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REGULAR MEETING November 12, 2024

Mr. Mayfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
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

- In absence of John Henry, Mr. Schuster gave an opening prayer.

Chief Kaiser – Police

- The police and fire department responded to a possible active shooter at Shoreland School on November 1, 2024. The school immediately went on lock-down. The police arrived on the scene within 90 seconds of the call coming in. The township police received mutual aid from Toledo Police. We had 22 officers show up from Toledo. It was determined that the school was safe and secure, and that the incident was a hoax. Mr. Mayfield expressed thanks to the township police department as well as the Toledo Police.

Chief Bailey – Fire

- Would like to have a discussion regarding the purchase of the new radio equipment.

Ryan Breininger – Parks and Road Department

- Will be starting leaf pickup.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE

MOTION: Approve supplemental appropriations, blanket certificates, purchase orders and checks numbered 50890 to 50931 & electronic payments numbered 1257 to 1370 totaling \$365,807.37; \$290,757.44 for accounting, \$75,049.93 for Payroll.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #58:24: Approve to decrease 2024's Appropriations in the Lighting Fund #2902 to the amount \$25,400.00.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #59:24: Approve additional Appropriations to Fire Fund 2192 in the amount of \$65,000.00.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

POLICE

Discussion regarding the adding of a \$30.00 administration fee to towing bills.

MOTION: To add an administration fee of \$30.00 to each towing bill, effective immediately.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Discuss police radio needs.

Mr. Mayfield stated he knows Chief Kaiser doesn't have the pricing yet but would like to know what they are going to need and how much it will be. Chief Kaiser stated they have to replace all four in-car radios/mobiles before the July deadline. Mr. Mayfield said they already have one for the new/used car, so they really only need three. They think it will be about \$4,000.00 a unit. Mr. Mayfield would like to wait until next meeting to approve the amount. Chief Kaiser is to get the numbers so they can approve the price on the MDTs at the December meeting. The County said they are changing over to a new system/software so our equipment has to be compatible with theirs.

Table until December meeting. Need to decide if we want it to be paid out of this year's budget or next year's budget. Mrs. Nowakowski said it will be close if they have to do it out of this year budget. Chief Kaiser asked if they can order this year but pay out of next year's budget? Mrs. Nowakowski said that she was always told that if you make a purchase that the money should be incumbered the day of the purchase.

FIRE

Chief Bailey has all the paperwork/permit they need to allow liquor at the Shoreland Firefighters Association Feather Party.

MOTION: Approve the liquor license for November 22, 2024 and November 23, 2024 Shoreland Firefighters Association Feather Party.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Discussion regarding a policy for Paramedic School Reimbursement

Mr. Mayfield stated we pay for our firefighters to go to a firefighter's class. Chief Bailey states it costs about \$700.00. Mr. Mayfield explained that when they attend EMT class, we have paid for that, which is about \$1,200.00.

Mr. Mayfield also explained that to attend Paramedic School it is about \$10,000.00. It would be hard to have the township pay for that, but would like to do something for the ones that do go and pay \$10,000.00 to become paramedics and serve for us.

There is money left in the reimbursement fund for fire, so he would like to use that money to reimburse. Mr. Mayfield shared that Chief Bailey has created a policy for reimbursing the paramedics: a \$3,000.00 pot with certain criteria.

Chief Bailey stated that the eligibility criteria as follows: Remain an active member and in good standing; member must be actively serving and in good standing with the township fire department at the time of enrollment in paramedic school; commitment to service - to remain with the township fire department as a paramedic for a minimum of two years following completion of their certification; and completion of an application for reimbursement. Eligible members must also submit a letter of intent, along with proof of license, a payment receipt, and any other required documentation within 12 months of certification, and receive approval from the fire department's chief officers. The officers will review each set of documents to confirm eligibility and determine the amount of reimbursement per eligible member, based on an equal share of \$3,000.00 or the current allocated amount in the reimbursement fund. Reimbursement shall be awarded for each calendar year.

There is a "repayment clause": should the member voluntarily leave the department or fail to maintain good standing, before fulfilling the two-year commitment as a certified paramedic, they will be required to repay the entire reimbursed amount back to the township.

Chief Bailey has written this up, Mr. Mayfield reviewed it, and feels it is perfect. If one person applies, they get all \$3,000.00; and, if three people apply, they each get \$1,000.00. The eligible person would need to apply in December if they met all the criteria. They need to be employed by us when they started paramedic school, they must stay in good standing all that time, and they have to prove they paid for it - not someone else.

