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REGULAR MEETING JULY 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

Fiscal Officer – Michele Nowakowski

Township Administrator - Leo Britton

Department Heads Present

Fire – Chief Kay and Assistant Chief Bailey

Police – Chief Kaiser and Deputy Chief Hart

MOTION: Approve Minutes for Records Commission/Retention Meeting on June 14, 2022.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Nowakowski seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve Minutes for Records Commission/Retention Meeting on June 27, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Nowakowski seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting June 13, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve Renewal Levies to Board of Election

RESOLUTION #39:23 FIRE LEVY: move to certify the Board of Elections for the November general election a (5.75 mills) levy for (Fire) as prepared by the Prosecutor's Office.

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

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

RESOLUTION #40:23: ROADS LEVY: move to certify the Board of Elections for the November general election a (2.5 mills) levy for (Roads & Bridges) as prepared by the prosecutor.

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

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

RESOLUTON #41:23: PARK LEVY: move to certify the Board of Elections for the November general election a (1.0 mills) levy for (Parks) as prepared by the Prosecutor's Office.

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

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

Shelter house rental policy.

Discussion

Motion: Change rental contract for Shoreland Shelter House Rental for cancelation policy to read that the date of rental is to be canceled within 30 days of rental date or loose the \$150.00 deposit. Rentals that are made as of July 11, 2023 forward.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.

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

Approve Perfect Sweep invoice.

Motion: To pay Perfect Sweep Invoice in the amount of \$2,210.00.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Annual Lighthouse Assistant Employee Program Invoice.

Motion: To pay the Lighthouse Employee Assistant Program in the amount of \$1,040.00.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Discuss zoning policy change.

Trustee Barto states that this was presented to trustees from the zoning board. This is regarding the weight limits, restrictions of commercial trucks permitted on township roads and permitting them to be stored on residents' property. After discussion the board is rejecting what zoning commission board submitted and is sending it back to zoning commission board to have them change the weight limit. Have them move weight up. Trustee Barto would be fine with sitting in on their meeting. Jerry Mayfield states they will not call a special meeting for this but it will be addressed at the next meeting they have.

Update on police firearms trade-in.

Trustee Barto ask Chief Kaiser what the status is on this. Chief Kaiser states the 27th of this month there is a thing called destruction period where we are going to take guns with Toledo up to the foundry and melt them down with the court orders that they have. The remaining guns they are going to have Vance come to the office to give them estimates on. They have about 25 guns that have been forfeited or confiscated. They have about \$6,200.00 in a credit for Vance.

Update on roads projects.

Republic Garbage Trucks are still leaving messes in township. Plus, they have damaged the cul-de-sac again that was just repaired.

Discussion about cul-de-sacs being damaged and how we can keep them from driving up or through them.

Resident Jerry Mayfield states he watched a few garbage companies go around a cul-de-sac by his house and they had no problems. There is nothing there in the way though. The other cul-de-sac their having problems with he thinks it's because there's two decorative trees and a rock in the way.

Thinks if you could get rid of those, they might not have any problems getting around them. Suggest putting in three four-inch round post. Leo will continue looking into and getting prices to fix problem.

Discussion on drains being cleaned out and broken ones that need fixed that the county is supposed to be looking into per Leo. Leo will follow up with or Trustee Schlachter will make some calls.

Leo asks trustees if it is ok that him and Shelly sign the road project paperwork and send it in. States that nothing has changed. Yes, to be sent in by Leo.

Update on park parking lots.

Trustee Barto asks Trustee Schuster status on ideas for Shoreland Park parking lot. Trustee Schuster says besides the ideas he gave at the last meeting he mentioned securing more grindings to expand parking lot more. Using grindings from another project that may be going on in area. Trustee Schuster to work with Rick to spread out.

Discuss reimbursement from Chad Klavinger.

