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REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Mr. Britton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Department Heads present:

Police Department – Chief Kaiser

Road/Park Department – Bryon McIntosh

Fiscal Officer - Shelly Nowakowski

Fire Department – Chief Kay, Assistant Chief Yunker, Assistant Chief Bailey

Zoning - Tom Yunker

**MOTION: APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021.**

Mr. Britton moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

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www.Washington-twp.com

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**Mr. Britton – Trustee
Report**

Completed my portion on the Lexipol. They are doing the formatting on the general portion and then it will be ready to put out for approval to Trustee Schlachter and Trustee Schuster by the end of the week. It will then go to our legal counsel.

They have been working on the house at 5850 Rounding River where the fire was. The house has been pretty much been taken down. They are working on cleaning up the yard and taking the pool down.

Have been working with Kim on getting back payment from Millennium Business System for the old copier. They bought out the previous lease on the copier.

Have been working with Bryon on ideas for his building. He has a list of stuff he would like to talk about.

Multiple discussions with Prosecutor about ongoing issues in Township.

Continuing to work on budgets.

Continue to monitor 911 consolidation and what it will mean for Township going forward.

**Mrs. Schlachter – Trustee
Announcements**

Reached out to legal counsel for the wording on the resolution. Was told the motion was sufficient and will not need a resolution until we except an offer

Working with legal counsel on the bid package, putting it on the website October 1, 2021.

Meeting with a task force and other counties and mayors for help with ideas for funding on 911.

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Reviewed and replied to the audit findings.

Created a timeline for the Blessing Building.

Mr. Schuster - Trustee

Nothing to report

**Shelly Nowakowski – Fiscal Officer
Report**

Worked on creating all the Resolutions that we will be in the meeting today.

Worked with Department Heads on completing the Revenue Budget. It has to be submitted by October 1, 2021 to the Budget Commission.

I looked into the unclaimed funds.

Unclaimed Funds: There is a link from the Ohio Township Association website that links directly to unclaimed funds. I searched our Township and found \$200 unclaimed from Citizen's bank. I called the Ohio Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Funds Division and verified with them that this is the only amount we have unclaimed. The Unclaimed Funds Division state they send no emails to contact possible claimants. In order to proceed to claim these unclaimed funds for our Township, they require: A work ID or Government Issued Photo ID for authorized business or organization's representative, a completed W9 for the company and proof of the business or organization's EIN. Proof of address (to prove rightful ownership), proof of authorization to sign on behalf of the organization and the Request for Reimbursement Claim Form.

On Line Payments: Requested forms from Department Heads to be created and/or revised, & given for creating the ability for on-line payments on our website. Example of Ottawa County's online payment system was given to review: <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. It will need to be determined who will pay the 3% convenience fee.

COVID/Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Reporting: October 6th is the next deadline to report recent expenditures from these funds.

We have less than 3 months to spend the remaining balance of \$10,075.90 we have left in the COVID Fund. We have until December 2026 to spend what we have received in the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Bryon McIntosh - Parks/Road Department Report

Last meeting Trustee Schlachter asked me to give a report on the right away mowing's and the lot mowing's that we do for Lucas County. I did speak to them they will pay \$75.00 per mile on a right away per year. And they will pay \$300.00 per parcel per year. Will talk to them again about it. Its kind of ending now with the grass not growing as much. First of the year we will continue discussion on having me continue cutting.

Met with Shelly, Fiscal Officer regarding my budget.

The street lights where the telephone poles went down during the storm will be installed as soon as they can get a crew available to come out and do it. Spoke to Meg Adams from Toledo Edison they are really busy but understand we need them done.

Met with Trustee Brittson over at Blessing Building. Will continue to meet to go over updating building for us to move into. He did have me call some insulation companies. I called five of them. They did come out and give me quotes. I will share with the board. Looking at around \$21,000.00 to spray the ceiling three inches thick and spray the side wall two inches thick.

Sign has been ordered for Villamar Park. Price was around \$258.00. Should be coming in in the next week or two.