Mr. Schuster asked if it will roll over if no one applies for it? Chief Bailey replied that no, it will not roll over until next year; if no one applies, the \$3,000.00 will not roll over. Mr. Schuster asked how many were eligible this year? Chief Bailey replied that there is one who is eligible.

This is not grant money; it will be money that is budgeted. Mr. Barto feels they should look at giving merit raises; something that helps them out long term and will keep them here at our fire department long term. Chief Bailey stated that's why we pay our paramedics \$1.00 more an hour than others on the department.

MOTION: Approve the policy for Paramedic School Reimbursement. Reimbursement will be up to \$3,000.00 per year; divided equally among those who apply and qualify for the reimbursement at the end of the year; with a two-year commitment to the township; and reimbursement to the township if they do not honor the two-year commitment.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Congratulations to Jody Gruesbeck, she will be our first grant recipient.

Discussion regarding a Fire Department Employment Agreement for those members looking to receive their training paid for by the township.

Chief Bailey stated that when you become employed by the department, they will pay for your certifications and, in return, ask that you remain employed and in good standing for

two years. The details will be outlined in the employment agreement that would be signed by the employee and verified by a Chief Officer.

MOTION: Approve the addition of the Fire Department Employment Agreement for those members looking to receive training paid for by the township.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of portable radios, mobile radios, and mobile data terminals in the amount of \$44,882.66. This is just for the fire department and does not include police.

Purchase will include the following types needed: Chief Bailey explains mobile radios are for inside the vehicles; portable are used to wear on belt or carry; MDT's are the computers for inside the vehicles.

MOTION: Approve the purchase of six used Motorola APX 6000 Model Portable Radios, from Waterville, in the amount of \$6,000.00. (Contingent, and in writing, that they will be useful for the next five years).

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve the purchase from Motorola in the amount of \$13,372.04 for equipment/mobile radios for apparatus.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve the purchase from P & R Communications in the amount of \$803.75 for installation.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve the purchase of six MDT Units and assorted hardware from D.R. Ebel in the amount of \$24,706.87.

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

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

Mr. Schuster would like it on the record that he feels the fire department needs to appropriate some kind of vehicle and equipment for ice rescues. Chief Bailey says there is a plan there to do something regarding that. There is money in the fire's Capital Investment Fund and he will be asking for that next year. He has done research on that.

ROADS & PARKS

Discussion on need to approve furnace replacement for the Blessing Building. Mr. Mayfield stated they received two quotes: one for \$10,000.00 to have someone install one, or purchase one for \$4,300.15, rent a crane, and Ryan says he can install it. They said the whole unit needs to be replaced. Mr. Schuster and Mr. Barto stated they will help with the installation.

MOTION: Approve the \$5,000.00 purchase of furnace replacement for Blessing Building. Roads and General Fund will split the expense 50/50 to pay invoice.

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

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

TRUSTEES

MOTION: Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2024.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

MOTION: Approve the Shoreland Park Holiday Tree Lighting Event to be held Friday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Discussion of zoning regulations for solar in the township.

Mr. Brittson is getting solar companies reaching out to him asking about what the township's solar restrictions are. There is not anything specific in our zoning policies about solar.

Mr. Mayfield feels it would fall under the area of "structures" in the zoning policies. He says it would not be anything the trustees would take care of; it would have to go in front of the zoning board. There would need to be a lot of research for them to make any decisions. Mr. Mayfield said they can bring it up to the zoning board and they can discuss it at their January meeting. If anyone asks right now, they are to refer to the area of "structures" in the zoning policies.

Mr. Mayfield states they finally have the proper wording from Lucas County Prosecutor John Borell, for the Resolution prohibiting marijuana sales and distribution in Washington Township.

RESOLUTION #60:24: To prohibit adult-use cannabis operators and medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and retail establishments withing Washington Township.

Mr. Mayfield, moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Resolutions for Blight:

RESOLUTION #61:24: Declaring property located at 5848 Vistamar a nuisance, 1320-C, storage, 7-day notice.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #62:24: Declaring property located at 5234 President a nuisance, 1308-D, accumulation of junk, 7-day notice to clean up property.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #63:24: Declaring property located at 5232 Fortune a nuisance 1308-D, accumulation of junk, 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 #64:24: Declaring property located at 5429 Fortune a nuisance, 1308-B, storage of junk vehicles, 7-day notice to clean up property.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #65:24: Declaring property located 5240 Patriot a nuisance, 1308-D, accumulation of junk vehicles, 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

Kellie Schlachter, 2635 Shoreland

Mrs. Schlachter stated that her comment and request goes back to the last meeting. When she was a trustee, a sidewalk was replaced at Shoreland Park which is owned by the township. It was agreed by the board that the Parks Department would clear the sidewalks when it snowed. At no time was this one person's decision; it was a decision of the board. It is simply part of the Roads Department's job.