Trustee Barto ask if we received a check from Chad Klavinger for reimbursement for CDL license? Michele states she received an email from Leo saying we received it. Kim states yes, we received it today. Michele states it is for \$2,615.00.

Update on hiring for roads.

Trustee Barto states we received several resumes from Zip Recruiter that we will review. Going to adjust the wording in the job description and title. Haven't received one that seems to be a fit yet and a lot of applicants did not live close to the township.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on disaster response.

Trustee Barto ask for thoughts from Chief Kay and Chief Kaiser what they feel like it went and what they could work on.

Discussion

Chief Kay response was that on the urgency stand point the regional cooperation is what was needed and it was there and worked. The regional training as far as emergency responders came into play. Having all the people and resources that we could utilize in different capacities to help with all different areas were here working together from the city, county, EMA and our own public officials. All back up communications worked. Every member except one from the fire department were here helping. The one that wasn't able to be here was on duty at St. Vincent's Hospital helping. The thing that stuck out immediately was the communications with our cell phones. Should look into getting on a first net emergency system. The over load of cell phone usage in the Point Place area was over loaded. Chief Kay states he was unable to communicate with regional dispatch, the station or other department heads or trustees when he was trying to make his way to the station. Chief Kaiser said he couldn't reach anyone as well. Chief Kay states we need to look into a generator that would take care of the whole building instead of just the one side or some other back up if this would happen again. Trustee Schlachter states yes, we need to figure that out and get prices on a larger generator. Deputy Chief Hart states that he has some options in mind that we could do. (Deputy Chief Hart is a master electrician and has knowledge in this area.) He states he knows that a generator that would run this whole building would be a number that we wouldn't want to see very pricy. Deputy Chief Hart would be happy to meet with Trustees, Chief Kay and Chief Kaiser to discuss different options. All agree we need to have supplies and be better prepared encase this would happen again. Trustee Barto concerned about Raintree Mobile Home Park for those residents and their safety in a storm. Trustee Barto mentioned using Blessing Building for shelter but Chief Kaiser states they use to use the Blessing Building for tornado/storm shelter but it was decommissioned as that. The building is unsafe and the basement stairs are bad. That was even before we relocated, they changed that. Chief Kaiser states he has 24-hour access to Shoreland Elementary that could be a possibility for future for using that building for shelter but doesn't know if that's possible to run over there every time the warning goes off.

Trustee Barto is just concerned that there is a lot of residents that do not have basements. Will revisit possibilities and plan for the future.

Discuss police damage claim and new police vehicles.

Trustee Barto ask Chief Kaiser status. He said he is going to turn it over to Eric to explain what they know. He spoke to Ford Motor Company today. Eric states he won't touch on the insurance part of it. There will have to be a discussion how that's going to go. As far as new vehicles go State Wide Ford is the dealer that handles the government contracts. That's where everybody gets their police cars. Eric states that if they are going to replace vehicles there is a very short window to order vehicles. The reason for it is first you have to get a request for a quote (which they did) then second you turn that into State Wide for a purchase order. State Wide then has to confirm that the vehicle will be available. The situation right now nationwide is there is more police cars on order for 2024 then Ford Motor company is able to produce. They haven't even started production for the 2024's yet. It is going to be a lottery system in getting a new car on order. Example a larger agency that may need a hundred police cars maybe told by Ford that they can only get ten.

Last year was the same problem. Last year the Ohio State Patrol ordered two hundred dodges and they only received twenty. Eric states they have until August 1 to place a purchase order, orders put in after August 1 won't be honored you won't get a 2024 vehicle. Part of the reason for shortage is the 2025 Ford Explorers are going to be altogether different vehicles so their doing a short run of the 2024. They're going to be closing the plant earlier than usual for their shut down to redo plants for the 2025 ones. State Wide is saying they will have vehicles available but just not the Ford Explorer. Eric states he will in the next few days have pricing back on what those are. Eric says they don't need a lot of vehicles but even if they tell them they need two they might tell them they can give them none.