Trustee Brittson asked if Columbia Gas has been out yet to remove the tree? Bryon replied I checked into it today all the brush is gone. The big stump is still laying on the side. What they brought out to move it wasn't big enough to move.

Trustee Schlachter ask who is going to be at Villamar Park on October 16 to help with planting, I know we have some volunteer groups coming out? Bryon replied the mulch is there. We are going to plant trees on the 16th of October. We are going to stage the back hoe at Rick Phillips house on the 15th. He is going to help dig. I am going to be on vacation that weekend but I will probably stop over. Looking for volunteers. If you are interested call me or one of the trustees. Trustee Schuster states I can make myself available to help.

Chief Kay - Fire Report-

I would like to thank the police, roads, and trustees for all the coordinated efforts following the storm on September 14, 2021.

Have attended weekly meetings with the Lucas County Fire Chiefs and the supervisory staff from the Lucas County Regional County of Governments Fire Dispatch is set to be up and running on October 12, 2021. Radios will be updated and our staff will be trained. It is going to be a huge change but will be a great improvement for all police and fire.

Probationary firefighter John Posce has resigned from the department due to moving out of the district.

Chief Baily's update on ambulance. We are not only looking for something to replace what we have but something to sustain the department for the next 25 years. It has been a little bit of a challenge. I am sure most of you have seen the car lots. It is difficult finding parts and such for vehicles. Ambulance vendors are having the same problems. I have met with three separate vendors. Unfortunately getting a new ambulance is not going to happen very quickly. The estimates I have been given they say it could be as long as 12 to 18 months till we could see the ambulance in our firehouse. When the Cares Money came out a lot of cities and townships used some of that money to purchase a new truck or ambulance which doesn't help with the availability.

We have even looked into purchasing a demo but a lot of those are out of price range because a lot of them are decked out. We traveled this weekend to Michigan to look at one. Hopefully in the next month we will have three separate options available to sit down and look at and make the best choice for the township moving forward.

Any questions I can answer them now or in the future. Trustee Schuster ask what ones are you looking at? Chief Bailey responds, we looked at Ford, Chevy and Dodge. We are leaning towards Ford. Their factory is producing the quickest. Chevy is basically 24 to 36 months out. They have shifted focus from these vehicles because they do not hold a contract to be able to provide municipality with the vehicles with these chassis. They have shifted their focus on producing for their regular consumer line. Trustee Brittson ask they all will be compatible with the new cot, right? Chief Bailey replies yes it will be compatible. Trustee Brittson replies ok great, and thanks for taking the time to go up to Michigan on this matter.

Chief Kaiser – Police Report –

The police department has the Blessing building emptied out for the most part. We have very few things left in the building of value. Waiting for trustee approval to remove the remaining unused property. Still trying to manage and store our records, property and equipment. Asked the board if we could get more storage space. They said they will continue to work on that.

Spoke with P&R radio communications on the reprogramming of our police portable and mobile radio's. We will go live the same date as fire. Trustee Brittson ask, do you need a motion for approval on the cost to program the radios, it will be over your spending limit. Trustee Schlachter states she already approved it.

The data from the radar/speed sign that was positioned on Shoreland will be turned in to Mr. Brittson pursuant to his request. Have moved the speed sign on Brophy by East Harbor due to residents complaining about cars speeding and the schools has logged complaints about the traffic congestion before and after school. We have been monitoring and addressing the complaints.

We had busy weekend Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We recovered three guns off of traffic stops.

Officer Whitmore who is here tonight got two of those guns on his shift. I don't know if I said this before but we have taken more guns off of traffic stops this year than in the past five years. Seems like everybody is carrying guns. I'd like to commend the guys for being good on that.

We have had a couple burglaries. We made an arrest on one in progress that was in trailer park.

