

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2023

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Berding at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Chairperson, Michael Berding	Present
Trustee Vice Chairperson, Shannon Hartkemeyer	Present
Trustee, Joe McAbee	Present

PRESENTATIONS

- Fairfield JEDD Expansion – Ken Geis

I'm really here to ask that the Board to consider an amendment for the Fairfield Township Joint Economic Development District #1. This was contemplated when the Board passed the original JEDD agreement April 2022. The two parcels that are in question that would be added to the JEDD district #1 have now been acquired by the developer as part of the arrangement. The agreement was when they acquired those parcels that they would agree to have those entered into the JEDD agreement and, thus, creating more revenue for the Township and the City of Fairfield. They have fulfilled that obligation and they are ready to proceed with that. If the Board would so move, we could establish a public hearing on the 14th of February. All terms and conditions would be the same to the existing agreement. We will have the petitions executed. Hopefully by the end of the week we will have the final amendment.

Mr. McAbee - This takes care of everything except the piece that fronts on Tylersville?

Mr. Geis – Yes. These are all the parcels that were contemplated on the original agreement.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - There is a phone number to call that you can discontinue the newspapers that is thrown in your driveways each week. This is a live person, and you leave your address. That number is 513/731-1200. You can also go to <https://www.save.com> and enter your information and they will take you off the delivery list. They did say it would take about 6 weeks to be removed from list.

Assistant Law Director Lawrence E. Barbieri – I did some research and governments that have tried to pass ordinances or resolutions to try and stop people from handing out these unwanted newspapers as long as they are throwing them from public property onto a driveway that can be struck down due to the First Amendment. A homeowner can stop someone from coming up and knocking on their door or putting it inside a screened door. It would probably be unconstitutional for a township to pass a law to stop a mailer

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in someone's driveway because it would be a violation of the First Amendment.

On Monday we had some key members of our staff come in went through a brainstorming process. You have each been emailed a copy of that. These are the results of the comments we had. What I suggest we do as a Board is take a look at this read through them and think about what we individually like and then also think what is maybe not on the lists. At the next meeting we can discuss what we see and how we should move forward.

Mr. Berding – If you could provide who all as involved and the departments they are in. What do the individual numbers mean that are in parenthesis behind the comments?

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – The numbers are the votes. Everyone was given a sharpie, yellow sticky pads and 6 blue dots and everyone was asked to brainstorm as many ideas as they could and 10-15 minutes on where Fairfield Township is going across the board. One person at a time would read their ideas and I would put them on the wall and we went around and everyone read an idea. Then we silently sorted them into categories. We were looking for things that had relationships with each other. The last stage of the process was they are action ordinated. This is more to identify the trends. This is a feedback mechanism for the Board from the leadership team and staff as well. It's also important to know that the staff is comprised of a lot of people that live in the Township.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - 2023 Community Health Assessment – I've been invited to attend that meeting tomorrow morning.

COMMUNICATION

- **Maria Tangi** – Five Points Community Garden Update.

FISCAL OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

- **Shelly Schultz** – We did close the year end today in UAN and all the financial information went to Mr. Bastin to do our financial statements for 2022.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to suspend reading of the minutes of the following meeting:

- a. Regular Trustee Meeting, December 13, 2022

All in favor.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to approve the minutes.

- a. Regular Trustee Meeting, December 13, 2022

All in favor.

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Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to approve payment of the bills by the Fiscal Office.

All in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – *Mrs. Vonderhaar* – Hoxworth Blood Drive was a success. Ribbon cutting at Bigby Coffee this Thursday at 11:30 AM.

BOARD – Discussions, the North Hamilton Crossing.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to set Public Hearing for the City of Fairfield-Fairfield Township JEDD February 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

All in favor.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. McAbee to approve contract for \$180.00 per hour for legal services with Law Director Katherine L. Barbieri of Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri & Powers for 2023.

All in favor.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to approve contract for \$180.00 for legal services with Assistant Law Director Lawrence E. Barbieri of Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri & Powers for 2023.

All in favor.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to accept the resignation of Scott Smith from the Fire Department.

All in favor.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to accept the resignation of Albert Lloyd from the Fire Department.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OPEN PURCHASE ORDER BALANCES #23-12

Resolution to approve open purchase order balances.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #23-12.

