

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 11, 2022

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hartkemeyer 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

- **Trustee Hartkemeyer** – Swearing in of Captain Joel Coomer and Captain Christopher Sander.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Proclamation for Cayden Cummings**

We are happy to recognize Cayden with a Proclamation. Thank you to Fairfield City Schools Superintendent Billy Smith for attending in support of a neat student. We appreciate Cayden’s big heart and generosity. His work has raised money to help students purchase school supplies and back packs. We know Cayden will continue to do big things!!

OLD BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- Fairfield Township Policy-Park/Street naming (Trustee Berding)

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – We will add this to our next meeting agenda.

- Sale of Fire Department Suburban to EMA (Chief Thomas)

Motion, made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to sell Suburban for \$7,500. to EMA and approving the recommendation.

ABSTAIN – Mrs. Hartkemeyer,

YES - Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

- Recap of 2021 Commercial Vehicles Focus Group (Zoning Administrator)

Mr. Goins, Zoning Administrator – Focus group data was collected and reviewed.

Based on data I think it would be appropriate to share with Zoning Commission.

Board discussion.

- Update on 2023 Paving, Black Mat and Retrace (Administrator)

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Update from Butler County 2022-2023 paving schedule. Curb and gutter were quoted and bid out. 2023 paving is very aggressive. Recommendation has been sent to Board.

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Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I don't think we need to take action on this now

Mrs. Vonderhaar - Update on drainage on their Millikin Road property. Dredging the pond is very costly. In order to get the pond dredged we would have to get a lawsuit. We are trying to get a grant in order to re-route water. This is ultimately not our responsibility, but we can be partners. I've been told this could be up to \$50,000 to drain the pond. This is an intense and long process.

Mr. McAbee - Can we share in responsibility?

Mr. Goins, Zoning Administrator – There has been additional issues brought up with easement issues. Time and water have eroded this substantially. There has been some cases of junk and debris issues.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - Chuck has done an excellent job on this! Reaching out to anyone and everyone.

Mr. McAbee - There are 44 houses in this HOA. The draining of the pond needs to be done. I put the HOA on notice that they are responsible for.

Mr. Berding - Who owns the property?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - The pond is owned by the HOA.

Mr. Goins, Zoning Administrator - The HOA records it as an easement and they are ultimately responsible.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Can HOA's be absolved of their responsibilities? Does the Township suddenly have to take responsibility?

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to have Administrator get bids to clean out pond.

All in favor.

Mr. Berding - Mrs. Vonderhaar thank you for all your efforts.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - This has been a team effort.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Installation of an Infant Box at Fire HQ. I don't think we need to take action on this right now but there are because there are legislative and administrative issues around this. We might want to consider doing something like this in the future.

COMMUNICATION

- **Mike Davis, 6311 Jayfield Drive** – I'm very concerned about the speeding on Jayfield. I'd really like to see the Township step up. This needs to be taken care of before there is a fatality.

Chief Chabali - New speed signs are up and collecting data. One is on Jayfield.

- **Andrea & Sean Carlock, 7348 Morris Road** – I appreciate all the hard work the Township has done.
- **Maria Tangi** – Update on 5-Points Community Garden.

FISCAL OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

Mrs. Hartkemeyer- I'd like to congratulate you on completing yet another course, Certified Payroll Professional. Congratulations!

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Ms. Schultz – The audit is done. You will be getting a report very soon.

Mr. McAbee - Where are we on the issuance of bonds for Seward Road project?

Mrs. Vonderhaar – I’m not aware that we’ve moved forward with that yet.

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

- Regular Trustee Meeting September 13, 2022

All in favor.

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

- Regular Trustee Meeting September 13, 2022

All in favor.

Recommend motion to approve payment of the bills by the Fiscal Officer.

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

All in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Vonderhaar –

- Electric aggregation – Current aggregation expires November 2022. They are currently trying to find a price that beats Duke Energy. They are not recommending that we renew but revert back to Duke pricing. The earliest lower price contract would be Spring of 2023.
- Ohio Issue One – This will be placed before the Board this evening for consideration to support. A “yes” vote supports amending the Ohio Constitution to require courts to consider factors such as public safety, the seriousness of the offense, a person’s criminal record, and a person’s likelihood of returning to court when setting the amount of bail. This relates back to the incidence we had at Walmart.
- Youth coalition update – Junior and seniors will come in this week.
- Splashpads/Park – We are getting some quotes and information on this.
- Greenlawn – Completion will be November 2022.
- Medians – Fall banners are up.
- Bilstein Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation - The construction of this project is scheduled to begin in Spring 2024 and be complete by December 2024.
- Humana - We had the most successful biometric screening this year. I have scheduled blood drives for January. CPR classes were attended by our administrative staff.
- Grant submittals for Milton Park – Chuck Goins, we did receive funding and all the contracts are worked out with the county. Proposals have been sent to the Board for

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current options for the playground. We have \$160,000 in the grant. Due to increased costs, it would now be close to \$200,000.

- Applications have been submitted for 5 grants. Chuck did an excellent job.

Recommend motion to accept the resignation of Jim Lupidi from the Fairfield Township Zoning Appeals Board.