Resident inquired about a chase that happened in the township police cars went speeding down Hammond Drive started. Chief Kaiser states we were involved in a pursuit that started in Sandusky Ohio and went through many jurisdictions. Came down Route 2 through Lucas County they took over pursuit then continued through Toledo where then Toledo Police got involved and then came through Washington Township is when we got involved. When they jumped on the expressway heading to Michigan is when we broke it off on our end when Monroe County picked it up. No one was hurt, no damage was done in the township. Last I heard Monroe City broke it off also and the U-Haul truck that they were pursuing got away. It was a suspected, possible abduction from Sandusky Ohio.

Resident speaks up from the audience and says you were looking for space for documents from the old building, are those paper documents? Chief Kaiser replies, we are just looking for storage. We don't have a lot of room over here to move everything. The resident states you know you can scan documents. Chief Kaiser replies, yes we have done that before but its time consuming but that's a option.

Mr. Yunker – Zoning Report –

Continuing to work with Lucas County Prosecutor's office regarding property at 5420 Patriot (Whiting). Waiting for Elaine to get back with me with more information.

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): House demo started.

Issued the following permits:

181708 – 2606 Point Pleasant Way – Shed

Received resident concerns for blight in multiple locations. One violation found. Notice will be sent.

If any residents have a concern the best way to report it is on our website under zoning on a citizen concerned form. That way I can track it and can follow up on it with you.

Drove Township and violations noted. Notices to be sent out.

Tree damage from storms on September 14 in Brophy area still laying in public right of way.

Spoke to multiple residents about violation notices and questions on permit processes.

Continuing to follow-up with previous violations that are moving forward on mitigating.

Trustee Schlachter brought up follow up question from last meeting where Trustee Schuster would like to have pictures submitted to the Trustees so they can see what these violations are regarding. And to reiterate Kim you are going to send the original warning letter that Tom sent out with the 1st 10-day Resolution.

Recommend issuing 4 -day Resolution for the following:

RESOLUTION # 34:21: 6114 WINDAMAR 4 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 #35:21: 2356 PETEE 4 DAY BLIGHT.

(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.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion for the Board of Election to use this location for upcoming elections.

MOTION: ALLOW LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO USE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION /TOWNSHIP OFFICES FOR VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 2021 ELECTION.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

OLD BUISNESS

Update on status of Lexipole for Fire & Police - Installation date of extended to November 15, 2021. October 11 is Fire Departments next meeting with Lexipol. They are meeting about every other week.

March is when its up for renewal. Police next meeting with Lexipol is Monday, October 4 at 1:00. Police has zero chapters uploaded.

Trustee Brittson has done 49 chapters for Administration.

Online payment system for fines, park rental, permits- is still in the works. Trustee Brittson tells Shelly, Fiscal Officer if there is anything I can do to help let me know.

Trustee Brittson states as we discussed in past meetings, we have these ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funds available to us. There are some stringent requirements on what we can spend that money on. We have a list of stuff up here if anyone wants to look at them. We have gone over them a few times. It cannot be spent on anything in the budget. We confirmed that it cannot be spent on the police or fire radios. We spoke to the prosecutor. The departments, other townships or the city that are using them for the radios they had lost income and they replaced the loss income with the ARP Fund and used that to by their radios. Myself, Shelly and Kellie have spent a lot of time on this. We only have \$16,000.00 in loss income last year. Either we did something right or our employees did to good of job continuing to work during Covid that we didn't have much lost wages.

With that being said one of the things we can do is reward our employees for all the stuff they did for the township during the Covid Pandemic. On that I would like to put a Motion forward.

MOTION: TO SPEND NO MORE THEN \$60,000.00 OF THE ARP MONEY TO REWARD THE EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP. PART TIME EMPLOYEES WILL GET ONE AMOUNT AND FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL GET ANOTHER AMOUNT. THIS IS FOR ANYBODY THAT IS AN EMPLOYEE AS OF TODAY.

Mr. Britton moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Discussion

Trustee Schuster asked about the breakdown.

Resident in audience asked how many employees. Mr. Britton replies I can get that number for you. Shelly, Fiscal Officer replies probably around 50 employees.

Mrs. Schlachter states it does not include Elected Officials.

