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REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2024

Mr. Mayfield called the meeting to order at 6:00p.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, Deputy Chief Hart
Roads/Parks Superintendent – Ryan Breininger

Announcements from Trustees and Department Heads:

Mr. Schuster – Trustee

- Thanked those who attended the end-of-summer party. Also expressed thanks for their friendship and taking time out of their weekend to spend it with the community.
- Invited John Henry to deliver an opening prayer.
- He went by Blessing Building; roof is done and it looks great.

Michele Nowakowski – Fiscal Officer

- Said to Mr. Schuster, “You said thanks for coming, but we say thank you for the invitation.”
- Due to teamwork from our township employees, we were able to get three fire safe cabinets. We got all three of them on GovDeals for \$22.00. It is a savings of over \$6,200.00. Thank you, Don, for finding them on GovDeals; thank you, Eric, for bidding on them; and thank you, Ryan, for picking them up.
- Explained the mailing that residents received on the property values of their homes. Lucas County Auditor’s Office is saying that values went up about 30% on the average overall for most home owners. If you disagree with that you can appeal it. Lucas County Auditors are open to speak to you regarding your property value. They do want you to know that it wasn’t them increasing it, those numbers come from Columbus.

Chief Kaiser

- OVI Task Force report, year- end summery is posted online.
- Chief Kaiser would like to recognize Ptlm. Dennis Moszkowicz for reaching a milestone of 40 years of service with the police department. Chief Kaiser also has 40 years; Ptlm. Terry Picking has 36 years; and Ptlm. Tom Fall has 30 years.

Chief Bailey

- The Fire Department will host an Open House during Fire Prevention Week on Wednesday, October 9th, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- The Shoreland Firefighters' Association has kicked into high gear its fundraising efforts for this year's Feather Party on November 22 and November 23. Donations can be dropped off at the station Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by contacting Jody Gruesbeck.
- The Fire Department received a generous donation from a local company (who wished not to be named) of enough ice cream to completely fill the freezer. One of the company's employees was touched by the tradition of how firefighters are to bring ice cream to the station whenever they complete a task or accomplishment for the first time. They said they would continue to fill it up as needed.
- A number of fire inspections were completed in the last month in the township keeping local businesses compliant with the state.
- The fire department has been working with the new members to build their certifications with both Fire and Ems training. Captain Hartford is taken on the role of scheduling additional training for our members to go to at Toledo Station 12. It's like an obstacle course.
- Chief Bailey and Assistant Chief Long will be going to the Coast Guard Station in Marblehead on Wednesday, October 9. Coast Guard Station Toledo is on a down turn. They are effectively working 40-hour work weeks and are assigned to specific tasks that take them out. What that means for the area is, if a boat or vessel starts to take on water in the Maumee River or an area where the Coast Guard Station Toledo would normally patrol, they will not be able to assist in any rescues whatsoever. Their vessels are basically beached.

If they would happen to be on patrol or training and something would happen in their immediate proximity, they would still have to get watch commander advisory and OK from sector Detroit to engage. In most matters, Chief was told it would have to be a matter of Homeland Security before they could break off their detail to assist.

This leaves Maumee River and the mouth of the river uncontrolled. Vessels that become in distress and go onto channel 16 will be talking to Coast Guard Sector Detroit. Marblehead is another asset but they are quite a ways away. City of Toledo, Washington Township, Oregon, and Jerusalem Township have come together to try and make those coverages.

If you look at a map of Washington Township, it occupies more water than it does land. From the mouth of the Ottawa River, all the way out to Turtle Island, that is Washington Township waters. We have been asked to make sure we are able to answer the call if one comes in.

We are thankful that the other three departments are willing to assist us as well. The meeting at the Marblehead Coast Guard Department tomorrow will allow all of us to discuss exactly what will take place. Chief Bailey will report back as soon as information on this is available.

Mr. Breininger – Roads/Parks

- Planning to scheduling a leaf pickup before Halloween so the kids are safe when they are out walking.

Mr. Britton

- Roof on Shoreland Building will start Thursday, October 10, 2024, and will take about a week to finish.

