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## REGULAR MEETING May 14, 2024

Mr. Mayfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.  
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Also Present:**

**Fiscal Officer** – Michele Nowakowski  
**Township Administrator** - Leo Brittson

#### **Department Heads Present:**

Fire – Chief Bailey  
Police – Chief Kaiser  
Roads/Parks Superintendent – Ryan Breininger

### **Announcements from Trustees and Department Heads:**

#### **Mr. Schuster – Trustee**

Thank you to everyone for coming tonight.  
Invited Mr. John Henry to deliver an opening prayer.

#### **Mr. Barto – Trustee**

It is National Police Week: Thank you to Washington Township Police Department.

#### **Chief Bailey- Fire**

- The fire department will be receiving a backup life squad for the department that was decommissioned from the county. It will be stocked with one AED, one Auto Vent, one Power Cot, one Life Pack, one LSU Suction Unit, one Panasonic laptop Toughbook and one Portable Radio. It will come fully functional as a secondary ALS back up unit for the township at no cost to the township. Should be receiving sometime after August 5, 2024 and before September 30, 2024 when the ALS/EMS reform takes place.
- Fire Department received a check for \$3,129.93 from the State of Ohio for EMS Grant from 2023.
- A firefighting class will begin May 23, 2024 here at the station. Five of our members will be taking the course to become certified.
- Former Fire Chief Matt Hart and retired Captain Doug Danyko will become lifetime members of the fire department.
- Would like to appoint John Henry as township fire department Chaplain. This will be a volunteer position without compensation.

- Will be asking Trustees to approve hiring two new members to probationary status pending the approval of their background check: Samantha Carpenter and Donny Dombrowski. Possibility of three new members will be added next month, which will bring the roster close to 21 members.

#### **Mr. Brittson - Township Administrator/Zoning**

He has been working on a lot of blight.

#### **Mr. Breininger – Roads Department**

Received Grant for Chloride Reduction for \$53,000.00.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Finance**

**MOTION: Approve supplemental appropriations, blanket certificates, purchase orders and checks numbered 50643 to 50683 & electronic payments numbered 422 to 555 totaling \$145,411.15; \$59,844.82 for accounting, \$85,566.33 for Payroll.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**Review/Approve proposed wording for Lexipol Sick Leave Policy 620 and Leave Policy 623. Discussion on wording.**

**MOTION: Amend Lexipol sick time policy 620.2 for full time employees: Sick leave hours are earned at a rate of 4.62 hours per pay period (80 regular hours worked) effective May 13, 2024, limiting maximum accrual to 240 hours.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**Approve Resolution for annual assessment for streetlights.**

**RESOLUTION #13:24: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR STREETLIGHTS.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**Approve Resolution to expend \$7,100.00 from Fund 4301 (for sale of police vehicles) to Fund 2191.**

**RESOLUTION #14:24: APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO BE ADDED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,100.00, IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, TO GO TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE DURANGO MADE LAST YEAR, IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE BOARD MOTION MADE ON AUGUST 8, 2023.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Mr. Schuster, yes Mr. Mayfield, yes, Mr. Barto

**Approve Resolution to enter into a contract with Local Government Services**

**(LGS).** This is the consulting service for Fiscal Officer Shelly Nowakowski, if she ever has any questions that she cannot figure out on her own. They previously provided this service for free and now want to charge \$50/hour only if we use them.

**RESOLUTION #15:24: TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**FIRE**

**MOTION: Approve retroactive pay for firefighter Rob Rudski, a one-time payment, in the amount of \$924.30.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**MOTION: Appoint John Henry as volunteer chaplain for Washington Township Fire Department.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**MOTION: Approve Samantha Carpenter as a probationary FF2/EMT, pending results of BCI/FBI reports, at a pay rate of \$12.60 an hour, effective May 14, 2024.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**MOTION: Approve Donny Dombrowski as a probationary member, pending results of BCI/FBI reports, at a pay rate of \$12.60 an hour, effective May 14, 2024.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**ROADS AND PARKS**

**Discuss Shoreland Park Shelter House rentals. Table until next meeting.**

**TRUSTEES**

**MOTION: Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2024.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

**MOTION: Rescind January 9, 2024 Motion for the Provision of Countywide ALS/EMS Services.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

**MOTION: Approve Amended Provision of Countywide ALS/EMS Services. Start date is August 5, 2024 except for Oregon and Jerusalem Townships; they are sticking with the June 3, 2024 start date.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**Approve Solid Waste Management Plan for the Lucas County Solid Waste District.**

Mr. Mayfield explained that the state requires all counties to create a solid waste plan covering a period of 10-15 years. The county has been working on this for the last four years and has been approved by the state and county commissioners. It is now time for various local governments in the county to approve this. Discussion.

