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# REGULAR MEETING APRIL 11, 2023

Mr. Barto called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Township Administrator** - Leo Britton

**Fiscal Officer** – Michele Nowakowski

## **Department Heads Present**

Fire – Chief Kay

Police – Chief Kaiser

Roads/Park – Chad Klavinger

## **MOTION: Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting March 14, 2023.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Received new township flag with township logo. It is hanging on flag pole outside of Shoreland location.

Community picnic committee met with Trustee Barto last Saturday. The date for picnic has been set for Sunday, July 30, 2023 at Shoreland Park. Discussion on time, would like to have it from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. time not yet confirmed. Looking into seeing how to fund it and how we can receive donations for it.

Trustee Schuster says he will supply/donate all the hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and buns.

Follow up meeting for picnic will be May 1, 2023. Karen Mayfield to send out reminder of meeting and time closer to date.

Trustee Barto says they are working on how to let the residents know about it and advertising it. Resident Chris Thompson asked Trustee Barto if July 30, 2023 date was opened. Mr. Thompson asked if they checked with "whatever her name is Wishart, Wishbone"? Trustee Schlachter replies you know what her name is Chris, that is unnecessary, rude and disrespectful. Trustee Barto replies yes Chris we already talked to her. We will approve it tonight at the meeting to use the Shelter House. We are not necessarily going to use shelter house just the park but don't want to interfere with if there was a rental so it will be blocked off from someone renting it that day so it won't be a parking problem.

Chief Kay asked Trustee Barto if he could say something. Trustee Barto says yes. Chief Kay goes on to say as department heads their jobs are pretty hard. When you try and balance everything we do and stay on top of everything but to come to a board meeting and have a fellow department head get disrespected like that previous comment, I would hope that our board of trustees would not stand for that and end that kind of conversation. If someone is going to disrespect a department head in an open, public meeting I don't feel they deserve an answer. Our jobs are difficult enough. I would hope you as a board would support the department heads when we get attacked like that. Mr. Thompson ask what about when a department head who puts their hand over their mouth and tells someone to shut the F up. Trustee Schlachter replies this is a meeting for the board not the audience. Go home then. Mr. Thompson replies this is a meeting for the audience too. Trustee Schlachter replies to listen not bark bullshit out.

Mr. Thompson leaves.

Another resident, Omar Frey asks if he can bring up a couple things. Has questions regarding a public easement. Then has concerns how he has been treated by police in the township. Has complaint about neighbors' fence that has fallen over and in his yard. Leo asked where he lives. He replied 5336 Patriot Drive. Had another complaint about the police thinking about suing the township over violation of constitutional rights. Chief Kaiser states that he has treated him good. He says I am not saying everyone has treated me bad but enough have over the past 4, 5 years. Chief Kaiser says if you need anything just call me. If you need something about your fence you can call zoning. He says ok thanks. States he's just venting. Leo will check with him on zoning issues.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **911 funding update**

Trustee Schlachter states she has a TAC meeting April 12, 2023. Next meeting, she will bring updates.

### **Cul-de-sac update**

Leo tried to follow up still no return calls. Trustee Barto states maybe making no parking in the cul-de-sac the two days on trash day. Monday and Thursday. Leo thinks they should be no parking all the time. Emergency vehicles have a hard time getting around them as well. Chad to check on what cul-de-sacs have no parking signs. Chief Kaiser says even Chad would have a hard time getting snow plow around them as well as the fire department. Should make all cul-de-sacs in township no parking. Continued discussion. Resident Jerry Mayfield offered some information regarding the cul-de-sacs. Will revisit next meeting after Chad looks into signage. If the board passes something that there will be no parking in cul-de-sacs police will have to enforce it.

### **Update on police/fire radios**

Police and fire radios are working well. Have plenty of radios and there has been no issues.

### **Update on police department hiring**

Trustee Barto asks Chief Kaiser status. Chief Kaiser states they hired the two guys and they are working out well.