She requested a recording of the October 14th meeting to catch up on the minutes prior to this meeting. She shared that she has been dealing with the illness and then the death of her brother this year. She was shocked to hear Rick Phillips say, "an ex-trustee made a big ass production about it and the thing is I would like to see her get her ass out there and shovel when its 40 below," as well as laughter from the audience.

Mrs. Schlachter expressed strong disapproval of the comment made by Rick Phillips, a township employee, because she felt it was disrespectful and offensive to both her and the community. She also felt that the board's failure to address the issue promptly during the public meeting was unacceptable. She asked for a public apology from both the board and Rick Phillips, and called for disciplinary action regarding the comment.

She also added that she looked over the reports and police are trending about \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 over budget for overtime/wages, which seems to be a continuing issue.

Mr. Mayfield addressed the issue of individuals speaking out of turn at meetings and said that an apology would be given when Mrs. Schlachter apologized for posts she made about him on Facebook. Mrs. Schlachter said her concerns were based on comments made during the previous meeting, not her social media posts, and reminded the board that she was a public servant at the time.

Mr. Schuster expressed his agreement with Mrs. Schlachter's comments and apologized.

Mr. Barto expressed sympathy for Mrs. Schlachter's personal loss and emphasized that Rick Phillips, as a member of the community, had the right to speak at the meeting. He acknowledged the inappropriateness of Rick's comment, apologized for not addressing it at the time, but reiterated the importance of being respectful while upholding the right to free speech.

Karen Mayfield, 2244 Terramar

As a member of the community and as a Washington Local School Board member, Mrs. Mayfield expressed thanks to Chief Kaiser and his officers, and Chief Bailey and his crew, for responding to the swatting incident at Shoreland School. She hopes they know how much the community appreciates what they did, and thank God it was a hoax. When she walked her neighborhood and talked to parents and children, she asked the children how they felt about that Friday. They said they felt safe; they liked seeing all the police cars and officers with their rifles and their shields. They seemed more amused than fearful. The parents expressed gratitude that our police and fire make Shoreland School their priority, and protect the staff and the students with their heart and soul.

Laura Wishart, 2611 Point Pleasant Way

Mrs. Wishart also spoke in regards to swatting incident at Shoreland School. Mrs. Wishart received a frantic phone call from her fifth-grade granddaughter who was in the school during the incident. Her granddaughter had never seen anyone come into the school with a rifle before. Afterwards, Mrs. Wishart talked to some of the teachers as well, and they all realized how real the situation was. Mrs. Wishart thanked firefighter Evan Back for monitoring the line she was waiting in to pick up her granddaughter after the incident. He did everything he could to calm parents down, who were frantic while waiting in the pick-up line. When the kids were released, her granddaughter couldn't thank him enough for being there and keeping them safe.

Chris Thompson, 5302 Pageland

Regarding police and fire radios: He wanted to know if we could piggy back on other township's orders to get a better rate. Mr. Mayfield replied we are getting half off the list price because of a special grant we're using.

Becky Bodette, 5409 Belpre

Asked if the Road Department is equipped with communication devices to be able to talk to police and fire. Mr. Mayfield stated Ryan carries a radio that is on the police frequency. Ryan confirmed they use the tower at the fire station, through the FCC, and they have radios in every vehicle.

Clinton Sico, 5300 Belpre

Asked when is the last date for leaf pick-up? Mr. Mayfield said they're usually done by December 1, but they'll continue until all the leaves are gone. Ryan said they'll start next Monday and it takes two to three days to go through the entire township, then they start again the next Monday.

Mr. Barto requested Ryan give him the Road Department's plan for leaf pickup routes and dates so he can post it on Facebook.

Before moving on, Fiscal Officer Mrs. Nowakowski asked about an ESO Solutions invoice (software for fire reports) that Kim left in a folder on her desk: It's for \$4,668.65, for the fire department, and needs to be approved. The due date is November 20.

MOTION: Approve creation of purchase order for ESO Solutions in the amount of \$4,668.65 for the fire department.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

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

Enter into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22G1 to consider compensation of a public employee at 7:18 p.m.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

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

Returned from Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 7:32 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 7:32 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