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REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

Also Present:

Fiscal Officer – Michele Nowakowski
Township Administrator – Leo Britton
Department Heads Present:
Fire – Chief Bailey
Police – Chief Kaiser
Roads/Parks Superintendent – Ryan Breininger

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements from Trustees and Department Heads:

Mr. Schuster – Trustee

- Invited everyone to his end of summer party at his house Saturday, September 21, 2024.
- Expressed condolences to John Henry whose brother passed away today.
- Invited John Henry to deliver an opening prayer.

Chief Kaiser – Police

- Has OVI Taskforce contract that needs to be signed tonight.

Chief Bailey – Fire

- The fire department will return to Shoreland Firebird Football EMS standby for all home games starting this past Sunday, September 8, 2024.
- The fire department received from Lucas County one adult life-size training mannequin to be used at drills for training and education purposes.
- The fire department has a new member coming on.
- The fire department will be on hand at the Friendship Park Community Center for a Senior Fair on Thursday, September 12, 2024.
- The Shoreland Firefighters Association will be having their annual Feather Party on November 22 and November 23, 2024. It will be held back at the fire station on Shoreland this year.

- Reminder to residents: The fire department typically holds their drills on Wednesday evenings between 7–9 p.m. Please do not be alarmed if you see them out in the neighborhoods. They find it beneficial to drill and educate in the surroundings they most likely work in.

Michele Nowakowski – Fiscal Officer

- Reminder that any employee who has not finished their fraud training to please do so; the deadline is September 29, 2024.

Leo Britton – Township Administrator

- Roof work on the Shoreland Building will begin on October 15, 2024.
- If anyone has anything they want added to the OTARMA Insurance please contact him with description and VIN #. Reminded Chief Bailey that he needs to add the items he received from the county. Mr. Britton will be working on the inventory and getting ready to send it in to OTARMA so they can send a new price. Items listed should be worth over \$1,000.00.

Jerry Mayfield – Trustee

- Would like to propose a Resolution honoring Harry Thoman for distinguished service to Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio.

RESOLUTION #43:24: Honoring Harry Thoman for Distinguished Service to Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio.

Mr. Mayfield read:

Whereas, Harry Thoman has dedicated his life to the service and protection of our community through his extraordinary commitment in various roles; and

Whereas, Harry Thoman has served for 35 years on the Washington Township Zoning Board of Appeals, where his insight and dedication have contributed to the development and orderly planning of our township, ensuring alignment with the community’s values and needs; and

Whereas, Harry Thoman has devoted 22 years as an officer of the Washington Township Police Department, bravely ensuring the safety and security of the residents, upholding the law with integrity, and serving as a role model to his colleagues and the community; and

Whereas, Harry Thoman has committed 40 years of service as a Washington Township Volunteer Firefighter, demonstrating selflessness, courage, and an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of others; and

Whereas, Harry Thoman's dedication to these vital roles exemplifies the true spirit of public service, contributing to the safety, order, and quality of life in our community over the course of decades; and

Whereas, Harry Thoman’s service in these roles has earned him the respect, admiration, and gratitude of all who have had the privilege of working with him or benefiting from his efforts; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio hereby expresses its deepest gratitude to Harry Thoman for his exceptional service and dedication; and

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be entered into the official records of Washington Township as a lasting testament to the invaluable contributions made by Harry Thoman to our community; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Harry Thoman as a token of our heartfelt appreciation and esteem.

Honorary Resolution: no second, no roll call was done.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE

MOTION: Approve supplemental appropriations, blanket certificates, purchase orders and checks numbered 50824 to 50856 & electronic payments numbered 986 to 1122 totaling \$159,918.28; \$90,475.55 for accounting, \$69,442.73 for Payroll.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve Records Commission Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mrs. Nowakowski seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #44:24: For Submission of Estimated Revenue for the 2025 Budget to Lucas County. The 2025 Budget Year Estimated Revenue is \$1,774,935.70.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #45:24: Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Lucas County Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #46:24: Request for Advance of Taxes Collected. In the amount of \$330,000.00.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

FIRE

MOTION: Approve Alexander Hartzell as a probationary Firefighter/EMT at an hourly rate of \$15.00 an hour, effective September 10, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

POLICE

Consider the purchase of a replacement patrol car for the police department.

Discussion: Mr. Schuster stated he really doesn't agree on purchasing a used car but he will support whatever Chief Kaiser wants. Mr. Barto would also like to see them purchase a newer one and would like Chief Kaiser to contact seller to see what the police car we are purchasing was previously used for. He asked Chief Kaiser if it is possible to have a third party evaluate the vehicle before purchasing.

MOTION: Spend up to \$35,000.00 for the purchase of a new/used police car.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #47:24: Supplemental Appropriation: \$50,000 for Police account #2191 for the purchase of a vehicle and towing services.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve Lucas County OVI Task Force Contract for 2025.

