson seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Brittson yes,

Interruption of roll call from Chief Kaiser.

Chief Kaiser would like to add more he said he was cut off. States if they don't fix the Blessing Building, I am still not comfortable at the fire station for what myself and my officers have to work with. We don't have any place to put our police cars, no privacy. I keep saying this. If you're not going to spend the money to fix the building then that's fine but I need something better.

Trustee Schlachter: There is going to be proceeds from the sale of the building. We do understand especially about your privacy issues. We are looking into a couple things to help with that. I know Leo is, there will be money to help fix that. Chief Kaiser ask what about the space? He doesn't



think there's enough room at the fire station. Trustee Schlachter ask space for what? Stuff or people? He says he still has stuff at Blessing Building he has to find a place for. Trustee Schlachter says let me ask you a question? How are you going to afford the 911 Consolidation Services without putting a levy on the ballot? Your portion is \$80,000.00 of it and your already over your budget for wages by \$50,000.00 for this year. How are you going to afford that? Chief Kaisers states, I will figure it out. Trustee Schlachter: We have to do things as a township together, as a team in order to have the money to be able to do things without having to put a levy on the ballot. This is one thing we can do to put money back into the township by consolidating the departments into one building to split the expenses. We will give you what you need. We just don't have the money to put into the Blessing Building. Chief Kaiser ask ok but where are you going to get the money to give us what we need? Trustee Schlachter says we will have money from the sale of the Blessing Building, we will have tax money coming in for that eventually and we will save by sharing expenses by being in one building. We have about \$87,000.00 or little less from that BWC Credit. Not that we will spend all of it. There is definitely money out there to make those changes and to get Bryon where he needs to be and you what you need by consolidating. Then every year we will be able to save \$38,000.00 no matter what. We need to get to a place where we can afford this 911 Consolidation Service. Trustee Brittson ask are you good Chris can we continue with meeting. Chief Kaiser states, I think the people should have a say in this. Resident George Green ask, "aren't we going to have a voice" Trustee Brittson says we did hear your guy's voice if you want to speak again, did you sign up? George Green states, you said this was going to be open, Trustee Brittson said no one said this was going to be open. Resident Ward Schlachter states it was told to us if we want to speak sign up, no one said anything about this being an open meeting to speak freely. So, anyone that wants to speak you can sign up.

Another attempt for roll call:

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Brittson seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Brittson yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Schuster no.

Roll call complete.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Department Heads full reports are available online on our website  
[www.Washington-twp.com](http://www.Washington-twp.com)

### **Mr. Britton – Trustee Report**

Completed inventories for OTARMA renewal.

I have my portion for Lexipol completed. Will pass it on to the other two Trustees then will send out for approval to the prosecutor.

Continue receiving complaint calls from residents regarding blight around the township.

Web-site updates.

Continued Working with Eric Hart on project to put logs on excel doc.

Completed Fax hook up for police.

Working with Walker Demolition on 5850 Rounding River. There is a dumpster there ready to go. He is just waiting on permit to shut off sewage before he starts demolition.

Talked to owner about completing construction at 2727 Shoreland open issue since 2018.

Checking in with Bryon and his crew on taking the siding off the Blessing Drive Building and the cleanup still needed.

Working with Deputy Chief Hart on getting dedicated IP address for police to use for new Intoxylizer.

Working on Budgets.



Attended 911 Consolidation meeting last night. It was the last chance townships like us had a chance to speak up last night. It was very important that we attended that meeting last night. Thanks for everyone's flexibility in having to change the Regular Meeting last night.

Attended Lexipol meeting with fire. Still waiting on police to have their meeting. Chief Kaiser, if you could let me know when you have yours so I can attend.

### **Mrs. Schlachter – Trustee Announcements**

Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Keep Toledo, Lucas County Beautiful will be doing the planting at Villamar Park. They are in need of volunteers. I will be there. I put it out on Facebook, if anyone is interested in volunteering to help plant that would be great.

Thank you to Fire, Police and Bryon for their help last night during that storm. They were up late. We really appreciate it.

Thanks to Bryon and his crew for taking down the siding at the Blessing Building. I know it took about a day and a half. I know your not the facility guy but we needed to get it done so we didn't get another zoning violation.

