

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD JUNE 15, 2022**

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Tuesday, June 15, 2022, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hartkemeyer 7:37 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION: Pastor Andrew Hancock, Allison Avenue Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER EMT, BRYCE HUDSON, TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$17.25 ON A 24/48 SHIFT WITH A 12-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD #22-89

Resolution authorizing the appointment of full-time Firefighter EMT, Bryce Hudson, to the Fairfield Township Fire Department, at an hourly rate of \$17.25 on a 24/48 shift with a 12-month probationary period.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #22-75.

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

OLD BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- Health Insurance Renewal - August 1st

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Renewal 2% increase with Humana. That does include a no-shop. Total cost to the Township will be \$18,315. Employee participation is 5%. This year we’ve recouped almost \$28,000 in the wellness program. Last year we ended up with almost \$36,000. Dental and vision has a 2-year rate guarantee.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I’m encouraging everyone to participate in Go365. This will greatly reduce our cost.

Mr. McAbee – How many families do we have on this plan? We need to find additional ways for cost sharing.

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Roughly 57. We have started a wellness and safety committee to encourage our employees.

- Admin intern for the summer

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Olivia Gilliland. She is a resident of Fairfield Township. She will be a senior at Northwest. She is interested in political science and communications. She would be working 15 -20 hours per week. I could have her work on website with events and we’re going digital on a lot of our zoning. We have plenty she could work on. I think it would be great working on social media flyers.

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Mrs. Hartkemeyer – One of the things I would be interested in learning more about is how we can encourage young people on taking careers as first responders. I'd like to see some research on that.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to amend the agenda to add Olivia Gilliland as summer intern working 15 - 20 hours per week at \$12.50 per hour.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to appoint Olivia Gilliland as summer intern working 15 – 20 hours per week at \$12.50 per hour for the course of the summer.

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

- Youth Commission for 2022/23

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Mayor Rhodus brought this to the Township, and I do believe we could offer a similar program, but it wouldn't be the same as the city. I will have a meeting with the department heads to see what we can offer. There is probably 7 or 8 months we could work with them. We could make it practical for the staff.

- Morris Road property

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Last month, you came in; Sean and Andrea Carlock, since that time we've been in contact, and I've been advised several times when it rains. We've all come out and looked and taken pictures. This situation that this homeowner is in is that they are in a detention pond. There is a detention pond behind them. Everything that has been built on that property is working as it should. However, its inundating their property and sometimes compromising the road. I think there is 100 acres of waterflow. I would offer to the Board if we could hire an engineering firm and do some kind of study to see what we could do and what would the cost be. I'm not saying the Township should absorb the cost but at least the homeowners could find some kind of answers.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - We can get some quotes for that and discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. McAbee – Mrs. Vonderhaar can you contact the HOA?

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Yes.

Mr. Barbieri, Law Director - I would think the county has some jurisdiction over drainage issues.

Mrs. Vonderhaar – I did write letters of commendation for Chief Chabali and Captain Lanier for leadership displayed on May 26, 2022 and that passes on to their team as well.

COMMUNICATION/COMMENTS

- **Sean & Andrea Carlock** – Update on drainage on their Millikin Road property.
- **Maria Tangi** – Update on Community Garden.
- **Michael Yater** – Update; not happy with police, trustees and law director.

Mr. Barbieri, Law Director – If I may comment; Mr. Yater has spoken at several of these meetings, and I've listened very carefully to the comments he's made. Based on the nature of the comments he's made over the course of several meetings I'm going to

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advise you not to respond to him not to speak to him that is the advice as the law director. I will deny the comments he attributed to me. We have investigated every allegation Mr. Yater has made. The police chief has investigated every allegation Mr. Yater has made. We are convinced that the Fairfield Township has acted in a proper manner and acted in their usual excellent manner. And I will note, for the record, that Mr. Yater has made 2 public records request and the Police Department went through the trouble of fulfilling those requests. They informed Mr. Yater the records were waiting for him, and he hasn't bothered to pick them up.

Recommend motion to suspend reading of the minutes of the following meetings:

- Trustee Regular Meeting, May 10, 2022

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to suspend the reading of the minutes.

