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REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 8, 2023

Mr. Barto called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes;
Mr. Schuster absent/excused

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer – Michele Nowakowski

Township Administrator - Leo Britton

Department Heads Present

Fire – Chief Kay and Assistant Chief Bailey
Police –Deputy Chief Hart

Trustee Barto announced why Trustee Schuster is absent from the meeting.

Trustee Barto would like to congratulate Captain Jon Parker on his retirement from the Washington Township Fire Department effective the end of July. Captain Parker has been with the fire department for 31 years and will become a lifetime member of the Washington Township Fire Department. Thank you, Jon, for your service and dedication to our community.

Trustee Barto would like to thank Rick Phillips, Joe Castro and Chase Cook for helping to get Shoreland Park ready for community picnic. Chase Cook is the son of Captain Jacob Cook from the fire department has been an asset this summer and is a good worker, great kid. He will do anything you ask him to do.

Trustee Barto would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped coordinate the township picnic as well as the residents that came out to enjoy it.

The second annual Washington Township Community Picnic is already in the planning stages and the date has already been set for July 28, 2024. Laura to confirm that date is available.

Thanks to Ray Barron for helping Rick out with the storm damage cleanup.

MOTION: Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting July 11, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve Minutes from Financial Meeting on June 27, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on storm damage repairs for buildings

Trustee Barto asked for update from Leo. Leo tried to put job posting through bid express but is very time consuming and not very easy. It is costly too. If we used it all the time it might be worth it but for the few times, we have to do it isn't worth it. They also charge a monthly membership fee. Leo would like to just advertise in paper for bid job for fire station/administration offices. There is a company that monitors these kinds of ads and spreads them out further to companies that may be interested in bidding on a job.

**Update on police patrol car damages
Discussion**

Deputy Chief Hart states that the adjuster came out and looked at all the police cars. Every car has some damage to one degree or another. We already received checks for the damages to each of the car. The checks totaled little over \$30,000.00 for damages for all five cars. Checks are here haven't done anything with them yet. Have to decide which way we are going to go. All cars are in service except one. The lights had shorted out, it has been repaired and is back in service. Trustees would like to make a decision about purchasing a new car. Trustee Schlachter not sure about purchasing two right now but for sure one. Deputy Chief Hart agrees purchasing one now and in a couple months revisit purchasing another. Trustee Schlachter states the budget is tight on wages right now might be ok with doing both by end of year but we have to watch. The tows are coming in less than was budgeted. Deputy Chief Hart thinks spacing purchasing two apart is wise. Deputy Chief Hart states the prices of police cars have sky rocketed. He says there is about a \$11,000.00 difference per car between the Durango's and the Explorers fully outfitted. Would still like to fix the 2021 Durango. Would like to sell one of the damaged cars now and the other when they are ready to purchase second car. Sell car 91 first. It was taken out of service today due to some issues. Trustee Barto ask Trustee Schlachter if she's ok with going ahead and purchasing a new Durango. Trustee Schlachter replies yes one if all the stuff on the paper comes true. Then revisit in two months for the second one when we see where the police finances are.

Motion: To approve getting hail damage repairs done to police vehicle 2021 Dodge Durango. Up to \$6,513.00. Work to be done by Brondes Ford.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Motion: To approve spending up to \$64,000 to replace one of the police cars for a new police vehicle, 2023 Dodge Durango. To be purchased from Laport Chrysler. The following money from the insurance company from the storm damage to following cars is to be used towards the new vehicle. Insurance checks in the amount of \$7,450.00 from the 2020 Ford Explorer, \$5,202.00 from the 2017 Ford Explorer, \$4,779.00 from the 2018 Ford Explorer, \$6,299.00 from the 2013 Ford Taurus. Insurance checks totaling \$23,730.00.