Mr. Mayfield

- The Township received the “new” police car. There was discussion last month whether to purchase new or used, and the car is in great shape and looks like a brand-new car. It belonged to a volunteer fire department in Pennsylvania. They parked it inside the building and it was only driven approximately 2,000 miles. Thanks to Deputy Chief Hart for pointing it out and doing all the work to find this. It helped out the police budget and the township by doing this. Buying high quality, used - but not junk - can save the township money versus buying brand new. Then the money that we saved can be spent in other places. He said the car is parked out front and encouraged everyone to take a look at it.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE

MOTION: Approve supplemental appropriations, blanket certificates, purchase orders and checks numbered 50857 to 50889 & electronic payments numbered 1123 to 1256 totaling \$143,141.91; \$67,055.59 for accounting, \$76,086.32 for Payroll.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #54:24: APPROVE TO INCREASE REVENUE BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND #1000 TO THE AMOUNT OF \$258,600.00

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #55:24: APPROVE TO INCREASE 2024's REVENUE BUDGET IN THE POLICE FUND #2191 TO THE AMOUNT OF \$852,900.00.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #56:24: APPROVE TO INCREASE 2024's REVENUE BUDGET IN THE FIRE FUND #2192 TO THE AMOUNT OF \$439,100.00.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

FIRE

MOTION: Approve the Shoreland Firefighters' Association use of 2469 Shoreland Avenue for their annual Feather Party on Friday, November 22, 2024 and Saturday, November 23, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Motion to be made at November meeting for use of alcohol in building for Feather Party. Chief Bailey is also working on insurance cover for the event.

POLICE

MOTION: Approve auctioning of three (3) unclaimed/untitled motorized dirt bikes/motorcycles.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve (re)employing Justin Jackson as a part-time patrolman with a 6-month probationary period, at a rate of \$21.00 an hour, effective October 8, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Mr. Mayfield asked when was he here before? Chief Kaiser states he was here for five years, part-time. He left because he got hired at Monroe County Sheriff's Office and wasn't able to work a second job while he was on probation there. He is now off of probation there.

Discussion was held regarding mandatory hours for part-time patrol officers and how it can affect overtime. Mr. Barto proposed a probationary period to make sure he's actually coming back to work and not just putting his name on our payroll because it costs us in Workers' Comp -- or require he works 24 hours a month.

Chief Kaiser explained how requiring the mandatory 24 hours per month can increase overtime costs. He likes the officers to make themselves available and we either use them or we don't use them.

Mr. Barto asked Chief Kaiser to explain Ptlm. Dave Bacon: Why has he only worked an average of 5 hours per month from January 1 to September 25? Mr. Mayfield states that not on the table for discussion right now.

Mr. Barto proposed a probationary period. Chief Kaiser suggested a six-month probation period. Mr. Barto stated he is good with that. Mr. Schuster feels Chief should run the department the way he wants to. Chief Kaiser states he is fine with the six-month probation.

Mr. Barto asked how many times Justin Jackson resigned in the past? Chief Kaiser said he doesn't want to get into that, and stated every time he wants to hire someone, he gets flak and he doesn't appreciate that from the Board. Mr. Barto replied that he totally respects what he does, but wants to make sure they're making the right decision. Chief Kaiser again states he's willing to put him on probation for six months and see how it goes.

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.

Mr. Mayfield asked Mr. Breininger for the quotes. Mr. Breininger says he has three options: one being a golf cart and the other two are bigger machines which are four-wheel drive and can do 35 mph, and have the option of putting a plow on it. Mr. Mayfield states this goes back to his earlier speech where he said anytime they can save money they should do it. Should they buy a \$30,000.00 four-wheel drive thing that they might use one time for snow, or should they buy a more economically priced machine that can handle 90-95% percent of the things they want it to do?

Mr. Breininger is asking for the club car. Mr. Mayfield did some research on it and feels at \$14,000.00 this would work well for what they plan on doing with it. Trustees had some questions for Mr. Breininger regarding the different quotes, options on each one, and how he feels about them for what he is going to use it for.

Mr. Schuster asked Mr. Phillips, from the road department, if he had any opinions on them. Mr. Phillips replied he doesn't know why they have to shovel snow around the park anyway. They never did it before until one of the past trustees made a big deal about it and said that they should shovel it. Mr. Barron, also from the road department, states he did it one time and that was enough.

