

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2022**

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Special Meeting Monday, October 17, 2022, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hartkemeyer at 8:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. McAbee to make Patty Moore Clerk Pro Tem.

All in favor

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT KOBY MOTT AS A FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$21.00, EFFECTIVE HIRE DATE OCTOBER 18, 2022 WITH A 12 MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD #22-142

Resolution to appoint Koby Mott as a full-time Public Works department employee, at an hourly rate of \$21.00, effective hire date October 18, 2022 with a 12 month probationary period.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #22-142.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING RESIGNATION OF MARK BARTLETT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT #22-143

Resolution approving resignation of Mark Bartlett from the Police Department.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adopt Resolution #22-143.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. McAbee – Any progress on dredging the pond?

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Not yet.

Mr. McAbee - Did you make any contact with anybody?

Mrs. Vonderhaar – We still need to get people out there. We have left messages with HOA. We have not gotten very far yet.

Mr. McAbee – What about the engineers?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - I'll forward the email that I received from them.

Mr. McAbee - Kleingers, where are we in getting them started?

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Chuck talked to them last week. I don't know where we are in the process. I'll find out today.

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Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I have a couple of thoughts on this whole thing. I've reached out to Larry. I think we need to understand what gives the Township the right to go on private property and take action on something since we don't own that. I think that is one thing we need to think about since its private property. How do we pick the yard this dredge equipment goes on? We're going to impact someone that lives there. When that happens what do we have to do to make that property owner whole? What if this doesn't work? What is that going to mean? What if it makes the problem worse for other homeowners? Given that the Township does not own that property are we going to have to get permission from each property owner? Does this set a bigger precedent? If this HOA is disbanded and they don't want to take responsibility for this anymore, can they do that? What is to stop other HOA's from not taking responsibility? Does it all then fall on the Township? When we have issues with other drainage in this area what precedent does this set?

Mr. McAbee - This has been going on for months.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Those are questions the Board needs to consider. These are questions not coming to Mrs. Vonderhaar. These are questions potentially for this Board to consider. We need to think about. I'm doing the right thing by surfacing them with the Board. These are not strictly my responsibilities to get all the answers to. There are other people here that might want to weigh in on these questions as well. Not to mention a legal opinion.

Mr. McAbee - I would expect a legal option yesterday not tomorrow. Maybe Mrs. Vonderhaar can call the attorney general and ask that office whose responsibility it is to make sure the HOA enforce the contract they are all under.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Research has been done on that. Mrs. Vonderhaar has been working diligently with the homeowners for many, many months on this. There have been many discussions.

Mr. McAbee - And there has been absolutely nothing done other than the grass cut.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I've spoken with Mrs. Vonderhaar multiple times per week. I have a very good grasp of what is going on with this. Its no one's fault it's a situation we are going to have to solve. Quibbling over this is getting is nowhere. We need to think about what the implications are and what the implications are going forward so we can make the best decision for the homeowners and the community.

Mr. McAbee - Do you have a timeframe? When do you expect any of this information? As the leader of the Board, you should make sure this information comes to the whole Board.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I just did. Let's talk about communication. We haven't talked about our ground rules for some time. I think it's important as Board members the best practice would be to set some time with Mrs. Vonderhaar to discuss things with her. You don't have to do that if you don't want to. No one is making you do that. Its your choice. If you don't know what is going on its not her fault.

Mr. McAbee - What is going on?

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I don't know what you know or don't know. You are going to

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have to have that conversation with Mrs. Vonderhaar.

Mr. McAbee - It sounded like last week that we had a consensus by the Board that we were going to do those 2 things.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I'm not saying we aren't, and I haven't put a stop to any of it.

Mr. McAbee - We are still in the same spot.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I'm being responsible for bringing these up publicly for the board to talk about. These are things that are going to have to be addressed.

Mr. Berding - I agree that there are questions. But I also agree that we did pass a resolution to have an engineering firm do some research and come up with a solution. If that solution is something that involves something we can't do because of legal issues at least there is a solution the property owners have before them. I think the questions you have are legitimate, and I agree with you but at the same time in July we passed that resolution to have an engineering firm do the research and that should be done. And whatever those answers are the homeowners have to live with it. I agree with Mr. McAbee we did pass a resolution at least let's get that part done. I know Mrs. Vonderhaar is doing those things. I'm satisfied where we are right now. I don't know if we are going to come up with a solution that we can do as a Township, but we will come up with a solution that the homeowners can do.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Nothing has been stopped despite my questions.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to adjourn at 8:12 AM
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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