### **Update on fire department hiring**

Trustee Barto asks Chief Kay status. Chief Kay states they put a job notice out that they are hiring part time Firefighters/EMT's for dayshift and weekend shifts. There is one new hire EMT only to be approved tonight.

**MOTION: To hire Bailee Markowiak to the Washington Township Fire Department as a part time EMT. Start date April 11, 2023 at a rate of \$15.75 an hour.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

Chief Kay states there will be no cost for training she is a certified EMT and is currently enrolled in paramedic school at Owens Community College. Will pay into OPERS she is EMT only.

May 1, 2023 the fire department will start daytime shifts on weekends from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Trustee Barto ask Michele, fiscal officer to talk about her power point. Michele states that she posted online her power point, budget presentation, that she put together. There is a video on each slide that you will be able to hear what each slide is about. If you cannot get online a copy was printed. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact her.

Michele received a document in an email regarding Opioid Settlement. She wants to know if the Board needs to approve it before signing. She did verify with Ohio Township Association that it was legitimate and they confirmed it was. Anytime there is a new settlement the townships have to sign in order to receive funds from it. Michele emailed it to trustees to review before the meeting. Trustee Schuster wants to review paperwork he did not see email. Trustee Schlachter states basically what it is Mark is it's a settlement it requires a settling of manufactures and pharmacies to pay billions of dollars to abate the opioid epidemic. Trustee Schuster states he still doesn't understand it. Trustee Barto states it's like the Class Action Lawsuits.

**Motion: To have the township join the National Opioid Settlement Implementation Program.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll call: Mr. Schuster abstain, Mrs. Schlachter yes, Mr. Barto yes

**Update on roads department projects**

Trustee Barto says congratulations to Chad on getting his CDL.

Trustee Barto asks what's going on for upcoming projects? Leo states we have a bunch of tree stuff here. Trustee Schlachter ask and don't we have repairs and road patching. Chad states yes, it's all here, estimates.

Trustee Barto asks did you get three estimates on the trees, I only see one place and its Tree Monkey. Leo states we usually use Tree Monkey for everything. We didn't get three quotes on the other streets. Trustee Barto states yes, we tried we usually get three estimates first. Chad states we tried to do that last time he called three places but Tree Monkey is the only ones that came out. Trustee Barto asked if they at lease attempted to contact other placed this time Chad responded no. Discussion on trees and conditions of them. Locations of trees, Three at Shoreland Park, 5526 Brophy, seven trees starting at corner 6142 Capshore. Trustee Schuster gave Chad a number of a tree company to check into. Trustee Barto and Trustee Schlachter ask Leo and Chad to get two more quotes can't just give job to Tree Monkey.

**Vistamar, Viramar and Brendamar Court road repairs, J.B. Pavement Repairs and Rentals invoice.**

Leo states we didn't get three quotes on that job either. If we approve it though it can start this week. Trustee Barto says yes, I know and I would really like to get it done. They did other work on other areas; Trustee Schuster didn't think they did a good job on previous job. Trustee Barto states it's a temporary fix till we can get them all repaved. We are receiving a lot of phone calls, people complaining about the road we really need to get it fixed before we get a bill for someone's car that got tore up because of it. Trustee Schlachter states this job is under \$5,000.00 it is \$2,750.00. The trees are like \$10,000.00. I think we need more bids for the trees to make sure they are around the same. But I am ok with approving the road one.

Leo asks what's the number then for having to get three quotes. Trustee Barto ask if there is a number/amount to have to get three quotes? He says he doesn't know. Trustee Schlachter says certain things are in the Ohio Revised Code. What do the policies say? Without reading them no one knows. Discussion on the Tree Monkey quotes.

Discussion on J.B Pavement Repair and Rentals invoice. Discussion on items Chad put on Govdeals that didn't get any bids on. Leo looking up policies on limit on items to get three quotes. Revisit later in meeting.