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

Mr. McIntosh thanks the Trustees for this.

Whiting property update - Tom updated us regarding this in his zoning report.

911 Consolidation – Nothing new as of now. Trustee Schlachter is going to meeting for alternate funding possibilities.

Cost to repair Creekside Road – Trustee Schlachter states the Grant has been submitted for \$250,000.00. Mr. McIntosh will follow up on before the next meeting.

Audit response - Trustee Britton ask Shelly, Fiscal Officer if she would go over audit finds. Shelly states that basically they found some things from 2019 mostly. One thing is that Estimated Resources was not reported for an Amended Certificate and it has to be done every time you get more resources in a certain fund. It is easy to put things into a budget and do what you need to do on the UAN side of things but you need to submit that request to Lucas County Budget Commission. Then they will give you a certificate back. Its like a double check system. I think it was like three of those in 2019 were not done.

And the Covid Fund wasn't done last year in 2020. That part was my fault though the Covid part. Because of the extensive reporting of the Covid Fund I did not know that was needed. But all of the other ones were ok. The auditor did say that we needed a credit card policy, and we are going to be working on that. Over all he said it was a pretty good audit. It was great to have him here and to be able to learn from him and move forward. We are getting department heads more involved with their budgets too. I have been sending reports to them monthly.

Trustee Schlachter states I know you and Trustee Brittson got to sit down with the Auditor but when I was going through the minutes going back a few years the former Trustees actually put a credit card policy in place it was a Resolution. Was that not good enough? Yes, it was passed but the actual credit card policy was never actually written up from Trustees to be considered complete. Trustee Schlachter states then we will have to create a new one. Trustee Brittson states Shelly and Kim put in a lot of time preparing for the audit and were both available to him during the audit. Kim was the one here during the day and was the face of the township. I can only imagine how many hours Shelly put in for the audit. That's how we got through the audit. We had more problems in the previous year than the current year. This was the first time the Fiscal Officer and Trustees went back to the auditor and corrected the problems that were brought to us after an audit. Trustee Schlachter asks Trustee Schuster if he had a chance to go over the email sent to Trustees of the auditor's findings. Trustee Schuster replied yes and she asked if he had any questions about it and he replied no and asked Shelly, Fiscal Officer how often do we get audited? She replied every 2 years. Trustee Schlachter states she will send the rest of the responses to the Auditor. Shelly responds ok great I know he is expecting them.

Trustee Brittson – Now that Shelly has got her part of the budget done we will start working to have the full budget done by the end of the year.

Police Budget – Trustee Brittson asked Chief Kaiser we started to discuss your budget at the last meeting and asked you what you were going to come up with to stay close to the money that you budgeted for salaries next year. You were going to speak to Deputy Chief Hart, did you guys come up with anything? Chief Kaiser replies, we are working on it. Trustee Brittson ask anytime we can expect it? Chief Kaiser replies by next meeting.

Trustee Schlachter ask Chief Kaiser, so you budgeted \$350,000.00 for wages, were the OVI wages in there too? Chief Kaiser replies no. Trustee Schlachter replies but the revenue was. You should budget for the OVI in there because it goes into the same account.

Police Department Auxiliary Officer - Trustee Brittson ask Chief Kaiser if him and Deputy Chief Hart have come up with a plan for requirements for Auxiliary Officers so we can protect the townships investments. Minimum hours and that kind of stuff? Chief Kaiser replies I cannot say we have anything concrete right now. I do have one auxiliary officer left that I would like to move up to part time soon. That will leave us with zero auxiliary then. I will come up with a plan soon. Trustee Brittson ask what are we doing to build that bench then? Because there is a good chance you will be losing two officers? Chief Kaiser replies yes possibly. Trustee Brittson ask how do you go about looking for Auxiliary Officers do you reaching out to Owens Tech or do we need to put something in a flyer. Trustee Schlachter ask how about ad in paper or facebook? Chief Kaiser replies I have many people come in and submit resumes that are OPADA Certified. That means they have their Ohio Police Officer Certificate. Trustee Brittson asks we previously discussed part time officers and minimum hours we should have them work. You said that it was 24 hours per month that they were required to work. Is that something you're looking to go back to? It seems like the part time officers you have now only work around 8 to 16 hours a month. Chief Kaiser states its tough on the part timers. We use to require them to work a minimum of 24 hours but things come up and you set a minimum of hours but if they get called into their other job or want to take a day off its hard to force the guys to work, they may end up quitting or go somewhere else if you try and force them. Trustee Schlachter states, they are getting paid they did take the job. If you set a standard and they know what's expected of them. Will revisit next meeting.