### **Report**

Working with Bryon on finishing up Villamar Park Project. The back stop got painted black, the tables are in place. We are just waiting for the planting to get done and to get a sign. Long term we are looking for funding for a pavilion.

Attended the Lucas County Township Association Dinner Meeting.

Reached out to Washington Local Schools to see if the students would be interested in building some more birdhouses for the park (we would supply the materials).

Working with Tom Yunker on the wordage to send to legal counsel related to new radios for police and fire using the ARP funding.

Created and sent out August newsletter.

Updates to Website

Attended 911 Consolidation Meeting with other townships Tuesday. I have volunteered to work on a task force to look at other funding to try and get us more funding towards it so we do not have to come up with so much.

Continued conversations with Chief Kaiser about controlling overtime within the police department. Still concerned about going way over budget on wages for police.

Analysis on revenue loss for property taxes for 2019 and 2020 there isn't any. Only ones I can find is for the Park Department

**Mr. Schuster - Trustee**

Nothing to report

**Shelly Nowakowski – Fiscal Officer**

**Report**

**Resolution needed to be able to spend \$173,834.39 ARP Funds (Local Fiscal Recovery Funds):**

The second and final tranche should be received (in the same amount) in twelve months. We have till December 31, 2024 to obligate these funds and until December 31 of 2026 to spend them.

**Resolution needed for the Permanent Transfer of Funds** –from the General Fund to the Gas Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,012.34 for a total of 72.31 hours of payroll expenses in the Villamar Park Enhancement Project. The Park project balance, after transfer, is close to \$1,200 now. The motion for this project was made on March 23 this year.

**Audit:** The 2019 – 2020 Audit is almost complete for our Township. We are yet to receive a letter or email of their findings. However, the Auditor's assistant did state that we need a credit card policy and sent us an example to follow. Waiving exit meeting.



**Submissions to Lucas County Auditor's Office** the Streetlight

Resolution was submitted to Lucas County and we received receipt of them getting it. Next, to submit soon is the Tax Rate, Request for Advances, and the Revenue Budget. This is due by October 1, 2021.

Last year we created a tax advance for \$330,000.00 and I need to know if Trustees want the same amount this year or because of the 911 Consolidation if they want to increase it? Trustee Schlachter replies I think we are ok because we do not have it coming in yet. Trustee Brittson replies when do we need to let you know by? Shelly replies its due October 1, 2021. So, by the next meeting.

**Deposits and Bills** I am requesting that deposits be made at the minimum, by every Friday. More often, if an extra-large check or cash is received. If you cannot by Friday, please inform me and leave in my locked mailbox so I may deposit for you.

Invoices need to be submitted by Friday also every week, so that I can pay them and have them ready on Mondays. Please remember to sign and appropriate all invoices to be paid. If received after Friday, they will be paid the following week.

For Huntington credit card & Capitol One receipts, please submit timely once we receive the statement.

I received a call from someone saying that we have unclaimed funds. I was told it is in excess of over \$10,000.00. The lady I talked to was really nice and easy to talk to. I also received an email regarding the same from someone else. At first, I thought it was a scam there were several attachments which I am always leary of opening on my computer. The person that sent the email said they would help us claim our unclaimed funds which they said were \$14,000.00 and return them to us and they would ask for 15% of that for helping us. The lady I talked to said she would only take 10% of the total and if we didn't end up getting the funds back there would be no fee. Trustee Schlachter replies; make a phone call get more information in writing about that and what they need from us. I just feel if we have to give out personal information and bank information that's where I feel like a possible scam my come into play. Trustee Brittson spoke to the lady on phone as well. She dropped names of people that are employed by township that she knew I think to get her foot in the door so we would use her services. Trustee Schlachter said get more information but do not give out any of our personal information.

Shelly said she is waiting for a call back. Trustee Schlachter said we can do a search ourselves to see if anything is really out there. Shelly states I just wanted to look into it because if there is money out there of ours it would be good to get.

**On Line Payments** Waiting on feedback from Department Heads before moving forward. Example of Ottawa County's online payment system was given: <http://www.ottawacorc.com/permits/driveway-residential>  
We could be set up with a similar service for our township with many payment options to choose from. Huntington would charge the township a minimum of \$30 per month for this service. Neon Goldfish could assist with loading in appropriate forms on our website. We just need to inform Huntington if we wish to proceed and will need to work out some details on our website.