### **Update on Lucas County ALS transports**

Trustee Barto ask Chief Kay status. Chief Kay says it is still moving forward. The fire chiefs have developed sub committees to distribute the different logistical needs of such ALS Systems. County commissioners drew up a draft proposal for ALS Service within Lucas County that will eventually need reviewed by trustees and signed. Chief Kay to send for trustees to review draft. If Chief can't answer questions, he will get with someone that can.

Trustee Barto asks Leo if he found anything in policies regarding previous conversation on limits on quotes to have more than one. Leo states he does not see anything. Trustee Schlachter ask if they want to make a motion to put policy in place that anything \$5,000.00 or over needs three quotes unless Ohio Revised Code states different.

### **MOTION: Put policy in place that anything \$5,000.00 or over needs three quotes unless Ohio Revised Code states different.**

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Leo to put policy in Lexipol.

### **MOTION: Hire J.B. Pavement Repairs and Rentals, LLC. to spray patch Vistamar, Viramar and Brendamar Court as needed in the amount of \$2,750.00.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, no.

Discussion again regarding tree removals and Tree Monkey quotes. Trustee Schuster would still like to see more estimates at least one more.

Trustee Barto would like to table for now if we find someone else that agrees that the trees should come down, we will have a Special Meeting to get them down.

### **Lexipol updates**

Leo states there is an invoice for renewal that needs paid. John still is working with police on theirs. General and fire are up to date.

**RESOLUTION #20:23: To approve payment to Lexipol in the amount of \$9,747.80 for all three Lexipol modules police, fire and general. Budgeted.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Discuss blight issues**

Leo says there are five here to make Resolutions tonight. Sent out 14 violations since the last meeting.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **4-day Resolutions for Blight**

**RESOLUTION #21:23: Declaring the property owned by Y Fast Entertainment LLC and Ohio LLC, located at 6016 Summit Street in Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio a nuisance.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

#### **RESOLUTION #22:23 RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE**

**I move that the Blight (1308D) on the property located at located at 5517 Fortune be declared a nuisance; that the property owner Greater Metropolitan Title, be ordered to remove the nuisance within seven days of receiving notice of this resolution; that if the property owner(s) does not abate the nuisance within the seven days, the board of trustees will abate the nuisance and the expenses for the abatement will be entered upon the tax duplicate and collected as other property taxes; and that the zoning inspector notify**

**Greater Metropolitan Title 5517 Fortune Dr. Toledo Oh. 43611 by certified mail, of this Board's Order.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

**RESOLUTION #23:23 RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE**

**I move that the Blight (1308D) on the property located at located at 5240 President Dr. be declared a nuisance; that the property owner Hudson Stockman, be ordered to remove the nuisance within seven days of receiving notice of this resolution; that if the property owner(s) does not abate the nuisance within the seven days, the board of trustees will abate the nuisance and the expenses for the abatement will be entered upon the tax duplicate and collected as other property taxes; and that the zoning inspector notify Hudson Stockman, 5240 President Dr. Toledo Oh 43611 by certified mail, of this Board's Order.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

**RESOLUTION #24:23 RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE**

**I move that the Blight (1308D) on the property located at located at 5346 Patriot Dr. be declared a nuisance; that the property owner Devon Witt, be ordered to remove the nuisance within seven days of receiving notice of this resolution; that if the property owner(s) does not abate the nuisance within the seven days, the board of trustees will abate the nuisance and the expenses for the abatement will be entered upon the tax duplicate and collected as other property taxes; and that the zoning inspector notify Devon Witt, 5346 Patriot Dr. Toledo Oh 43611] by certified mail, of this Board's Order**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

**RESOLUTION #25:23 RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE**

**I move that the Blight (1308D) on the property located at located at 5338 Belpre Dr. be declared a nuisance; that the property owner Justin Schiavone, be ordered to remove the nuisance within seven days of receiving notice of this resolution;**



**that if the property owner(s) does not abate the nuisance within the seven days, the board of trustees will abate the nuisance and the expenses for the abatement will be entered upon the tax duplicate and collected as other property taxes; and that the zoning inspector notify**

**Justin Schiavone, 5338 Belpre Dr. Toledo Oh 43611] by certified mail, of this Board's Order.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**MOTION: Pay invoice to Tree Monkey in the amount of \$2,400.00 for removal of dying, hollowing, severely compromised Maple tree in the front yard at 5526 Brophy.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, no; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

### **Discuss PACE energy project**

Trustee Barto met with Josh Stricklin last week to talk to him to see what his program is all about. It's a great program but right now it is not available to residential customers. There was a law that was passed at the first of the year that throws the project into question. They are working on the details with that. They are hoping to get it resolved and back up and running. It is available for commercial projects.

