



# WAYNE TOWNSHIP

## BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2020

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#### Wayne Township Trustees

BILL JONES  
ED TRUSTER  
TIM TAYLOR

#### Administrator/Zoning

DANIEL HOIT  
Fiscal Officer  
LAURA DALEY

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Bill Jones called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

#### **ROLL CALL**

All members of the board were present.

#### **AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC**

None.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- October 19, 2020 meeting –
- November 4, 2020 Special meeting-

A motion to approve the October 19 and the November 4 minutes was made by Ed Truster, followed by a second by Tim Taylor; Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

#### **REPORTS**

- Fiscal Officer – Laura Daley discussed the Covid funding and that all information has been reported to the County Auditor and that the funds have all been encumbered per the appropriations voted upon at the October 19<sup>th</sup> special meeting. She reminded all departments again that all items must be ordered and received by the end of the year. A question received regarding trustees receiving insurance reimbursement was still in the hands of the butler county prosecutor for legal opinions.
- Fire – Report attached. An idea to turn the property also known as VOA, 29 acres located on Tolbert rd into a training facility area. Liability issues were discussed and the trustees stated this could be looked into further.
- Zoning- Report attached. A letter was received by Sandy Simpson regarding the Dengler wall deterioration. The letter was read aloud and is attached hereto. Two letters have been sent from Wayne Township Zoning administrator to Mr. Denglar regarding this issue. Wayne Township will contact butler County Prosecutor regarding this issue. There are also two other violations on Wayne Madison Road. Letters have been sent.
- Road- Report is attached. Ed Truster asked if there have been any issues with the old 73 cemetery with the roundabout going in. None have come up. There is a dead deer on cotton run that needs to be removed. The Fiscal Officer asked for clarification from Bill Jones on whether we have any choice on whether to accept bid on Heavenly Acres project or if it was strictly up to the County.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1.** Fire Dept. Contract- We are updating the current contract that has been held by Seven-mile in the past to include updates to the service area, and to the current requirements of personnel. Seven mile and St. Claire will be the only two departments close enough to the service area to bid on this contract.

A motion was made to go into contract with St. Clair Township for the service year 2021 by Tim Taylor followed by a second by Ed Truster. Roll call; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Waste Tire Recycling event – Will be held at Ross High school and at Madison Jr. High school, each resident is permitted up to 10 tires and can be on or off the rim. The event will be held from 8am until 1pm.
2. A motion to approve the purchase of communication radios from Motorola Solutions in the amount of seventy eight thousand six hundred and seven dollars and seventy five cents. (\$78,607.75) for use by the fire department to update our system making it adaptable to the new County dispatching system and for the Fiscal Officer to

re-appropriate funds to cover the purchase was made by Ed Truster and seconded by Tim Taylor. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

### **LEGISLATION**

**1.** None.

### **AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC**

Members of the Wayne Township Fire Department were in the audience to discuss departmental issues that were being brought to the Trustees attention. Trustee Bill Jones addressed those in attendance for this purpose. Trustee Jones began by asking if Jeremy Rose would please approach the podium. He then proceeded by stating all the trustees were aware of what was happening within the department. He then asked if any of the Trustees are involved in the process in which officers were promoted in the department. Jeremy stated No, the trustees did not decide promotions within the Fire Department. Mr. Jones then asked The Fire Chief Doug Hoit if he has received any formal complaints from anyone in the department, including anyone present this evening. He answered No. Mr. Jones asked Jeremy if the Trustees are not involved in promotions, did he feel they should be involved in the demotions?

Bill stated that he believes this is a departmental issue. He informed them all to set a meeting where everyone will be allowed to speak with no retribution, make sure to include the entire department. Listen to each other and try to come to a resolution. Considering no formal complaints have been brought to the Chief. The Chief can report back to the Trustees the findings of the meeting. He asked that the meeting be set now. The meeting was set for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Firehouse.

### **AUDIENCE OF TRUSTEES**

Tim Taylor – None.

Edward Truster – Just wanted to remind everyone with Covid being so prevalent right now for everyone to use caution, remember social distancing and mask wearing. He also wanted to remind those traveling through the Township to use caution at the Jacksonburg/73 construction for the round about.

Bill Jones – We are looking into how to keep meetings online if they are moved to an online format.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**1.** December 21, 2020 at 7pm.

-meeting was cancelled due to illness.

Organizational meeting planned for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm via ZOOM.