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REGULAR MEETING July 9, 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 Britton

Department Heads Present:

Fire – Chief Bailey

Police – Chief Kaiser

Roads/Parks Superintendent – Ryan Breininger

Announcements from Trustees and Department Heads:

Mr. Schuster – Trustee

- Would like to remind everyone that he is still looking for people that may be interested to help with the beautification committee to please contact him. A couple people have shown interest in helping.
- Invited Mr. John Henry to deliver an opening prayer.

Chief Bailey - Fire

- Fireworks celebration was a huge success this year. They went off without any problems. Thank you to those who donated. The fire department responded to three calls during the fireworks with no major injuries reported.
- The Shoreland Firefighters Association received a great response and lots of donations for the booze cooler raffle which resulted in two winners.
- The former Medic 72 has been repurposed and officially entered into the Lucas County CAD system as Water & Ice Rescue Unit 72 (WR72) and will be dispatched on all water, river, and lake rescue-type calls. The unit has been outfitted with all the tools necessary to attempt a quick, shore-based rescue.
- The fire department entered into a contract with Lucas County Health Department to receive Naloxone (Narcan) Kits for home use. They have received 50 kits. These can be left behind once an emergency call is over, to help in the future, to be able to use on their own if the situation arises again.

The kit comes with an education brochure and test strips if they choose to engage in such activity, they can test that they are not being poisoned.

Mr. Barto – Trustee

- Great job to the fire department and Rick Phillips for the great fireworks show.
- There have been questions and rumors going around about the police department putting a levy on this year. This is not the case this year; it is too late to put it on the ballot. Mr. Barto would like to sit down with Chief Kaiser, Deputy Chief Hart, and Mrs. Nowakowski at some point to start discussing ways to save money and cut costs.
- Mr. Barto asked Chief Kaiser about last year's gun buyback program and what happened with that. Chief Kaiser states, "It was not a gun buyback; it was guns that we turned in that were either confiscated or forfeited through the courts. We traded those guns into Vance Law Enforcement Sales and they gave us a credit for \$6,700.00. That's still there and we can use it for other law enforcement equipment as needed. If we decided to get new firearms, we would trade in the old ones to put towards the purchase of new ones." Mr. Barto said, for example, he saw that we bought Kevlar vests. He knows they expire, but is that something they could have used that money towards? Chief Kaiser said he applied for a grant for those; the grant will pay for 75% of the cost. He wouldn't want to use the credit when they have a grant for the vests.
- Mr. Barto mentioned at the last meeting they discussed solid waste management plan -- on which the trustees voted and Mr. Barto voted no. He said that Mr. Mayfield mentioned that he was on the board. He asked Mr. Mayfield if he is still on the board? Mr. Mayfield replied yes and they have a meeting tomorrow. Mr. Barto feels that it is a conflict of interest that Mr. Mayfield should not have voted yes or no. Mr. Mayfield explained that the state told the county that they had to come up with a plan to deal with solid waste, and they did that with a great expense. We weren't so much as okaying the plan; we were okaying the fact that the plan the county has submitted to us is one we think is acceptable to handle the solid waste in the county. Mr. Barto still feels it is a conflict of interest for Mr. Mayfield because he is on the board that oversees that and he should have abstained from voting. Mr. Mayfield says we can get a legal opinion on it and Mr. Barto agreed.

Mr. Mayfield – Trustee

- It was discovered that the Chloride Reduction Grant can only be used for a brine system. The deadline to accept has passed. Two trustees were not interested.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE

MOTION: Approve supplemental appropriations, blanket certificates, purchase orders and checks numbered 50731 to 50778 & electronic payments numbered 668 to 786 totaling \$99,496.73; \$30,608.05 for accounting, \$68,888.68 for Payroll.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

FIRE

MOTION: Approve Gabriel Baldwin as a probationary FF/EMT, at a pay rate of \$15.00 an hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

ROADS AND PARKS

MOTION: Accept resignation of Chase Cook effective July 9, 2024. He is leaving on good terms and he is a possible rehire at a later date.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

TRUSTEES

MOTION: Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve payment of Sedgwick invoice, for Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, in the amount of \$3,615.00

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded

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

MOTION: Accept the resignation of Harry Thoman from Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately. (Letter of resignation was submitted in February, but never accepted on the record. At that time, he resigned from the Roads Department as well).

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded

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

Discuss the Resolution prohibiting marijuana sales and distribution in the township. Need to make sure that the resolution covers both medical and recreational. **Table until next meeting. Mr. Barto to contact John Borell.**

BLIGHT

RESOLUTION #32:24 DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2947 NORTSHORE NUISANCE 1308(H), 7 DAY NOTICE TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY.

Home owner deceased. Trustees want house secured and to try to contact family.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #33:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5517 FORTUNE A NUISANCE 1308(H), 7 DAY NOTICE TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Mr. Barto would like it on record that, when we have to go in and clean up properties, he does not expect or want Mr. Breininger - or any of our other employees that do cleanup - to clean up dog waste. There are companies out there that will do that.

RESOLUTIONS FOR BLIGHT CLEANUP EXPENSES TO BE SENT TO THE AUDITOR TO BE APPLIED ON TAXES.