Mr. Barto asked Chief Kaiser if anything has changed in the contract from previous year? Chief Kaiser replied no.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

ROADS AND PARKS

Utility Cart Quotes for Parks and local low speed road use.

Discussion on different models and features. Table until next meeting; trustees want to see more options and pricing.

TRUSTEES

MOTION: Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve payment of \$4,832.00 for Special Audit.

Mr. Mayfield will not be voting on this due to the fact he was not here when the audit/investigation started.

Mr. Schuster stated he was not in favor of the investigation/audit in the first place and didn't vote for it when it first happened, but the other two trustees approved it and the work has been done. Now we have to pay the bill, and that is why he is voting yes.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

Discuss Resolution prohibiting marijuana sales and distribution in township.

Mr. Britton has not heard back from John Borell regarding this but he's supposed to be working on a Resolution for all townships. Table until the next meeting. Waiting for Mr. Borell to tell us what to do; need to make sure Resolution covers everything.

BLIGHT

RESOLUTION #48:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2512 RAINTREE A NUISANCE 1301(C), 7 DAY NOTICE TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #49:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6008 VILLAMAR A NUISANCE 1320(C), 7 DAY NOTICE TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #50:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5324 BELPRE A NUISANCE 1308(D), 7 DAY NOTICE TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #51:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5232 FORTUNE A NUISANCE 1308(H), 7 DAY NOTICE TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY.

Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

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

RESOLUTION #52:24: DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5218 BELPRE A NUISANCE 1308(D), 7 DAY NOTICE TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY.

Mr. Mayfield, moved; Mr. Barto, seconded.

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

DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Stasa, 2603 Shoreland

Concerns about Shoreland traffic: speeding and heavy vehicles.

Chris Thompson, 5302 Pageland

Asked if township can piggyback with another city to get competitive bids? It was explained that many of the products the township purchases are under state contract; anything bought new, under a state contract, is the guaranteed lowest price.

Laura Wishart, 2611 Point Pleasant Way

Asked about the committee which was formed at the beginning of the year, after the tornado, that supposed to determine what type of generator is needed for the Shoreland building: Has anything come out of that? Mr. Mayfield said it has been discussed and is still on their radar.

RESOLUTION #53:24: Supplemental Appropriation \$13,000 for Roads Fund #2031 for the catch basin cleaning and jetting.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Mr. Schuster asked Mr. Breininger to explain to the residents why this is being done. Mr. Breininger said the pump house at Summit and Shoreland is a main concern. The stormwater needs to drain out to the Ottawa River but the river flowing in and out has allowed sediment and mud to settle around the discharge valve, which keeps sending more mud back into the pipes. They want to jet that line to help with the flow in that area. Mr. Schuster explained that we need to dredge by the discharge pipes, remove the sediment and mud, so there's a place for the water to go. Currently, it's just washing back into the pipes. Mr. Larry Bush has been contacted to come and dredge that area, but the water level is so low that he can't get his barge close enough. They're trying to figure a way to get this done and the cost will be paid from the stormwater fund.

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

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 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Increase base wage for Roads and Parks Department employees from \$15.75 to \$17.00 an hour, effective September 16, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

Mr. Britton asked if this affected the pay rate for snow removal and leaf pickup workers? Mr. Mayfield responded no.

MOTION: Pay increase for Ray Barron for the Roads and Parks Department from \$15.75 to \$17.00 an hour, effective September 16, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

MOTION: Pay increase for Rick Phillips for the Roads and Parks Department from \$15.75 to \$17.00 an hour, effective September 16, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

MOTION: Pay increase for Joe Castro for the Roads and Parks Department from \$15.75 to \$17.00 an hour, effective September 16, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve Alexander Hartzell as a probationary EMT at the hourly rate of \$15.00, effective September 10, 2024.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

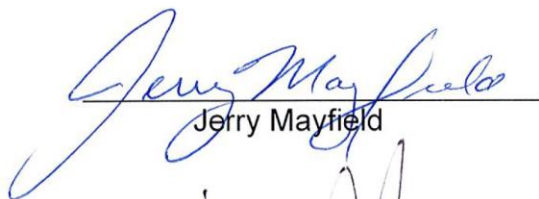
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Motion made twice in meeting; this motion is the correct one.

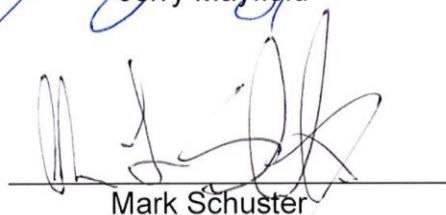
With no additional business or comments, Mr. Mayfield adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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


Jerry Mayfield


Don Barto, Sr.


Mark Schuster


Kimberly Kay