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

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RESOLUTION APPROVING RESIGNATION OF STEVEN LAUGEL FROM THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT #23-13

Resolution approving resignation of Steven Laugel from the Police Department.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #23-13.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT
WITH THE STANDARD COMPANY FOR SHORT TERM DISABILITY
INSURANCE COVERAGE #23-14

Resolution authorizing Administrator to renew the contract with The Standard Company for short term disability insurance coverage.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #23-14.

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

**** TABLED **** RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT JOSEPH STATZER AS A
MEMBER OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING APPEALS BOARD
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2023, FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING
JANUARY 31, 2028 #23-15

Resolution to reappoint Joseph Statzer as a member of the Fairfield Township Zoning Appeals Board effective February 1, 2023, for a five-year period ending January 31, 2028.

Mr. McAbee – Is there a conflict with him being the County Auditor? Let's look into this.

Assistant Law Director Lawrence E. Barbieri – I don't believe so but yes, I will look into this.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to table Resolution #23-15.

All in favor.

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RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT CHERYL LEADBETTER AS A MEMBER OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2023, FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2028 #23-16
resolution to reappoint Cheryl Leadbetter as a member of the Fairfield Township Zoning Commission, effective February 1, 2023, for a five-year period ending January 31, 2028.
Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #23-16.
YES – Mr. Berding, Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH T.R. GEAR LANDSCAPING FOR THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS AT A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$44,970.06 #23-17
Resolution authorizing the Administrator to enter into contract with T.R. Gear Landscaping for the Fairfield Township Parks at a total amount of \$44,970.06.
Mr. Berding - Looking at the drawings is this just beds around the walking paths and playgrounds? I think this will make the parks look nicer.
Mr. Goins - Landscaping is proposed for Heroes Park and Vonnie Vale. For Heroes Park its mostly beds around the walking paths. For Vonnie Vale its mostly little islands, walking paths and additional trees in the dog park. T.R. Gear does all the work on the mediums on Princeton Road. They are move competitive than anyone else and they stand behind their work.
Mr. McAbee – This is the first I’ve heard about this. This came out Sunday in our packet. It would have been nice to see the other bids.
Mr. Berding - They are a good company, they’re reputable and I’m comfortable using them. Since you did get more than one bid, I’m comfortable moving forward.
Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #23-17.
YES – Mr. Berding, Mrs. Hartkemeyer
NO - Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION AMENDMENT PROCESS #23-18
Resolution authorizing initiation of the Fairfield Township Zoning Resolution Amendment process.
Mr. Goins – Proposed amendments are attached.
Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #23-18.
YES – Mr. Berding, Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. McAbee

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR THE INDIGENT CREMATION OF A TOWNSHIP RESIDENT TO BROWN DAWSON FLICK FUNERAL HOME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 #23-19

Resolution to authorize payment for the indigent cremation of a Township resident to Brown Dawson Flick Funeral Home in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #23-19.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2022 FORD F-350 FROM CRONIN FORD FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,887.00 #23-20

Resolution to approve purchase of 2022 Ford F-350 from Cronin Ford for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$46,887.00.

Mr. McAbee – Is it a hybrid?

Mr. Bennett – No sir.

Mr. McAbee - Don't you think we should be looking at electric vehicles?

Mr. Bennett – This truck is on sale and just came to my attention. List price was \$58,000 and we can get it for \$46,000. ODNR wanted to purchase this, but they couldn't get the funding. This is state bid pricing.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #23-20.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARING NUISANCE AND ORDERING ABATEMENT ON THE PROPERTIES LISTED BELOW AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE COMPLAINT #23-21

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

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #23-21.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Offices closed for Martin Luther King Holiday – Monday, January 16, 2023.

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- JEDD Public Hearing – Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM and City of Hamilton and Fairfield Township.
- Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Mr. McAbee** – Public Meeting North Hamilton Crossing meeting January 23rd.
- **Mr. Berding** – BCTA Dinner on Thursday. I want to thank my fellow trustees for your faith in my ability to lead this Board. This is a Board of three and I promise to work together as Trustee Hartkemeyer has done in the past.
- **Mrs. Hartkemeyer** – OKI Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. McAbee to adjourn at 8:33 PM.
All in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Michael Berding, Trustee Chairperson

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee

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