Trustee Schlachter replies to talk to Department Heads, I know Tom is for it.

### **Bryon McIntosh - Parks/Road Department Report**

Thanks to my crew for the help with the storm clean up.  
Trustee Brittson replies yes, thank you to them. The gentleman on the news was very rude to the township employees and they are not going to treat our employees that way. If anyone has any problems regarding the decisions that were made last night, they were made by me. I would be more than happy to have them contact me. The goal when the night started after the storm was that every employee that came out to help with the cleanup for our residents in the township was going to go home safe. That is why the job was not finished. There was no lighting. Edison did come out and said the power was turned off but I am sorry I didn't feel good about having them cut into the trees with all those lines in them. Bryon's whole team and all the volunteer firefighters went home at the end of the night unharmed. I give our employees credit for going out in those conditions at 9:30 at night with wires down and horizontal rain. Resident asked where was it? It was on Torgler, Belpre and from Hammond all the way to President and then President to Woodfox. It was two large trees that were down and five or six telephone poles and at the same time they had choking at trailer park, several lines down and a transformer blew up which caused a fire.



Received calls from Lucas County regarding storm water issues on the 3000 block of Shoreland Avenue. I have been working with Mike P. from the County. I went down there today to look at it. They wanted me to look at the discharge of the storm water when it was visible and when it was not visible due to the water height. There are some residents complaining or have issues about it I just want you to know there's nothing we can do at this time unless residents are assessed for the discharge pump.

Street cleaning is going to be started Friday will hang signs for no parking so we can do this.

Did cleanup on the Jasik house per Resolution. Looked great when we were done with it but I went over there the other day and it's on its way back to being a mess again. Chief Kaiser did call dog warden and health department to make them aware of the situation.

Shoreland Fire Birds and the cheer team had a big party at the Shoreland Shelter Park. Need to talk about getting a bigger dumpster if they are going to continue to be there.

Thanks to Ward Schlachter and Greg Krzyston who drug the field at Villamar Park. It is ready to go. Just needs the sign and the stuff planted.

Encase anyone is wondering why there is certain things not cleaned up from what the storm caused. There is a tree that came down at Torgler and Belpre that is not the townships responsibility. Toledo Edison will send crew out to clean up. Once all the wires are out of way and power is back on then they will call the company to come out and clean up the mess. Township cannot do it anyways because of the tree being so large and we do not have the proper equipment to be able to do what needs done. This is a Columbia Gas/Toledo Edison responsibility.

### **Chief Kay - Fire Report-**

Updated and submitted annual inventory for OTARMA renewal.

SCBA Committee met with two vendors to review new self-contained breathing apparatus. Fire Department was awarded \$122,000.00 from a FEMA AFG grant to replace our current SCBA's.

Chief Kay attended two meetings with Lucas County Fire Chiefs and Lucas County 911 RCOG to discuss, review and develop new fire/EMS dispatch procedures.

Continuing to meet with Lexipol in the development of fire department policies and procedures utilizing the Lexipol platform.

August FD run totals: 40 EMS, 8 Fire, EMS transports 15, Total incidents: 48

### **Chief Kaiser – Police Report –**

Assisted the road and zoning department with the township ordered clean-up of the blight conditions on Jasik. All went well with home owner, no problems. I did call the health department and dog warden to lodge additional complaints on property. They will investigate.

Deputy Chief Hart and I attended 9-1-1 COG law enforcement zoom meeting to discuss dispatching, districts, and new drafted mutual aid agreements.

Had a short meeting with the Quick Fuel representative to discuss gas pricing in an attempt to get better pricing for the future for police, roads, and fire.

We had 3 unclaimed cars from impound that went up for auction on Govdeals. Total \$7,450.00

Requesting the board's approval to dispose of, auction or donate to a charity or organization 18 bicycles that are being stored in Blessing Dr. outer building. These bikes were either found, abandoned and unclaimed for more than 60 days.

Requesting the board's approval to dispose of any unwanted, unused, broken, damaged property of no value. (police or township property). Mainly from Blessing Dr. buildings.