The rest of the money for the new 2023 Dodge Durango to come from future sale of car 91, 2017 Ford Explorer and sale of car 93, 2013 Ford Taurus which will be sold on Govdeals. Balance for new vehicle to be paid out of 2191 police fund.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #42:23: To create a Supplemental Appropriation for the police department for the purchase of the 2023 Dodge Durango out of fund 2191 up to \$64,000.00.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Mr. Barto yes, Mrs. Schlachter yes.

Motion: To accept proposal from Salgau Roofing to make repairs to Shoreland Park Shelter House, maintenance garage and two gazebos. Not to exceed \$46,563.00.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #43:23: To create a Supplemental Appropriation out of park fund 2194 not to exceed \$46,600.00 to make needed repairs for the Shoreland Park Shelter House, maintenance garage and two gazebos.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Update on roads projects.

Leo states that County was supposed to be out Monday but they only have ten employees available out of seventeen this week. The project will be pushed out to next Monday. They are cleaning out storm water drains on Summit Street between Shoreland and Coveview.

County is going to be looking at dip in road on Shoreland in front of a house before the medical building. Also, will be looking at sink holes on Pageland. Leo spoke to Monroe Asphalt they are going to come out and look at three sink holes one on Windamar, Point Pleasant Way and one at North Shore and Randon. Leo also working with Urbanski property on Summit Street to get it cleaned up and clean up around storm water drains on their property.

Leo also said that they will be eventually scheduling us for maintenance on the pump house. Leo will coordinate with Rick when they get to us.

Trustee Schlachter asked Leo if they were still going to come back and repair the resident's lawn that were dug up. Leo states they will when the full project is done.

Trustee Schlachter asked what happened with the wood chipper. Leo said the clutch went out.

Rick said when it was running for a while all the grease went into the clutch and made it go out. Trustee Barto ask Rick if he thinks he can repair it or should we outsource it. Rick said no he was fine doing it. Trustee Barto is concerned about repairs costing so much. Wants to make sure it is repaired properly. Can't afford to keep paying for these expensive repairs.

Update on park parking lots.

Trustee Barto asks Rick if him and Trustee Schuster did anything with the park parking lots? Rick replied they put stone down where bleachers use to be. But nothing else with the parking lots. Trustee Barto wants to know why there is broken up concrete and rolled up old chain link fence thrown in the water way behind the park. Rick replies that have been there a while, before he got involved with the park. Trustee Barto says it looks terrible we need to get it out of there. Trustee Barto states that he was looking into a grant for townships to clean up waterways.

Update on hiring for roads.

Trustee Barto states they received a few resumes. There is one guy who stands out and fits the qualifications for the job description that they are looking for Roads and Park Manager. They are wanting to offer him the job.

Motion: To offer Ryan Breininger the position as Washington Township Roads and Park Manager. Start date September, 5, 2023. This position is a salary position in the amount of \$50,960.00 per year. We are offering a \$2,500.00 signing bonus when he gets his CDL Class B with air brakes. Any expenses related to getting this permit is his responsibility. Required to stay one year from receiving permit or bonus must be paid back. He will have one week vacation for the 2023 – 2024 calendar year. This job will have one year probation period ending September 5, 2024. No pay increase after probation. This offer is pending a satisfactory background check.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded

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

Update on police firearms.

Deputy Chief Hart states that the police department has had a credit balance for the past 24 months on their account with Vance who is their firearms supplier in the amount of \$6,500.00.

Vance is scheduled to be in the office tomorrow to make an offer on 33 additional firearms that were forfeited last year. With what they should receive for those and the credit balance they have out there should allow them to purchase the new firearms they need in the near future. If we need extra money to cover new purchase, we can use some money out of the law enforcement trust fund.

Discuss financing Fuller's Creekside paving project.