MOTION: To purchase the Club Car from Century Equipment for \$13,247.56.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call was interrupted by fiscal officer telling Mr. Breininger that there is not enough money in the funds to make this purchase this year. She states she didn't even see these quotes to discuss it.

Mr. Mayfield was under the impression that they discussed it. Mr. Barto asked what happened to the funds they allotted for an extra lawn mower last year? Mrs. Nowakowski states that was last year's appropriations, not this year's; that is wiped away.

She hasn't seen any quotes and she's had to move money to pay for payroll in Parks, and there's not a lot in Parks, so she doesn't know what they were looking at. Mr. Mayfield state the last time he looked at Parks there was a \$99,000.00 balance, a couple months ago. He said maybe it's not all in the appropriations. Mrs. Nowakowski said that probably isn't appropriated money, so they would need a supplemental appropriation in order to afford something to be taken out. They could divide it between roads and parks, but will still need a supplemental for Parks.

Mr. Mayfield states if that's what you want to do, he will rescind the motion. Mr. Breininger states they could just wait until spring but would rather buy now because there will be higher demand in the spring and prices could go up.

Table Motion to purchase until November Meeting so Mrs. Nowakowski can make sure the funds are there and they can split it between parks and roads.

Quotes for future tree removal and upkeep.

Mr. Breininger received quote for removing trees and stumps. He spoke to Mr. Mayfield about it and they discussed maybe renting a stump grinder themselves because of it being so expensive to have other places do it. Mr. Mayfield would like to see a few more quotes to see prices from different places.

Discussion will revisit at later date.

Grants and options for updating Shoreland Park playground equipment.

Mr. Breininger is looking for grants to be able to update the 2 to 5 year-old childrens' playground at Shoreland Park. It is about twenty years old.

TRUSTEES

MOTION: Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Discuss Resolution prohibiting marijuana sales and distribution in township.

Mr. Mayfield spoke to John Borrell after a meeting they attended and he said they are working on a Resolution.

He also asked him about the Blessing Building and Mr. Borrell said he had put it on the back burner because he was under the impression that we were only putting a roof on it. Mr. Mayfield told him we are moving forward and to continue working on clearing the title.

Discussion was held regarding location and restrictions for gambling and liquor venues around the childcare facility at Merchants Landing.

RESOLUTION #57:24: Clean-up of 5232 Fortune in the amount of \$145.00, from October 3, 2024, to be turned into the Auditor.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve Wednesday, October 31, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as the observance of Halloween in the Township.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Thompson

Mr. Thompson asked Fiscal Officer if property tax increase is statewide our just our area? Mrs. Nowakowski states it is statewide and it comes from Columbus. It has to be done every so many years. She also clarifies it is not a property tax increase; it is a property value increase.

Mike Dombkowski

Has question for Chief Bailey about being charged when transported. Chief Bailey states he thinks he is misunderstanding the charge. Chief explained the billing is done so that it can accrue funds from people that have insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid. Residents are "soft billed" meaning, if you receive a bill and do not pay, it will go away; it will not affect you. You should get a total of three bills and then they will stop sending them. They will bill your insurance company but, anything the insurance company does not cover, you will not have to pay.

Laura Wishart

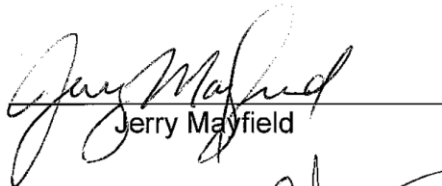
She asked how many elderly people in the Township even know that (pertaining to the “soft billing”)? If they get a bill, they’re going to pay it. Chief Bailey replied the original bill should be addressed directly to their insurance as well. He doesn’t know of a way to inform elderly residents not to pay original bill unless they would send out something informational in the mail or on the website.

Regarding Mr. Phillips’ comment he doesn’t know why we’re shoveling that [park] sidewalk. She remembers a conversation at a meeting between trustees about keeping up and repairing sidewalks around the park for the residents, and as a Safe Route to School for kids. Mr. Schuster commented that if we require residents to keep up on theirs, we need to maintain our property. Mr. Mayfield agreed we need to keep it plowed.

With no additional business or comments, Mr. Mayfield adjourned the meeting at 6:58 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