Going to have to get all of our police radios reprogrammed by October 5, 2021 its going to cost \$50.00 apiece. That is going to be an extra \$1,000.00 bill that we were not planning on that is a must.

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Trustee Britton states I thought at the last meeting when Deputy Chief Hart was here, I thought he said that it was already done and there was no charge? Chief Kaiser replies, I just talked to Frank Coney from 911. Maybe he was mistaken but that is something that we have to pay. We have 15 portables and 4 mobiles, ball park 20.

Trustee Schlachter ask Trustee Britton do you know if we have to do a Resolution and talk to John Borell to get rid of the stuff that is at Blessing Drive? Trustee Britton replies yes, he is writing it up for us. I will have for the next meeting. We can continue to clean up Blessing but cannot dispose of anything yet or put it up for sale yet.

### **Mr. Yunker – Zoning Report –**

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Continuing to work with Lucas County Prosecutor's office regarding property at 5420 Patriot (Whiting).

Working with property owner regarding 5952 Villamar (Ferguson).

Continuing to work with Mark Smith at Lucas County regarding 2611 Shoreland Ave. for the runoff of rainwater to neighboring properties.

Property at 5850 Rounding River (house fire): Contractor waiting for water and sewer to be capped and will begin demolition. Was hoping to have done the week of Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> but did not happen.

Spoke to resident at 2727 Shoreland regarding 10-day resolution sent last meeting. Resolutions are sent out by Board of Trustees and not zoning. Working with Leo and discussed with resident options to get it repaired. (Missing siding)

#### **Issued the following permits:**

181706 – 5850 Rounding River – Demolition

181707 – 2442 Point Pleasant Way - Fence

**Issued notice of violations as follows:**

6 for camper, R.V., or utility trailer stored in front yard. – 5 corrected or contact made.

4 for tall grass or overgrown vegetation. – 2 corrected or contact made.

3 for parking in front yard – 3 corrected.

2 for garbage cans stored in front of house – 2 corrected.

2 for basketball hoop or skateboard ramp being with public right of way set-back. – 2 corrected

**Recommend issuing 10-day Resolution for the following:**

**RESOLUTION #30:21: 6114 WINDAMAR 10 DAY BLIGHT.**

**(bushes overgrowing sidewalk and neighbors' property) –**

**1308(H):** Areas which have grass, groundcover plantings, shrubs, trees that are not kept in a healthy, neatly trimmed condition or woodpiles, skids or other burnable materials that harbor rodents, or other animal or insect infestation. Grass height must not exceed five inches. Vegetation shall not encroach on adjacent properties.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Brittson yes.

**RESOLUTION #31:21: 5436 Brophy**

**(camper stored in front yard) –**

**1320(B):** No watercraft, recreational vehicles or utility equipment shall be parked or stored in a front yard.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Brittson yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes.

**RESOLUTION #32:21: 10 DAY BLIGHT. 2356 Petee Rd.**

**(overgrown weeds in fence and around property) –**

**1308(H):** Areas which have grass, groundcover plantings, shrubs, trees that are not kept in a healthy, neatly trimmed condition or woodpiles, skids or other burnable materials that harbor rodents, or other animal or insect infestation. Grass height must not exceed five inches. Grass or appropriate ground cover must be used in all normally landscaped areas of the property. Vegetation shall not encroach on adjacent properties.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Brittson yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes.



Trustee Schuster ask is it possible on these blight calls I would like to see pictures taken from Tom to send so trustees can see what we're talking about. Would like to see something visual when we are discussing these blight issues.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

We are beginning cleanup of all buildings located at Blessing. Waiting for wording from prosecutor to dispose or get rid of items that are not needed. Just organizing what needs to go where for now.

Need to do a better job of getting bills to Shelley with all documentation included.

## **OLD BUISNESS**

Update on status of Lexipol for Fire & Police. General is done, fire is moving along. Chief Kaiser please make sure I get invited to your next meeting for your part. Needs to be done by the time we renew it. Everyone wanted this we need to do the work for it or we wasted \$10,000.00.

Online payment system for fines, park rental, permits. Shelly talked about it in her report.

Discuss ARP funds – Still waiting on information on what we can use it on. Looking into using for radios, still waiting for information on that.