### **Interest earned on balances**

Trustee Schlachter ask Shelly what accounts we earn interest on. Shelly replies there is Star and GIDP. GIDP is the one we went to when Star Plus closed. We earn interest on those. Those are our savings accounts.

Trustee Schlachter ask when we move money over into them? Shelly says she tries not to have more than \$250,000.00 in the checking at a time.

Stars interest is higher than GIDP right now. It is 4.9% currently, it does fluctuate all the time. GIDP is 3.60% currently. Michele said she was leery about putting money into Star at first because the representatives said it is not FDIC insured but the auditor of state's office, they endorse Star. GIDP is insured. The bulk of the money is in there. Trustee Schuster and Trustee Schlachter state they don't know if they feel comfortable leaving money in an account that's not insured.

Shelly says that's why she only has \$150,000.00 in Star account. GIDP is insured to 25 million. We have 1.4 million in that account.

### **Review check cutting schedule**

Trustee Schlachter asks Shelly about her schedule for cutting checks. Shelly states she cuts them once a week. She usually picks up the invoices on Fridays.

If invoices are over department heads limit trustee will now have to improve invoice as well.

**MOTION: Any fuel, utilities or any reoccurring invoices do not need second, trustee approval only department heads.**

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll call: Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

**MOTION: Approve to pay Reliance invoice in the amount of \$1,629.15 for propane for the Blessing Building.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

**MOTION: Approve to pay E and K Contractors \$3,156.23 invoice for storm line repair on Patriot. We didn't mark the spot they state we are responsible because of it.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster doesn't agree with invoice.

**NO SECOND, MOTION DEAD**

**TRUSTEE SCHUSTER TO CALL, REVISIT NEXT MEETING**

### **Health Insurance Renewal**

Chief Kaiser had meeting with officers and RJ they would like to stay with the current plan we have.

**MOTION: Stay with United Health Care the CQEE Plan.**

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**MOTION: Move vision and dental insurance to United Health Care from Ameritas effective May 1, 2023.**

Mrs. Schlachter moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

### **Annual employee reviews**

Leo to do department heads and Kim's reviews then forward to trustees for their review before he sits down with employees to give to them.

Trustee Barto wants reviews done by 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of May.  
Trustee Schuster and Trustee Barto would like hard copy to review.  
Trustee Schlachter would like hers emailed to her.

### **Discuss purchasing new police cruiser**

Chief Kaiser states he has two police cars that are older and feels they are going to start killing them on repairs. Would like to start looking into getting a new car. We have been looking online at used Ford Explorers for half the price of new with low miles and if we go used all the equipment will transfer over to it. Trustee Schlachter ask Chief Kaiser if they budgeted for a new car? Chief Kaiser replies no I did not. Shelly replies I was just looking to see where you were going to have it come out of?

