

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Board Chairperson, at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Hartkemeyer	Present
Mr. McAbee	Present
Mrs. Berding	Present

INVOCATION: Pastor Cecil Day, Lighthouse Church

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER RUI J. DUTRA #20-36

Resolution authorizing the appointment of full-time police officer Rui J. Dutra who is certified by Ohio Peace Officers Training Council, at an hourly rate of \$24.78 per hour, with a 12-month probationary period.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #20-36
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

PRESENTATIONS

Veterans Memorial Volunteer Group, update by Fred Valerius

March 24 will be official kickoff of our fund-raising effort. It will be at Butler Tech Campus starting at 6:30 PM. There will be an updated version of the video presented. Also, we will also be a couple keynote speakers for this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Master Plan Update – Ralph Tubreuggen, I’m presenting a revised parks master plan for the Hero’s Park. Its revised to address some concerns with the playground proximity to the ballfields. The veterans basically stayed in the same place. The other 3 pieces rotated around counterclockwise. The Fire Police memorable is down where the playground was. The amphitheatre is up where the Fire Police memorial was located. To get the playground equipment away from the ballfield was to rotate around and placed where the amphitheatre was located. I think there will be more room with this design.

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to approve master plan, with revisions.

YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

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NEW BUSINESS – Chief Chabali, Wal-Mart contacted us to accept donated ammunition from them.

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to accept donation from Wal-Mart.

YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

COMMUNICATION

Dick Harvey, 5536 Foxglove Dr., Fairfield Township – I’m here with a number of homeowners of Rentschler Estates. We’re concerned about our potential new neighbors at Timerhill with MI homes.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - We will be back in touch with you on this within 72 hours.

Denny McMillan, 5486 Foxglove Dr., we have a lot of questions.

Larry Barbieri, Law Director - We are in litigation with MI homes now and before any settlement there will be a formal settlement process and a formal hearing.

Deb Smith 5525 Foxglove, we need a complete update of the plan.

David Sablosly, 5456 Foxglove, are we talking about the same layouts? Has this changed?

Sonja Kranbuhl, 5439 Rentschler, I’m curious about the construction density.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - This is not a decision that any of us are taking lightly. We have been thinking about this for many many years now.

Denise McCoy, 6673 Springmeadow, several months ago I came here to ask if the Township would consider a park in the Belmont area? Over the past several months a lot was selected. The park was selected and will be at the corner of Lennox and Fairfax. I wanted to thank you for all the time and thought you have spent on the Belmont Park. Also, would you consider changing the Trustee Meetings from Wednesdays?

Scott Robbins, 3445 Lakecrest, why are we losing good police officers to go to other departments?

Ruth Nugent, 3805 Hibiscus Dr., I’m also concerned about MI homes going in. I don’t want to lose the value of my property.

Greg Simpson, 7901 Jessies Way, #301, I’m here as a board member of the Jessies Landing Condo Community. Do we have a noise ordinance in the Township?

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – Yes, we do have one.

I’m here about Buster’s Bar, across the street from our community. I’ve made many calls about the noise.

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Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I'd like to direct this to Chief Chabali.

Chief Chabali - Buster's is actually in Hamilton and we have no jurisdiction. We are currently working with Coco's.

Mr. McAbee – Can we discuss the credit card limits?

Ms. Schultz - There is no credit card with a \$100,000 credit card limit. This is a credit line.

Mrs. Berding - We will follow our usual credit card policy.

Ms. Schultz - The 5/3 credit card has been closed.

Mr. McAbee - According to our policy who can have a credit card?

Mr. Barbieri, Law Director – our policy reads Section 2:

The following designated Purchasing Card and/or Virtual Purchasing Card shall be established, for purposes of tracking expenditures and reconciling purchases on a monthly basis:

1. *Fairfield Township Administration*
2. *Fairfield Township Zoning Department*
3. *Fairfield Township Fire Department*
4. *Fairfield Township Police Department*
5. *Fairfield Township Service/Road Department*

Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the addition, deletion, or modification of the designed and specified Purchasing Card accounts by the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer of his/her designee.

If multiple cards are required for each Department, the Department Head may request additional Purchasing Cards, which may be approved at the discretion of the Fiscal Officer. Duplicate cards shall be maintained in the same manner as described in Section 4.0 of this policy.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to suspend the reading of the minutes of the Regular Trustee Meeting, January 22, 2020.

YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Berding

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to approve the minutes of the Regular Trustee Meeting, January 22, 2020.

YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Berding

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to approve payment of the bills by the Fiscal Officer.

YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Berding

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McAbee - Can you give us a report on the Gilmore widening?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - I have not heard back from Carr yet.

Mr. McAbee - Can you give an update on the Service Building?

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Mrs. Vonderhaar - I will get in touch with Craig Stephenson to get an update.