Doug Whiting property no update from Tom.

911 Consolidation - Trustee Britton spoke about in his report.

Cost to repair Creekside Road – waiting on Grant, Bryon working on.

Determined how to split bills for certain shared services, supplies & space at our new location. Will wait for a couple of cycles of bills.

Grass Cutting property that isn't Township's responsibility - Bryon needs to check into will give update at next meeting. Bryon says they only need to cut it twice a year. So, we know it will start to look bad. Need to see what they will pay us to keep it up. Bryon still cutting it for now.

Update on quotes for Blessing building

Police Budget – Trustee Brittson ask Chief Kaiser did you and Deputy Chief Hart talk about the requirements you guys want for the next auxiliary class to protect our investment. Chief Kaiser replies some of the guys just don't have an interest to move up. Trustee Brittson states well Officer Lightner left and he never moved off auxiliary and he was here for a while. Please speak to Deputy Chief Hart and come up with a plan by the next meeting.

Trustee Schlachter ask what about part timers we need to talk about a minimum of hours they need to work in a month. Did you talk about that? Chief Kaiser replied yes, we did talk about it. We use to have a minimum number of hours we required them to work but then we kind of let it go. Trustee Schuster ask what did the minimum use to be? Chief Kaiser replied four shifts a month or was it 24 hours? Chief Kaiser ask resident in the audience George Plasencio, George do you remember? Mr. Plasencio replied yeh I think it was six-hour shifts. Chief Kaiser replies yes something like 24 hours a month. Chief Kaiser states, we kind of just let that go.

2022 Budget – Trustee Schlachter ask Shelly, Fiscal Officer, when do you need everything for the 2022 budget in by? Shelly replies, Revenue is due October 1, 2021. Appropriations, we did it last year around January 4. Trustee Schlachter states yes it was late. Shelly replies I'd like to say December 31 is the deadline, before January 1 for the Appropriations. Trustees Schlachter ask are you working with department heads directly on all of these? Shelly states yes, I am. Trustee Schlachter asks how close are you getting? Shelly states, I will have the Revenue ones ready for next meeting along with the tax rates. Trustee Brittson suggest having them to the Trustees before next meeting so they can look at them.

Police Budget – Trustee Brittson ask Chief Kaiser as we talked about before it looks like if our current projections are right the police department is going to be \$40,000.00 over in labor.

Regular Meeting September 15, 2021



I know you put in your report that you thought about maybe promoting Andrew Whitmore to full time and promoting Dan Bushy from police auxiliary to part time. I don't see where this is going to fix your deficit. By Andrew going to full time that means he will have to get benefits. Chief Kaiser states yes that is true, but I hate to lose him to some other department. Trustee Brittson replies yes, he is a great officer and I would hate to lose him but the elephant in the room is that we could be losing Officer Jackson and Officer Beale to Toledo Police. Chief Kaiser replies yes that is why I want to move the other officers up. One replacing a full-time officer and one replacing the part time officer that may be leaving. I don't feel like it will make the budget change any. Trustee Schlachter ask can we see where we are at at the next meeting with Officer Jackson and Officer Beale, see if it is confirmed that they will be leaving. They didn't put their notices in yet, did they? Chief Kaiser replies no. Trustee Brittson states we still will have to figure out what we are going to do if projections are correct and we are over. Trustee Schlachter states yes, we do because we do not have the Appropriations for it. She asks Chief Kaiser, what are you doing to combat the wage issues and the overtime? Do you call part timers first? Chief Kaiser states yes, we try to. Trustee Schlachter ask what is your procedure if someone calls off. Chief Kaiser states Deputy Chief Hart does the schedule, if someone calls off, he goes down the list of Officers, starts with part time and works his way through full time employees trying to find someone to work. If he cannot find anyone available to fill in, he will take the shift and I have even worked a few shifts myself. We are trying to cut down on overtime. I think if we had more Officers, it would help cut down on overtime. Trustee Schlachter states I have noticed too, Deputy Chief Hart is an awesome Officer it's just that most of the time he picks up most of the overtime but he is the second highest paid Officer and it just make the overtime even more. This has nothing to do with OVI or anything like that. Its just that if you could find another Officer that got paid less the overtime wouldn't be as substantial. Chief Kaiser replies, I would like to see that too. I try and watch the budget. We are aware of the overtime and are trying to cut it down. Trustee Brittson states remember as you are doing your 2022 budget your prepared and you know that the number you used this year that number is no way a useable number. If you need help let myself or Trustee Schlachter know. I looked back, you send us stats every month and at the bottom of it you put in the number of hours you need for coverage and typically that number is



992 hours a month so if you multiple that by 12 you end up with just with patrol 11907 hours of coverage and then you divide that into the number you budgeted that adds up to the average salary and benefits for them people of \$29.50 an hour.