Discuss hiring for Road Department- Trustee Brittson ask Mr. McIntosh what are you doing to build your bench that we previously discussed. Mr. McIntosh states he did speak to a gentleman last Friday, he came into the shop. He worked for Springfield Township. He has a letter of recommendation that he is going to be getting to me. He needs to update his CDL before I bring it to the Trustees. I did ask him if he has a CDL Class B with Air, he said he would get working on that and get to me. He does have experience and is looking for part time work for now and

possibly turn it into a full-time position is what we spoke about. He is also a resident. Trustee Schlachter ask what about people to help with grass, fix things you don't need CDL's for that. What about someone to build that bench? Mr. McIntosh states I haven't really thought about that part. I do have some part timers that do that but he could be involved with that also. My main concern is getting a full-time person into train for when I do decide to retire which won't be for another two to four years. I need someone for the roads to plow, someone with a CDL. I have that one gentleman's name and number and he said he would get back to me as soon as he gets his CDL. Trustee Schuster ask how many part time guys do you have you can count on? I have two that are really good at night. Ray Barrone and John Carone they at a drop of a hat will be here. Rick Phillips, I can call him 24/7 365 days he would be there. Joe Castro he is available a lot as well. He came out the night of the storm to help. Trustee Schlachter states the summer is really your busiest time. We need to build your bench for help for then not just someone with a CDL.

Resident ask do you have someone that you can contact that's a private contractor to come out to trim dead branches and take care of dead trees? Trustee Schlachter replies no only for the parks. To my knowledge we only cut down tree damage or something that's a safety issue. Sometimes if the tree is completely dead, we will also. Resident states she has two trees in front of her house that are dead. States it makes her house look really bad. Trustee Schlachter replies I will have to look at them. Resident replies thank you very much.

Road repairs and street cleaning – Trustee Britton ask Mr. McIntosh what is the status on these. Mr. McIntosh states they did come out and sweep the streets. I have a phone call into them. I am not happy with the job they did. The job they did was not satisfactory. Trustee Britton states yes, I agree, it looks like they just went down the middle of the street. Nothing by the curbs. Would like them to wait to do the area by Rounding River when they are done over there it will need to be done. It is a muddy mess. Will let you know when I sign off on job so they can come out to clean street then.

Mr. Ejhinger, resident ask weren't signs going to be put out so cars could clear the street so they could be cleaned? Mr. McIntosh replied we were going to put signs out. But when they called, they came out right away didn't we didn't have time to get out. Water Utility fund pays for streets to be cleaned.

RESOLUTION #36:21 Estimate of Revenues to Lucas County Budget Commission for Budget Year beginning January 1st, 2022.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #37:21 Amendment for 2021 annual appropriations to include Fund 2272 (COVID)'s beginning balance of \$22,139.36 for appropriations in calendar year 2021. This brings the total approved appropriations effective on January 1st this year to \$1,592,839.36.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Brittson yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Schuster wasn't here at that time.