All in favor

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

All in favor

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to pay the bills by the Fiscal Officer.

All in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Julie Vonderhaar

- We are working on getting a continuity plan together now. We're working on wellness team.
- Debt for Nyer properties – Board discussion; self-funding or debt.

Matt Schumann, Assistant Fire Chief - Update on storms that hit the Township.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OPEN PURCHASE ORDER BALANCES #22-84

Resolution to approve open purchase order balances.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-84.

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

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION, THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE AND THE MAJOR CHANGE TO THE APPROVED PRELIMINARY PUD BY FIRST CHURCH OF GOD OF HAMILTON, OHIO, DBA BRIDGEWATER CHURCH AS SET FORTH IN ZONING CASE NO. FTZC22-2C #22-85

Resolution to approve, as recommended by the Fairfield Township Zoning Commission, the requested zone change and the major change to the approved preliminary PUD by First Church of God of Hamilton, Ohio, dba Bridgewater Church as set forth in zoning case no. TTZC22-2C.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-85 approving zoning change as requested.

YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding

ABSTAIN: Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A SALT CONTRACT WITH THE BUTLER COUNTY ENGINEER’S OFFICE FOR THE 2022 & 2023 SNOW & ICE CONTROL SEASON #22-86

Resolution authorizing the Administrator to execute a salt contract with the Butler County Engineer’s Office for the 2022 & 2023 snow & ice control season.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-86.

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN RENEWAL CONTRACTS WITH HUMANA FOR HEALTHCARE BENEFITS #22-87

Resolution to authorize the Administrator to sign renewal contracts with Humana for healthcare benefits.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-87.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REPAIR OF STORM SEWER PIPING ON GREENLAWN ROAD FROM SMITHCORP, INC. AT A TOTAL COST OF \$27,300.00 #22-88

Resolution to approve repair of storm sewer piping on Greenlawn Road from Smithcorp, Inc. at a total cost of \$27,300.00

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #22-88.

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME
FIREFIGHTER/EMT AIDEN GLEASON TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE
DEPARTMENT, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$15.50 PER/HOUR, WITH A 12-
MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD #22-90

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

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #22-90.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER FOR
PARAMEDIC TUITION FOR FIREFIGHTER/EMT JOSHUA LENTZ AT A TOTAL
COST OF \$5,190.00 #22-91

Resolution to authorize a Then and Now purchase order for paramedic tuition for Firefighter/EMT Joshua Lentz at a total cost of \$5,190.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-91.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE
GREENLAWN DRAINAGE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE BUTLER
COUNTY ENGINEER’S OFFICE #22-92

Resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign the Greenlawn Drainage Cooperative Agreement with the Butler County Engineer’s Office.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-92.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding
NO - Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE GREENLAWN
ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT, NOT TO EXCEED 250,000.00 #22-93

Resolution authorizing additional funding for the Greenlawn Road Drainage Project, not to exceed 250,000.00.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #22-93.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding
NO - Mr. McAbee

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RESOLUTION DECLARING NUISANCE AND ORDERING ABATEMENT ON THE PROPERTIES LISTED BELOW AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE COMPLAINT #22-94

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 #22-94.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Offices closed to observe the Juneteenth Holiday – Monday, June 20, 2022
- Bridgewater Falls Car Show – Tuesday, June 21 & 28, 2022 5:00-8:00 PM
- Offices closed to observe the Independence Day Holiday – Monday, July 4, 2022
- Public Hearing Tax Budget – Wednesday, July 6, 2022 – 7:00 PM
- Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Mr. McAbee** – TID update
- **Mr. Berding** – Employee picnic. Good job to police in Walmart incident. Flag Day yesterday.
- **Mrs. Hartkemeyer** – OKI update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to go into Executive Session, in accordance with:

1. ORC 121.22 G (1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

ROLL CALL

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

Adjourned into executive session at 9:39 PM

Trustee’s reconvened at 10:17 PM

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Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adjourn at 10:17 PM.
All in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Chairperson

Michael Berding, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee

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