That number is not a good number anymore. We cannot use the number we have always used we need to and that doesn't even include your salary or any overtime or any benefits. We really need to look at the \$350,000.00 number that you submitted this year and make sure we are closer to it next year because that number just is not going to work anymore.

Trustee Schlachter states and the OVI time those hours still feed into the same wage account. So even though we have revenue coming in as a grant we still have to budget in the wage category for that because that's where it hits. All of those OVI hours hit there too. So, if we need 992 hours to patrol and you still have OVI that OVI hours have to go into there to. That is what is causing some of your overage about \$16,000.00 of the \$40,000.00 that your over is from OVI but your still over from regular patrol hours too.

**MOTION: APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, BLANKET CERTIFICATES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECKS NUMBERED 48946 to 48990 & ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS NUMBERED 320 TO 353 TOTALING \$53,129.65. \$20,379.54 FOR ACCOUNTING AND \$32,750.11 FOR PAYROLL. THIS INCLUDES THE UNSEEN PAYMENT NUMBERS 352 & 353. SEE PAYROLL POSTING DETAIL REPORT.**

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Brittson yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes.

## **Speakers**

### **Barb Kingsley 5717 Blessing**

Thanks for all the work you do, I wouldn't want your job. You put up with a lot. You take a lot of phone calls and do a lot of work outside what you get paid for, I am sure. I want to thank you anyway. It is just not me talking. Myself, Karen Mayfield and Mary Dutkowski walked the whole neighborhood every street, every house we knocked on except for Vernice only because I ran out of time. I have a list of people that I spoke to and I got 50 signatures on this sheet. The reason there is not more its because people were not home or they had covid and I wanted to stay away.



100% of the doors we knocked on said they wanted the Blessing Building repaired and wanted the police to come back.

That also includes people in the trailer park. One guy said he was busted by the police but he still would like to see them come back. Even the resident that lives over by where the cars come in at night, he said it didn't bother him and it would be an honor to sign the sheet and he wanted the police to come back. Mary is supposed to be here, I am not sure why she isn't but she has 30 more signatures. This is not a petition it is to just show you all the people that want the building to be repaired. I know that you guys are own companies and your movers and shakers and it slows you down to get comments from the people even though you have gone as far as you have, we still want to see that building fixed. We are frustrated because you all are making decisions and there's nothing, we can do about it. You're like our bosses.

Trustee Schuster replies no it's the other way around you are bosses.

Thank you, Mrs. Kingsley replies and thank you for your support. These are potential people that could vote against you because you didn't do what they wanted you to do.

### **Ward Schlachter**

#### **2635 Shoreland**

Most of my questions were answered. With all respect to Barb, most of the people I talked want what's fiscally responsible thing to be done. Numbers don't lie. I am off script a lot of the things I wanted to say but decided they were petty things which I decided not getting into any of that. I know everyone has different opinions I just think whatever the most fiscally responsible thing is to do should be done. It should be what's best for the township.

### **Laura Wishart**

#### **2611 Point Pleasant Way**

Most of the questions I was going to ask were about what you were going to do about the Blessing Building. I do really appreciate that you have made a decision. I know Trustee Schuster doesn't agree with it but I do feel like its our money and I am glad you made a fiscally good decision. I do hope that if the police department do not have everything, they need I hope some of the money from the sale will go towards what he needs. I did tour the Blessing Building and I feel like where you moved to has to be a whole lot better than the dump you were in over there.



I would like to know with the election coming up could the candidates have some kind of debate to help us decide who is right for the job.