Mr. McAbee - The trees aren't down on Belmont Park. Any idea on any of the grants?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - The trees aren't down yet but should be the end of February. We have over a million dollars in process for grants.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Department – Chief Thomas, we have submitted our monthly report. Logan Debord will be returning to work on the 19th from his year long deployment. We have received one letter of interest for the appointment of the inspector position. That closes on Friday and we'll be making our decision on this and will be moving forward on the inspector position.

Police Department – Chief Chabali, you also have a copy of my report also. I'd like to direct your attention to the 2nd page; That's what the new car and decals will look like. This is a rebranding of our agency. All three should be done within two weeks. Still one position open. We have a recruiting team going out to all 5 academies starting next week.

Zoning Department - Chuck Goins, I believe you all have my report. In addition to that we do have a zoning commission meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7 pm here to hear Zoning Case FTZC20-1C. This is a zone change at a portion of the Bridgewater Church. The Commission is going to be hearing the amendments to the Fairfield Township zoning resolution. Next week we have a zoning appeals board meeting. We do have a few businesses that are about to be open. They've expressed an interest in having events. Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park they are scheduled for ribbon cutting on February 28th at 4 pm they would like the trustees to attend, if you are available McAllister's also has a ribbon cutting event March 2nd at 10 am. One additional item, for the properties in the 5 points area, that the Township has accumulated, and gift given to Habitat for Humanity they are scheduled to begin construction for one of the properties and they are going to be having a kickoff event for that which will be March 14th.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OPEN PURCHASE ORDER BALANCES #20-37
Resolution to approve open purchase order balances.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #20-37
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

RESOLUTION DECLARING NUISANCE AND ORDERING ABATEMENT ON THE PROPERTIES LISTED AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE COMPLAINT #20-38

Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement on the properties listed and further authorizing the Zoning Administrator to initiate complaint

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #20-38
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

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RESOLUTION TO MOVE CHERYL LEADBETTER FROM ALTERNATE TO REGULAR MEMBER OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE VACANT, UNEXPIRED TERM WHICH EXPIRES JANUARY 31, 2023 #20-39

Resolution to move Cheryl Leadbetter from alternate to regular member of the Fairfield Township Zoning Commission effective immediately for the vacant, unexpired term of Jason Austerman, which expires January 31, 2023

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #20-39
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT IAN SCHOMAKER TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$15.50 PER HOUR, WITH A 12 MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD #20-40

Resolution authorizing the appointment of part-time firefighter/EMT Ian Schomaker to the Fairfield Township Fire Department at an hourly rate of \$15.50 per hour with a 12-month probationary period

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #20-40
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING EXCESSIVE NOISE IN THE TOWNSHIP #20-41
FIRST READING

Resolution prohibiting excessive noise in the Township

Mr. McAbee – what is the difference with this one and the previous one on the books?

Mr. Barbieri, Law Director - The previous one dealt mostly with vehicle noise; such as loud stereo in car. This is pursuant to the Townships Home Rule Authorities in addition to:

1. Rumpke
2. Construction work on properties and liquor permits in residential areas

Mrs. Berding - can we make Rumpke generic? We have other waste collections other than Rumpke.

Motion to table, made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

RESOLUTION AWARDING PARAMEDIC TUITION PAYMENT TO FIREFIGHTER/EMT-B TO SAVANNAH CONRAD AT A TOTAL COST OF \$9,151.00 #20-42

Resolution awarding paramedic tuition payment to Firefighter/EMT-B to Savannah Conrad at a total cost of \$9,151.00

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #20-42
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN ASSISTANCE
TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT REQUEST #20-43

Resolution to approve Fire Department to submit an assistance to Firefighters Grant Request application in the amount not to exceed \$33,000.00 for the purchase of a self-contained breathing apparatus washer to enhance the safety and welfare of the firefighters of Fairfield Township.

Chief Thomas – Cancer is a big issue for the fire service. One of the pieces of equipment that we have found is a based in Sweden. This is basically like a giant dishwasher; you can put helmets, face masks, boots, etc. and it takes about 6 minutes to wash them. It allows us to get rid of the carcinogens and to put them back in service clean. We are hoping to get a grant. We would be responsible for between 10% and 20%.

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #20-43
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Berding - I wanted to mention about Captain Lanier completing Certified Law Enforcement Executive. Congratulations to him.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I was able to attend the OTA last week and also Captain Lanier’s graduation from CLEE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to enter Executive Session, in accordance with ORC 121.22 G (8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans or specific business strategy for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

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Adjourned into executive session at 8:17 PM

Trustee's reconvened at 9:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Hartkemeyer	Yes
Mr. McAbee	Yes
Mrs. Berding	Yes

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adjourn at 9 P.M.
All in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Board Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee

Susan Berding, Trustee

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