Motion, made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to approve the recommendation. All in favor.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I'd like to thank Mr. Lupidi for the good work he's done for the Township.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OPEN PURCHASE ORDER BALANCES #22-126

Resolution to approve open purchase order balances.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-126.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION TO HIRE JOEL COOMER AS FULL-TIME SHIFT CAPTAIN AT A SALARY OF \$27.67 PER HOUR WITH A THREE-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 11, 2022 #22-127

Resolution to hire Joel Coomer as full-time Shift Captain at a salary of \$27.67 per hour with a three-month probationary period.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-127.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION TO HIRE CHRISTOPHER SANDER AS FULL-TIME FIRE SHIFT CAPTAIN AT A SALARY OF \$27.67 PER HOUR WITH A THREE-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 11, 2022 #22-128

Resolution to hire Christopher Sander as full-time fire Shift Captain at a salary of \$27.67 per hour with a three-month probationary period, effective October 11, 2022.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #22-128.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER CAMERON D. WOOD WHO IS CERTIFIED BY OHIO PEACE OFFICERS TRAINING COUNCIL AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$27.02 PER HOUR WITH A 12-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD #22-129

Resolution authorizing the appointment of full-time Police Officer Cameron D. Wood who is certified by Ohio Peace Officers Training Council at an hourly rate of \$27.02 per hour with a 12-month probationary period.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-129.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL D. THOMPSON WHO IS CERTIFIED BY OHIO PEACE OFFICERS TRAINING COUNCIL AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$27.02 PER HOUR WITH A 12-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD #22-130

Resolution authorizing the appointment of full-time Police Officer Michael D. Thompson who is certified by Ohio Peace Officers Training Council at an hourly rate of \$27.02 per hour with a 12-month probationary period.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #22-130.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH T. R. GEAR LANDSCAPING FOR THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP PRINCETON ROAD MEDIANS, AT A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,884.00 #22-131

Resolution authorizing the Administrator to enter into contract with T. R. Gear Landscaping for the Fairfield Township Princeton Road medians, at a total amount of \$12,884.00.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #22-131.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR DISPATCH SERVICES WITH THE BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$197,282.18 FOR 2023 #22-132

Resolution authorizing the Administrator to execute the memorandum of understanding for dispatch services with the Butler County Sheriff's Department at a total cost of \$197,282.18 for 2023.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #22-132.

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

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RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ARTHUR J. SIMMONS, III AS A FULL-TIME
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$21.00,
EFFECTIVE HIRE DATE OCTOBER 17, 2022 WITH A 12-MONTH
PROBATIONARY PERIOD #22-133

Resolution to appoint Arthur J. Simmons, III as a full-time Public Works Department employee, at an hourly rate of \$21.00, effective hire date October 17, 2022 with a 12-month probationary period.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-133.

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE ONE TO REQUIRE COURTS TO
CONSIDER FACTORS LIKE PUBLIC SAFETY WHEN SETTING THE AMOUNT
OF BAIL #22-134

Resolution in support of State Issue One to require courts to consider factors like public safety when setting the amount of bail.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-134.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING RESIGNATION OF AUSTIN L. REED FROM THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT #22-135

Resolution approving resignation of Austin L. Reed from the Police Department.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-135.

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

RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY ENTERPRISE
THAT INCLUDES RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR PROCESSORS
OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITHIN FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, OHIO #22-136

Resolution to prohibit the establishment of any enterprise that includes retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of medical marijuana within Fairfield Township, Ohio.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-136.

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

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RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ROADS FOR BID ON THE ATTACHED PAVING ESTIMATE LIST (ATTACHMENT “A”) TO BE CERTIFIED FOR FUNDING UPON THE AWARDING OF CONTRACT, AS DETERMINED BY THE BUTLER COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE, WITH A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$813,168.84 #22-137

Resolution designating Fairfield Township roads for bid on the attached paving estimate list (Attachment “A”) to be certified for funding upon the awarding of contract, as determined by the Butler County Engineers Office, with a cost not to exceed \$813,168.84.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-137.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ROADS FOR BID ON THE ATTACHED RETRACE ESTIMATE LIST (ATTACHMENT “A”) TO BE CERTIFIED FOR FUNDING UPON THE AWARDING OF CONTRACT, AS DETERMINED BY THE BUTLER COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE, WITH A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,902.11 #22-138

Resolution designating Fairfield Township roads for bid on the attached retrace estimate list (Attachment “A”) to be certified for funding upon the awarding of contract, as determined by the butler county engineers office, with a cost not to exceed \$4,902.11.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #22-138.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, Mr. McAbee

****TABLE****

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CRACK SEAL TO BE PURCHASED FROM DJL MATERIALS AND SUPPLY INC., AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 #22-139

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CURB AND GUTTER REPAIRS FROM ADLETA CONSTRUCTION AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$95,981.50 #22-140
Resolution authorizing curb and gutter repairs from Adleta Construction at a price not to exceed \$95,981.50.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #22-140.
YES – Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Mr. Berding, 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 #22-141

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

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #22-141.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Treat Street – Saturday, October 29, 2022, 2 PM – 4 PM Bridgewater Falls
- Fairfield Chamber Annual Dinner, Thursday, November 3, 2022, 6 PM – 9 PM at Receptions
- Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7 PM
- Offices closed to observe the Veterans Day Holiday, Friday, November 11, 2022
- Veterans Day Parade – November 10th.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Berding – I wanted to thank Billy Smith for coming tonight to support Cayden Cummings. Thank you for Fairfield City Schools for inviting us to homecoming night. Don't forget to vote on November 8th.

Mr. McAbee – TID update. Public meeting in January.

Mr. Berding – Fairfield Township resident, the Boehm's, are being asked to sacrifice their livelihood for the economic development along the North Hamilton Crossing. I think this is a big ask for the city of Hamilton to benefit from this project. There are only 2 options out there now. I'm against it.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I would ask our residents to go out and voice their concerns.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I've been asked to serve on a housing committee for the county. OTA conference. CLOUT workshop. Thank you to Fairfield City Schools for parade and football game. I attended the CPR class.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adjourn at 9:36 PM.
All in favor.

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Minutes submitted by:+

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Chairperson

Michael Berding, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee

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