RESOLUTION #38:21 For the creation of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund #2273 in order to accept & appropriate revenue granted from the State Treasury.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #39:21 For the ability to encumber and spend the revenue given in the amount of \$173,834.39 for eligible expenses in the new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund #2273.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Resolution #40:21 For up to \$40,000 from General Fund's 2020 BWC Dividend to be used for move expenses from Blessing Drive.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Resolution #33:21 (Passed at previous meeting) For up to \$8,000 from General Fund's 2020 BWC Dividend to be used for Villamar Park Enhancement Project.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Resolution #41:21 For increase of Park Fund's appropriations by \$25,200 to bring total appropriations to \$67,000 in this year's budget.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Resolution #42:21 For up to \$4,000 from General Fund's 2020 BWC Dividend to be used for Shoreland Park Enhancement Project

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Resolution #43:21 For increase of Gas Tax Fund's appropriations by \$25,000 to bring total appropriations to \$95,070 in this year's budget.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Resolution #44:21 For the permanent transfer of \$100,000 out of the General Fund's unappropriated 2020 BWC Dividend money to Fire Fund for the purchase & outfit of new ambulance, not to exceed \$200,000.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.

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

Resolution #45:21 Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Brittson seconded.

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

Resolution #46:21 Request for advance of taxes collected.

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Brittson seconded.

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

MOTION: APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, BLANKET CERTIFICATES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECKS NUMBERED 48991 to 49014 & ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS NUMBERED 354 TO 380 TOTALING \$52,894.25. \$9,207.24 FOR ACCOUNTING AND \$43,687.01 FOR PAYROLL.

Mr. Brittson moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Speakers

William Ducey **5505 Fortune**

I attend meetings occasionally and I have been involved in zoning for decades now, I think. I am currently chair of the Zoning Appeals Board so I certainly take interest in what takes place in the township. I know that all three of you as Trustees put in a lot more time than anybody else. It is a big big job and is a big big learning curve. I thought that maybe because of my background I could offer a couple of ideas regarding the sale of the property on Blessing.

Mr. Ducey went into detail on his past work experience, knowledge of selling things, worked with auctioneers on buy and selling items prior to an auction and worked on a committee to examine insurance evaluation for commercial buildings.

He went on to say his thought with whatever bids come in is that first there is no urgency to sell the building its great we have the extra property and we can consolidate if we don't need it, we don't need it. But we could rent it out and maintain the option in case we find out that the new plan isn't the best plan. That would be his thought he said. Doesn't think we should give up the option of keeping that property because there aren't many options out there if we decide to rebuild. He said he doesn't have much experience in real estate sales but Hunt Sears specializes in that and he is on the Zoning Commission Board. He thinks it is likely that he would advise. Mr. Ducey recommends that before you accept the bids or at least open the bids and evaluate them that you hire a fee appraiser. Says Hunt should be able to tell you a good one and make sure you know what the real value of the property is and is consistent on what the bids are and if its not take it off the market and look at other ways to offer it. He states one thing that will help if you expand the time period and look at it regionally over a tristate area. Someone out there may really want it but we don't know who they are and they don't know who we are.

The only way it is going to happen is through real estate exposure type things such as multiple listings or Zillow or something like that. He says he states he's not sure how they really advertise commercial properties. He feels this needs a much broader advertising spectrum in order to get the most money. Feels the important thing is to get an appraiser in there to see what it is worth before we accept an offer.

Trustee Schlachter replies Mr. Ducey, Hunt already gave us a opinion of value in March. We reached out to him and he did it for free for us. He usually gets about \$500.00 for that and it was sight unseen. He gave us a value of it and that was for all three of properties. It was around \$240,000.00 but he did say if you have all of those repairs that need done you better take that off the top too. So, it is coming back down to about \$125,000.00 and that's with the other properties in the back. By Ohio Law that dictates how we can sell the building which is sealed bid or auction. We chose sealed bid with minimum amount.

Mr. Ducey suggest maybe we could rent it out for now so that we can go back in there if need to. Also, you should advertise it to enough people that if someone really wants it, they can say they are going to bid on that. He states and maybe that is the value, he says he is not a real estate expert and won't pretend to be. But he would consider himself an expert on loss causes, he did it for 15 years. He said he never failed to liquidate in a time frame that was specified and at the price that he agreed to supply the seller. Said he is proud of that. Thank you.