Because of what's going on. Regarding to the damage cars. All five of the police cars have damage to them. The car with the most damage is 93 which is the unmarked car. The marked car with the most damage is 89. They received various estimates ranging from \$4,000 to about \$7,000 per car. The Durango has around \$5,000 worth of damage. The oldest cars 91 and 92 have damage as well. State Wide has made a deal with Chrysler to order one Durango for every customer that gets denied an Explorer. Discussion on getting new cars or fixing old ones.

Trustee Schlachter would like to see what the insurance claim is on cars to get fixed and then would like to see what the value would be and what we could get for cars vs getting new. Eric states the Taurus is not worth fixing.

Chief Kaiser has the money from the tow lot and drug seizure money to pull together along with insurance money to get a couple new cars.

Trustee Schlachter says that's fine I just want to see numbers. They want to fix the newest car 90. Will revisit when all numbers and checks come in what route they take.

Discuss storm damage to township buildings.

Leo states the rubber roof is not damaged on Shoreland main building but the insulation board and everything under roof is damaged. The initial quote from the insurance company for damage is \$113,000.00. To replace just roof on Shoreland main building.

They also want Campbells to come out and look at venting, H Vac and exhaust vents upstairs because they are all dented up. He is not a commercial appraiser for those. He would prefer Ron get a quote and he will run it through their system. None of that is included in the \$113,000.00. The roof tower is damaged, the 10 x 10 roof is damaged, and two sides of the siding is damaged. The seven-inch gutters need replaced in the back and one overhead door. The price for that is \$8,500.00. The building next door, pole barn he said 100% needs roof replacement there's not one piece of metal that is not dented. Along with the right side and rear. Total for that is \$38,000.00. The shed they will give us \$2,000.00. For the shelter house at the park for the roof, gutters and front siding \$34,000.00. For the cement block garage, the roof and back side is damaged \$4,400.00. Both pavilions roof and siding \$8,165.00. Just a little over \$200,000.00 in hail damage. Leo spoke to John Borell. The roof is over the limit so you will have to go through a bid process like they did for the roads. It needs to be bided out. The rest the adjustor is going to send over individually so it's under \$50,000.00. Will still get three bids for those like we always have to. If they come back with a higher bid the adjustor will go over with the vendor to see where the difference is. These are not final numbers from the adjustor.

Motion: Put the replacement of the fire station/administration building roof job out to bid due to storm damage required means to advertise for bidding.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Motion: Put out to bid the repairs for the siding, roof and gutters from storm damage to the annex building.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Mrs. Mayfield asked if anyone checked on Blessing Building to see if there was any storm damage to that building. Trustee Barto replied yes, we had them check there when they did all the other buildings in the Township and there is no hail damage to that building.

Discuss police cell phone/non-emergency number.

Trustee Barto states to Chief Kaiser he wants him to understand that they are looking at 911 bill that they're about to get every year. Police's portion is the highest. The reason for the trustees wanting them to forward the non-emergency office phone to the cell phone when the officers are in the car is to keep the non-emergency 911 calls down. Trustee Barto states this is not optional there is going to be a motion made. Chief Kaiser says he cannot guarantee it will be answered every time if they're on a call. Trustee Barto says he understands if they're on a call they wouldn't answer it. But, if at all possible, it needs to be answered or calls/messages left to be returned.

Motion: Police office phone, non-emergency number, to be forwarded to in car cell phone number when officers are not in the office.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Discuss soliciting and contractors in Township.

Trustee Barto states solicitors need to come into office and get a solicitor's certificate if they want to be out there going door to door.

Warning to residents please be careful who you hire there is a lot of people out there with scams. Trustee Schlachter says to make sure you look into the company that you hire.

Contractors need to have permit in the county to do the work. Elected Officials, employees of the township should not be out there sponsoring or promoting contractors. Should not have signs in their yards who you are using. There is liability to the township if you are doing that. It is a big deal.