RESOLUTION #34:24: Clean up from 5526 Brophy in the amount of \$3,044.66 from April 2023 to be turned into the auditor.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTON #35:24: Clean up from 5526 Brophy in the amount of \$590.00 from June 10, 2024 to be turned into the auditor.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #36:24: Clean up from 2930 Jasik in the amount of \$620.00 from June 21, 2024 to be turned into the auditor.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #37:24: Clean up from 2938 Jasik in the amount of \$575.00 from June 28, 2024 to be turned into the auditor.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Delegations/Public Comment

Janet McPherson, 2357 Bahiamar

Re: Solid waste/trash pickup that was discussed at last meeting. Wanted to know about options where we would have one company pick up the trash in the township and if it would be put on the residents' taxes. Mr. Mayfield says it is in the early stage and still needs to be looked into.

She asked about marijuana stores and a resolution that needs to be passed to keep them from opening shops in the township. Mr. Barto said this is something they are working on and will revisit at next meeting. They will run it by the township's legal counsel.

She mentioned a "Senior Fair" that will be at Friendship Park, Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She would like to invite Washington Township to have a presence there; she spoke to Chief Bailey and Deputy Chief Hart and they plan on attending.

Dana Schlachter, 5313 Pageland

She has concerns on how long it takes to get blight problems taken care of. She put in an online complaint on June 18 and was told it was never seen. She spoke with Mr. Mayfield yesterday. Mr. Britton explained that, when she submitted the complaint form, it got "stuck" on the website and it was not sent as an email. She wants something to be put in place if the township doesn't respond in a timely manner. Her complaint is she is finding dead rats in her yard and this is an ongoing problem. She is concerned that her dogs will get a hold of them. She has to go out first, to make sure there's nothing in the yard, before she lets the dogs out. The neighbors next door to her have an unkept swimming pool as well as all the blight in their yard. They also have a shed on the property that a lot of animals are living in. The address is 5317 Pageland. She states the pictures she sent don't even show how bad it is.

Mr. Britton will give her a card with his number to contact him directly. Mr. Mayfield said someone will get out there in the next day or so to look at the property.

Enter into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. per Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1): To consider the employment, compensation of a public employee or official.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Return from Executive Session and reconvene the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Mr. Mayfield states “As you all know, the fire department has gone through some major changes. We were down to as low as thirteen active members. We lost Chief Kay and several after that. But they have come back strong and are at 21 active members. The problem is there are several that are only making \$12.00 - \$15.00 an hour. Chief Bailey has shown us flyers, that he has seen at his work, posted from other fire departments, that are looking for help that pay \$28.00 - \$29.00 an hour. We have done a lot of savings in the last year: we got rid of a computer program that we did not use; and we got a lot of our maintenance expenses cut in half. We think we have generated enough savings to pay for these raises and still stay within the budget. Chief Bailey has been here now six months. He is proven to us he improved the morale.”

Mr. Mayfield said, “I noticed the other morning, there was a call at 7:05 a.m. – and those were the calls no one could ever make – and, yet, five people showed up. Chief Bailey has more than proved himself in the past six months so we are going to propose increasing his stipend, from what he’s currently making which is approximately \$21,488.00, to \$30,000.00 a year. We are also looking at taking probationary from the \$12.60 to \$15.00 an hour; taking the firefighters/EMT’s from \$15.75 to \$17.00 an hour; taking our paramedics from \$15.75 to \$18.00 an hour; and increasing our lieutenant’s stipends from \$125.00 to \$150.00; our captains from \$250.00 to \$300.00; and our assistant chief from \$500.00 to \$600.00.”

MOTION: Increase Cory Clapper’s pay from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Donny Dombrowski’s pay from \$12.60 to \$15.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Samantha Carpenter’s pay from \$12.60 to \$15.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Dustin Moon’s pay from \$12.60 to \$15.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Callie Klavinger's pay from \$12.60 to \$15.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Mark Schuster, II's pay from \$12.60 to \$15.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Bailee Markowiak's pay from \$15.75 to \$18.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Connor Lambert's pay from \$15.75 to \$17.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Michael Tolles' pay from \$15.75 to \$17.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Heather Bacon's pay from \$15.75 to \$17.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Mandy Miller's pay from \$15.75 to \$17.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Drew Lasley's pay from \$15.75 to \$17.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Jody Gruesbeck's monthly stipend from \$125.00 to \$150.00, and her hourly rate from \$15.75 to \$18.00, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Chad Klavinger's monthly stipend from \$125.00 to \$150.00, and his hourly rate from \$15.75 to \$17.00, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase David Hartford's monthly stipend from \$250.00 to \$300.00, and his hourly rate from \$15.75 to \$17.00, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Bill Long's monthly stipend from \$500.00 to \$600.00, and his hourly rate from \$15.75 to \$17.00, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase Mike Bailey's monthly stipend from \$1,706.00 to \$2,500.00 a month, and his hourly rate from \$15.75 to \$17.00, effective July 8, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

The hourly increase will be for the daytime shift and for runs and drills.


With no additional business or comments, Mr. Mayfield adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

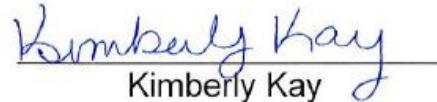
Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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


Jerry Mayfield


Don Barto, Sr.


Mark Schuster


Kimberly Kay