**MOTION: Approve Solid Waste Management Plan for the Lucas County Solid Waste District.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; no second

Mr. Barto and Mr. Schuster would like to read more about it.

**Table until next meeting.** Mr. Mayfield will send a copy of it to Mr. Barto and Mr. Schuster to review. Mr. Barto feels this is just like the 911, the ALS, and anything else that has to do with Lucas County; he feels this is just another thing where Washington Township is getting screwed. (Mr. Barto wanted his response noted in minutes.)

Mr. Mayfield states this has nothing to do with any of that. The deadline to respond is July 10, 2024.

**MOTION: Approve Change Order for OPWC repair work on sewer crossover at Terramar & Vistamar for a cost of \$7,250.00 (part of road and sewer work at Creekside Glens). Our portion will be estimated around \$3,625.00 or so. OPWC is anticipated to pay around 49% of \$7,250.00.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**Discuss and waive Shoreland Shelter House fees for Township Picnic, July 28, 2024.**

**MOTION: Waive Shoreland Shelter House fees for Township Picnic which is scheduled for July 28, 2024.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, abstained.

**Motion for replacing roof on Blessing Building.**

**MOTION: To replace Blessing Buildings roof, gutters and possible wood replacement spending up to \$68,000.00. Job to be done by Overhead Roofing.**

Mr. Schuster moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Mrs. Nowakowski states that no money is to be spent on this until a supplemental appropriation in General for the remainder of it since we did not appropriate it this year. Mr. Mayfield states they will do this at the next meeting.

**BLIGHT**

**RESOLUTION #16:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5346 BELPRE A NUISANCE 1308(H), 7 DAY NOTICE.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**RESOLUTION #17:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5541 PAGELAND A NUISANCE 1308(H), 7 DAY NOTICE.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**RESOLUTION #18:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5329 BELPRE A NUISANCE 1308(D), 7 DAY NOTICE.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**RESOLUTION #19:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5760 SUDER A NUISANCE 1308(H & I), 7 DAY NOTICE.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**RESOLUTION #20:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2930 JASIK A NUISANCE 1308(H & M), 7 DAY NOTICE.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**RESOLUTION #21:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2953 CAPRI A NUISANCE 1308(H & M), 7 DAY NOTICE.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**RESOLUTION #22:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5526 BROPHY A NUISANCE 1308(H), 7 DAY NOTICE.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes, Mr. Mayfield, yes.

**RESOLUTION #23:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2938 JASIK A NUISANCE 1308(H), 7 DAY NOTICE.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes, Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Mr. Schuster would like to form a committee to go around and look at residents' homes in the township, and give out certificates from the township as a "thank you" to those who are taking exceptional care of their homes. Anyone interested in helping should see Mr. Schuster.

Suggestion from the audience that the township give out welcome flyer/packs to new residents that move into the township. Mr. Mayfield and Mrs. Mayfield will look into starting that up again. It was done at one time, and they have all the information on what was done in the past.

**Delegations/Public Comment**

**Clinton Sico, 5300 Belpre**

Would like to give thanks to Ryan Breininger for all his help and feels he is a real asset to this community.

**Thomas Stasa, 2603 Shoreland**

Still concerned with the traffic and the speed of the cars and trucks on Shoreland. Does not feel safe when he is working in his yard or has to cross the road. They are also concerned about the roads being torn up from overweight trucks going up and down Shoreland. Chief Kaiser stated he did receive Mr. Stasa's message regarding this.

Mr. Mayfield wants Chief Kaiser to be on Shoreland more and monitor this.

**Karen Mayfield, 2244 Terramar**

Regarding the earlier conversation about sick time for township employees: Mrs. Mayfield feels that working in the public sector and government, the police, fire, and roads employees don't always get paid a lot. She feels it is important to look at benefits provided for the staff and, in order to avoid going to our voters for a levy, we need to be creative in how we do things for our employees. Some places give bonuses for longevity after so many years of service; or, if they don't use sick days, they are rewarded financially. The more creative and generous we can be with incentives, while being fiscally responsible, will help us to attract and keep good employees.

Mrs. Mayfield also likes Mr. Schuster's idea of recognizing residents who take good care of their yards, and the idea of welcoming new residents to the township, informing them of how things in the township are done, and who they can reach out to in the township, if needed.

**Enter into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22G1 to discuss employment, promotion, demotion, termination of a public employee.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Trustees entered Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

**Returned from Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 8:16 p.m.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**With no additional business or comments, Mr. Mayfield adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.**

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.



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Jerry Mayfield



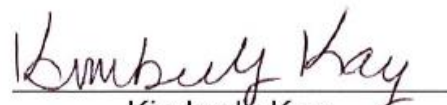
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