Trustee Barto states to Shelly (fiscal officer) that in Lexi pol, in the townships policies and procedures, under general 609.5 payment of wages salaries and compensations will be determined by resolutions by the board of trustee's employees will be paid bi-weekly, payroll will be prepared by the township fiscal officer payroll checks..... the rest doesn't matter my point is when the general policies were approved by the trustees before I was here. At that time the firefighter's payroll should have been changed to bi-weekly. Shelly asks when was that? Leo said probably like December 2021. Trustee Barto says with that being said the motion that John Borell told you need he told us this afternoon you don't because it is already a policy.

MOTION: APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, BLANKET CERTIFICATES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECKS NUMBERED 50224 TO 50253 AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS NUMBERED 583 TO 692 TOTALING \$102,862.76.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter, seconded.

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

AND \$27,080.11. FOR ACCOUNTING AND \$75,782.65 FOR PAYROLL.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Trustee Schlachter ask about the email trustees received about a basketball hoop Villamar Park. Chief Kaiser doesn't think we should put one there. They are playing at Shoreland School until three in the morning, officers had to run them out of there. Trustee Barto doesn't think the pad is big enough anyway. Trustee Barto will respond back to email.

SPEAKER

Jerry Mayfield

Subject - Shoreland Park parking lot

Mr. Mayfield states he takes his dog to several parks around and the only park he has been to that has a gravel lot is Shoreland Park. Everyone he has been to is paved. He doesn't want to see us throw down gravel on the grass in the park. If someone drives over it when it rains it pushes in down in the grass it's in there forever. Mr. Mayfield doesn't think we should be paving over the little bit of grass to throw down black top grindings which no one uses but Toledo Speed Way. Brand new gravel is only \$10.00, \$12.00 a ton. We should not be paving over what little grass we have in park now to make more parking for a two-month ball season. We should be preserving it as grass and do what Mark suggested and improve the one, we have now. Possibly pave it, possibly have someone put in regulation size parking spots and a handicap spot near front. Is 100% against going in and dumping black top grindings on top of grass and calling it a parking lot. Park is paid for by the residents. It is for the residents. Resident money should not be paid spent out to improve it for people to come in from outside the township. He doesn't want his tax money to put in a parking lot so that people can come from the other side of town to just play ball there a couple months a year. He wants it to be improved for the residents, he wants it kept open and green for the residents, he wants a decent parking lot for the residents not black top grinding cheap piece of crap. Need to improve what we have first. Its plenty good for the residents. Residents should have first priority. Should consider taking out one of the ball diamonds. Our should be designed and improved right.

Mr. Mayfield has one more thing. He had two different residents approach him regarding a neighbor on corner of Villamar and Terramar. Explains situation guy did in his yard. Started leveling out his yard and went outside his fence into the lower swale. He dug out the storm drain running behind the houses. Did something with a pipe. There is flooding now since he did whatever it is he did. Mr. Mayfield went into a little more detail about what he actually did. Thinks it is a police issue not a zoning issue. Trustees will have it looked into. Chief Kaiser asked Mr. Mayfield to forward the pictures of it to him to look into.

MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

Roll Call stopped.

Motion: Enter into executive session at 8:36 p.m. per Rule 3358:17-1-04.2 To considered employment of a public employee or official.

Trustee Schlachter – It is 121.22.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Motion: Return from executive session at 8:52 p.m.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

Trustee Barto - In executive session they discussed rehiring Andrew Whitmore to the Washington Township Police Department. He would like to come back.

Motion: Approve rehiring Andrew Whitmore back to Washington Township Police Department effective July 31, 2023 at a pay rate of \$23.10 an hour with 2 weeks paid vacation to start.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Mr. Barto moved; Mrs. Schlachter seconded.

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

Approved by:


Don Barto


Kellie Schlachter

absent / excused
Mark Schuster


Kimberly Kay