Karen Mayfield
2244 Terramar

The optics of rushing to sell the Blessing Drive Building before the election day appears is suspicious and questionable. In a recent Facebook post Mrs. Schlachter claims she waited months and not having quotes for the Blessing Drive Building was stalling the process. She was done waiting and she did the job she was elected to do. In the July 13 minutes Mrs. Schlachter reported she was getting quotes... Trustee Schlachter interrupted by asking Mrs. Mayfield if this was going to be all personal attacks if so, this is done. Mrs. Mayfield stated no I have a point. Mrs. Mayfield continues, so then we learned she got no quotes and instead to the advice of two residents to use the Seagate quote to form her decision to sell. That is not the job she was elected to do. On August 10 Mr. Brittson assigned Mr. Schuster the task of getting quotes. Fourteen days later Mr. Schuster reported he didn't have what he needed to get adequate quotes and then an unexpected motion was made by Mr. Brittson to permanently move offices to the fire station. Why did Mr. Schuster only get fourteen days instead of the same few months the other Trustees had to get quotes.

Just as important residents were repeatedly told that no decisions would be made without showing information and quotes to the residents. In July even Mr. Schlachter specifically asked our Trustees will you continue to have conversation with the community before you finalize any decisions on what to do with the township offices at the Blessing building. You all replied yes. The permanent move wasn't even on the August 24 agenda. The fact that one Trustee was prepared to make the motion and another immediately seconded with no public discussion gives the appearance that business was discussed and conducted outside a public meeting. Due diligence is a process or effort to collect and analysis information before making a decision. At the September 14 meeting the decision to sell was made without any due diligence that the residents were promised. We are told that Trustees work for us and that we are their bosses. Trustees claim they are doing everything to strengthen and move our township forward but since September 2020, when the first motion to fix the roof died, we have witnessed willful neglect of a valuable township building and land mark, division in our community, low morale in our township employees, broken promises of sharing information and Trustees personal agendas prioritized while resident's voices are ignored. These are not signs of good leadership. Our Trustees must know that a whole lot more then two residents do not want them to sell the building. We ask that you take more time to make a decision on the Blessing building.

Ward Schlachter
2635 Shoreland

I am not sure what Mrs. Mayfield is talking about when she says personal agendas. This has nothing to do with people's personal agendas it has to do with what is best for the entire township. I believe we couldn't afford the Blessing building for quite some time. That is why the roof was never replaced just patched. The carpet was taped together. There is a lot of other examples but you guys get the point. I am not blaming the past Trustees, if the money wasn't there you can do it. If you don't have the money to do the job you do what you can do. The people I talk to don't understand why the building is located over there tucked away and out of sight. Having all departments in one location just makes more sense. The police do not need that building to do their jobs. More important we will have more money to keep up with the newest technology and equipment for our fire and police. 911 Consolidation is going to cost \$100,000.00 more which only makes matters worse.

Bottom line the Trustees are just trying to be fiscally responsible and this move just makes sense.

Resolution #47:21 Declare the following items of no value at the Blessing building. Bicycles, older furniture, holiday decorations and old office supplies and anything else that is of no value.

Mr. Britton moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Discussion Mr. Schuster would like to know and make sure that we have or will remove valuable documents. Mr. Britton assured him that we have and will make sure nothing will be thrown away without gone through. Mr. Schuster suggest maybe leaving some of the old furniture encase potential buyer would want in sale of building. Trustee Britton replied we can do what we want just have to pass this for us to be able to.

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

Adjourn meeting 7:16 p.m.

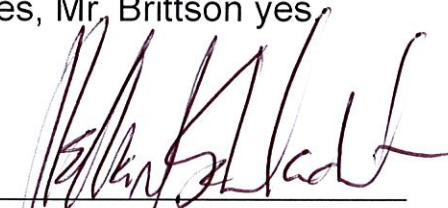
Mr. Britton moved; Mrs. seconded.

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

Approved by:



Leo Britton



Kellie Schlachter



Mark Schuster



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