Trustee Barto ask Michele to explain, said they received an email from her with a possibility of financing the Fuller Creekside Project. Michele said yes, she wanted to give Trustees all the options so they could make a well-informed decision what they could do. Trustee Barto asks when the deadline is for that? Michele replies October is when you would have to get ahold of the attorney's office so they can draft resolutions and do the paperwork if we were to get bond, a loan. Michele said to keep in mind that the bond cost could be up to \$12,000.00. The interest rates are running about 6% that we could get for a loan right now. The certified township share is \$282,000.00 almost \$283,000.00 and that doesn't include the county share that we are getting of about \$21,000.00. We did make a road repair last year and took it out of the gas tax fund. Says she thinks it was gas tax that or either the road fund. Thinks it was gas tax. Said you said they could take out more from one fund then what she thinks you would feel comfortable with now. But if you move those figures around, she doesn't think that you will need to finance it because in the first quarter of 2023 our expenses were not more than \$29,880.00. The revenue for the first quarter was over \$88,494.00. That is shown in the fund summary report. She thinks there will be enough coming in and there's enough in the balance where at the beginning if we encumber everything that we certified to pay for this project for our share we would end up with a balance totaling the road funds of \$66,187.00 estimating. That's if we spend every penny of our appropriation budget in our roads funds this year. She said normally we don't. Trustee Barto says he appreciates Michele bringing it up but feels that they should keep it the way it is. There are a few things around the township that need some repairs done. One being the neighborhood by Randon. He thinks when they get to that point that might be the one, they could possibly finance.

Will revolve where they are with everything and what happens with the levy. If it doesn't pass, he doesn't want to have to worry about how we are going to pay for it. He doesn't feel comfortable taking on a loan. The dead line to apply for that is before the election in November.

If for some reason the levy doesn't pass, how will we pay for that? He knows we have money to fall back on. Leo had a valid point he suggested look into financing it as a backup for the fact whether the road levy goes through or not. Trustee Barto wants to stick to the original plan we already encumbered the money for it feels we are set with it. Michele replies well we didn't encumber it yet but we had to certify that we have it. Trustee Barto says right but we have it set a side and know that's where it is supposed to go. Trustee Barto says that is his take on it. Michele states that we have a OPWC loan that we have out there is about \$3,000.00 standing on that loan yet. We have January and July payments due yet and then it should be paid off.

Update on E&K invoice

Leo spoke to Trustee Schuster and he still is requesting a detailed bill from them. Trustee Schuster doesn't agree with the charges. Kim would like to go on record that she took a call from E & K and they are not happy with the fact that the bill has not been paid yet and they will be prepared to do what they have to do if it is not paid. Leo said it started out as a sewer problem then they broke the storm water drain. Trustee Schlachter would like to know if they ever billed the county or did, we get stuck with the whole bill. If and when we pay invoice need to check into to see if we can get reimbursed for it. Need itemized invoice before it will be submitted to pay.

Table until next meeting.

Update on 911TAC meeting

Trustee Schlachter to have meeting tomorrow. Will be going into the budget for next year. It's probably going to be 3% increase. There is no alternative funding that was passed. It will be our bill to be responsible for 100%. Trustees Schlachter's committee is a tac committee, they have to approve the budget. There is a subcommittee that went out to work with lobbyist to try to get alternative funding pushed through.

Trustee Schlachter says a bunch of them on a committee said they are not approving it, there has got to be alternative funding because it is a lot of money for townships especially smaller ones like us.

ALS update.

Chief Kay sent the recent proposal to Trustees. Nothing finalized yet still under review.

Ambulance will be arriving Monday, August 21.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss vacation time policy.

Discuss changing policy to have full time, new hires, to receive vacation time sooner than waiting a full year of being employed. Table and discuss by end of the year.

Discuss account setup for reimbursement of township equipment usage.

Trustee Schlachter spoke to Shelly to have her put together a spread sheet for the police department when they do side jobs and use township police cars, equipment etc. to keep track of reimbursements that are to come in.

Approve repairs for wood chipper.