Trustee Schlachter replies we can't host one but I do know Joyce has in the past done one at the Friendship Center like a meet your candidates' night but that's for all around. I can reach out to her to see if she is planning on having one.

Ms. Wishart continues with one more question. One thing that bothers me. Each week I sit here and you all give us your reports. I appreciate knowing what you are working on, you are working for us. Like Mrs. Kingsley stated you are doing a lot of stuff for the little salary you get. I do have a problem with Trustee Schuster that he doesn't ever give a report and there's nothing on the website from him. I would like to know what you do or are doing for our township. I don't know what your job description is, what departments your over and you come here and you never really say anything. I would like to know what you do for the township.

Trustee Schuster states I think we had this discussion a couple weeks ago. Ms. Wishart replies yes, you said to call you if I have any questions. I don't know that you want calls all the time from people in the township if you would just give a report like the other Trustees. Trustee Schuster states you can call me or text me. Like last night I was at the fire station for an hour and a half talking over things. Every day the job intel's just doing the job. To give a report that says over and over again whatever the job intel's we just do. My nature, how I handle myself, I am not required to give a report but any time anyone wants to know what I am doing we can talk. Like when the were going over the fire apparatus and had a meeting I was sitting in and looking at the equipment and thinking ok \$122,000.00 for these apparatus' and talking what's different about this face shield versus what we have now I wasn't officially there, I'm not the decision maker on this fire equipment but I wanted to sit in on the presentation and hear. The money is being given to the township \$122,000.00 but I wanted to find out for myself why this stuff cost so much money. After the meeting I still don't know why this stuff cost so much money. The stuff we have really isn't that old but the stuff gets dated and then they're not allowed to use it. It is strange. Trustee Brittson is fabulous with communication. Like last night he was texting out letting everyone know what's going on. I was watching everything that was going on, stayed up till midnight. I wasn't out there like Trustee Brittson but if called upon I would be there. My wife said do you want to go over there and I said no they don't need me in their way.



The police, fire and Bryon crew have everything under control. My view of a Trustee may be different then others. The department heads I allow them to do their jobs. Bryon is always going to do the job better; he doesn't need me telling him what to do. Either does Chief Kaiser.

This lady here (points to Shelly, Fiscal Officer) does a fabulous job. She puts in more hours than anybody realizes up until two, three in the morning all the time. I am only here to assist and represent the people. We can make the meetings longer so I can talk, I am a talker. Maybe I haven't convinced you yet why I do what I do. Ms. Wishart states, I don't know what you do you never tell us what you do. All the other one's report and tell us what they do. You're up for reelection you would think you would want to show the residents what you do and that you're a valuable asset to the township. Trustee Schuster states I know I am a valuable asset if people don't realize that there's other people they can select. If you talk to the people that I have worked with they will tell you what type of person I am. I was business person twice out here in the point. I put on Point Place Days.

Ms. Wishart replies that's your personal business not the township business that's what I am trying to tell you I don't know what kind of job you're doing for the township. Trustee Schuster replies so what kind of job am I doing have I done anything to offend you? Ms. Wishart replies how would I know, I don't know what you do. I am not sure if there is something you're supposed to be doing that you're not. I wouldn't know because you don't say anything in these meetings. All of the others are willing to give us information whether they're just highlighting what they did and put the rest on the website. We get nothing from you. Trustee Schuster replies and I am sorry if you don't like my management skills but this is who I am. Ms. Wishart ends with thank you.

**RESOLUTION # 33:21: TO APPROVE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,012.34 TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND AND MOVE TO THE GAS TAX 2021 FUND TO PAY FOR THE VILLAMAR ENHANCEMENT PAYROLL WAGES. THIS IS STILL IN BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT.**

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Brittson yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Schuster yes

Adjourn meeting 7:50 p.m.

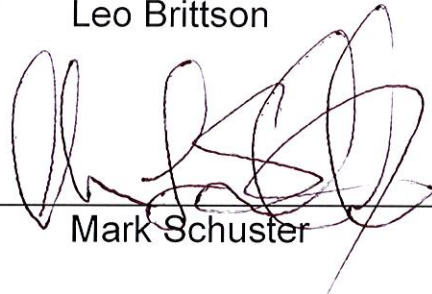
Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call Mr. Schuster yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Brittson yes.

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