Trustee Schlachter states she was looking at the funds and currently the revenue that you have coming in for the tow lot is \$125,000.00 budgeted for the year and we are only 3 ½ months in. Your revenue is \$45,815.00 expenses were \$15,000.00 for just Thrones only no other overhead. The budget is \$50,000.00 for Thrones. So, the net for the year you have to come up with \$75,000.00 to make our budget right now we are at \$30,000.00. You still need \$44,000.00 to make our budget. Again, tows are not guaranteed. Then I looked at the sale proceeds from Govdeals we have a budget of \$35,000.00 we have \$14,007.00 that came in from the sales from cars. The difference is \$20,000.00 so we need \$64,000.00 net to make our budget for the year. I feel it's too early to ask. I also took a look at your wages and your 4.5% over in wages and its mostly in overtime. So, if you go on that pace, you're not going to have any overage in this year to buy a car. You really need to work on this overtime. We may be able to look at it maybe September or October we might be able to look at it and see what your overages is. But you need to make your budget and you're not before we can take a look at it because you don't have it in your budget. That's just my opinion looking at the numbers. Chief Kaiser replies but I don't have in the budget for these high dollar repairs either. Trustee Schlachter states I thought I asked Leo to ask you what the repair bills were, what kind of repairs your talking about. I wanted to see the bills and the breakdown you gave in your report of \$50,000.00. But I never got anything back. I can't make any decision without seeing all that. Chief Kaiser says I just wanted to bring this to the boards attention that these repairs are going to be more and more. I hope they're not but you don't know. Chief Kaiser says you get all the bills every month that we turn in you should know what they are.

Trustee Schlachter says so do you how much are they. Chief Kaiser says is this an argument. Trustee Schlachter replies no Chris it's just that we have asked you for things because I can't make a decision without knowing all that stuff. Chief Kaiser says every repair bill he gets he submits to the board. Trustee Schlachter says it's been four months I don't remember. Chief Kaiser says if you want them, I will get them. Leo says part of the problem Chris is when you look at the numbers it just says repairs it doesn't say what car it is for. So, your total is for the whole fleet. If you want to make a point to them you have to break out the car you want to replace and tell them what you have spent on repairs on that car you want to replace. I can help you do that if you want. Trustee Schlachter states we just got that brand new car and we already had to put breaks on it. Chief Kaiser said yes and it only had 18,000 miles on it. Chief Kaiser says if they don't have the money, they don't have the money. He is just putting it out there about getting a new car. Trustee Schlachter ask how many cars do we usually have on the road at a time? Chief Kaiser states two maybe three. Discussion regarding repairs on police vehicles and where we take them for repairs. Trustees agree to revisit maybe in August to discuss new police car. Need to watch the money.

### **Discuss sign for Shoreland Park**

Leo said Laura ordered 2 banners to advertise for the Shoreland Shelter House. Are planning on hanging one on the fence and one closer to the baseball diamonds. The price will be around \$60.00 or \$65.00.

Trustee Barto would like Leo to get pricing on regular signs for Shoreland Park. Shelly to check to see who we used for Villamar Park sign. Trustee Schuster would like sign for Shoreland Park to match the sign at Villamar Park. That sign was purchased October 2021 price was \$254.52.

Leo to have information for Shoreland Park sign at next meeting.

### **Approve Shoreland Elementary use of shelter house**

**MOTION: Approve Shoreland Elementary Parents Club to use Shoreland Shelter House for 6<sup>th</sup> grade class end of year picnic May 23, 2023, rain date May 24, 2023 will waive rental fee but they are to pay \$150.00 deposit.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

**MOTION: Approve use of Shoreland Shelter House for the Shoreland Community picnic July 30, 2023. Contract to be in the name of Washington Township for OTARMA to cover.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**MOTION: Approve spending an additional \$199.31 for the difference to Four County Career Center for Captain Jacob Cook for advanced EMT training.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

**MOTION: Approve payment to Sedgwick who represents us for Workers Compensation Claims \$3,440.00.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

**MOTION: APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, BLANKET CERTIFICATES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECKS NUMBERED 50085 TO 50125 & ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS NUMBERED 220 TO 324 TOTALING \$92,841.93.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

**AND \$28,059.28. FOR ACCOUNTING AND \$64,782.65 FOR PAYROLL.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**MOTION: Adjourn Meeting at 8:32 p.m.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

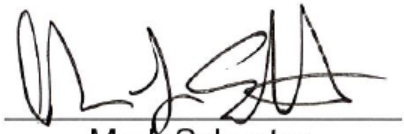
Approved by:



Don Barto

*excused absent*

Kellie Schlachter



Mark Schuster

*Kimberly Kay*

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