It is going to cost \$2,330.00 for the part for the wood chipper that Rick needs to fix it. Rick wants to pick up part. Will be driving to pick up from Great Lakes Power. Invoice to be paid out of Fund 2031.

Motion: Approve to spend up to \$2,400.00 to Great Lakes Power for the part for wood chipper to be paid out of Fund 2031.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Discuss hiring maintenance mechanic.

Table until next meeting.

Table approving change of status forms for police department for patrolmen Crapsey, Mosniak and Gearheart for wage increase.

Make motion to take them off probation tonight.

Motion: To promote Jacquelyn Crapsey from probationary patrolman to patrolman effective August 22, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Motion: To promote Todd Mocniak from probationary patrolman to patrolman part time effective August 31, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Motion: To promote Thomas Gearheart from probationary patrolman full time to patrolman full time effective August 6, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Motion: To waive fee for Shoreland Park Shelter House for Shoreland Fire Fighters Association for their family picnic.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Motion: To waive fee for Shoreland Park Shelter House for Washington Township Community picnic to be held July 28, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

ZONING/BLIGHT RESOLUTIONS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS DECLARING THE PROPERTIES IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, LUCAS COUNTY A BLIGHT NUISANCE:

RESOLUTION #44:23 RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 5409 PATRIOT DRIVE – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #45:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 2650 COVEVIEW – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.

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

RESOLUTON #46:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 2938 JASIK – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.

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

RESOLUTON #47:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 5230 PAGELAND – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

RESOLUTON #48:23: RESOLUTON TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 6124 SUDER – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

RESOLUTON #49:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 5321 PAGELAND – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

RESOLUTON #50:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 6045 NORTH SUMMIT STREET – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

RESOLUTON #51:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 6207 RANDON – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

RESOLUTON #52:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 2563 REDFOX – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

RESOLUTON #53:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 5541 PAGELAND – BLIGHT 1308H.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

RESOLUTON #54:23: RESOLUTION TO ABATE NUISANCE FOR 6114 WINDAMAR – BLIGHT 1320 D & E.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mrs. Schlachter, yes.

MOTION: APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, BLANKET CERTIFICATES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECKS NUMBERED 50254 TO 50295 AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS NUMBERED 693 TO 830 TOTALING \$104,272.75.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.

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

AND \$36,533.87 FOR ACCOUNTING AND \$67,738.88 FOR PAYROLL.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

SPEAKER

Karen Mayfield

Would like to thank Trustee Barto for suggesting and pursuing the Washington Township picnic. I think I can speak for all of us that worked on it, it was purely a joy! It turned out so well. Jerry shared a story with me, that showed it served a purpose that you intended that there was a couple who sat at a picnic table and another couple just happen to sit down by them and they started talking and realized they new each other and haven't seen each other in 20 some years and ended up staying until the end of the picnic visiting with each other. Mrs. Mayfield stated that's what it was all about, coming together. Excited to continue it next year. Trustee Barto thanks Mrs. Mayfield for all her help as well as all the other volunteers.

Angela Sobzak

Would like to have permission, since September is brain aneurysm awareness month, if it would be ok to put burgundy ribbons on poles in the township and set up a table in front of the fire station on Sunday, September 3, 2023 for awareness information.

Motion: Washington Township to recognize the month of September for brain aneurysm month.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

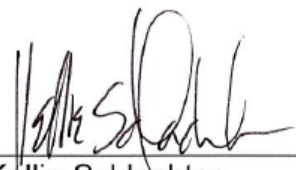
Rick Phillips – Working on load number 11 for pickup from storm debris.

MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m.
Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.
Roll Call: Mrs. Schlachter, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Approved by:



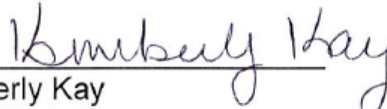
Don Barto



Kellie Schlachter

not in attendance at meeting

Mark Schuster



Kimberly Kay