

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Berding, Trustee Chairperson, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION: Pastor Cecil Day, Lighthouse Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FISCAL OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

Ms. Schultz – The tax settlement will be here this week and posted. I’ll let you know the amount.

Mr. McAbee - Where are we on paying for the new police station? Do we have a final cost?

Ms. Schultz - I can provide you a final number when the final bill gets in.

Mr. McAbee - On the loan you said we have \$515,000 left of that and you say we’re going to spend a couple \$100,000 of that? I’d like to see the final numbers on the other projects that make up the \$5M.

Ms. Schultz - I will provide you with a breakdown of the projects that the 5M dollar loan was spent on.

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Julie Vonderhaar

I’d like to bring up the grant we discussed in the last meeting. It’s a \$250,000 grant paid up front. We met with the Butler County Engineer’s office, and we did discuss various projects; including the project that was brought to us about Morris having a turn land into Fairfield North. The Engineers really liked that project and could get behind that and it seemed to fit the bill for price and scoring. Right-of-way is a big factor. There is slated in 2024 a roundabout at Morris and Millikin. One of the commissioners’ concern is would traffic back up into the roundabout. We’ve never seen traffic back up past the admin building. The school has a 3rd drop off lane but it still continues to be a problem.

Mr. McAbee - Possible project is sidewalks. From Weathered Oaks to the YMCA and down to Bridgewater Falls. I think that would be a good project for this money, but I don’t know how far this money will take us.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - They really liked the Morris Road project better than the sidewalks.

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Mr. McAbee - I think it would be a bigger impact for us to have the sidewalks.

Mrs. Berding - I agree that would be a great project but for this grant I believe we need to apply for whichever project would have the best likelihood of being approved.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - The scoring for this is a large list. Just a few items are we would need a letter of support from the county engineer and how much traffic the road receives. There is one factor that is unique to Fairfield Township: Qualified Opportunity Zone and it scores us 20 points. This zone is located in Fairfield Township on Seward Road. There are some 8 – 12 different factors.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Can you ask the engineers how we quantify the foot traffic.

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Yes, I’ll discuss projects with engineers for sidewalks and turn lane for school.

Motion, made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to accept resignation of Theodore Sensel from the Police Department.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OPEN PURCHASE ORDER BALANCES #21-127

Resolution to approve open purchase order balances.

Motion, made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #21-127.

Mr. McAbee - What are we buying from FastSigns?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - The new banners on Princeton.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR PAVING TO JURGENSEN AT A TOTAL COST OF \$441,191.68 #21-128

Resolution authorizing payment for paving to Jurgensen at a total cost of \$441,191.68.

Motion, made by Mr. McAbee second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #21-128.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - This is the total for paving that will be paid at time of completion.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT ANDREW MAURER TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$15.50 PER/HOUR, WITH A 12-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD #21-129

Resolution authorizing the appointment of part-time Firefighter/EMT Andrew Maurer 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 #21-129.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, September 22nd at 7 PM

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - We just toured the Police Department and ribbon cutting and I'm just absolutely thrilled with our new Police Department. Its contemporary, modern and professional. It will carry our Township for many years to come.

Mrs. Berding - This weekend we are coming upon the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and wanted us all to remember how lucky we are to live in a free county and to have such great support from our first responders and military. Hope we can all say a little prayer this weekend in remembrance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to enter Executive Session, in accordance with: ORC 121.22 G (1) To consider the employment or compensation of a public employee and ORC 121.22 G (8) To consider confidential information related to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting request for economic development assistance.

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

President convenes executive session at 7:22 PM.

President resumes regular meeting at 8:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

No action will be taken this evening as a result of Executive Session.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Berding to adjourn at 8:33 P.M.

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

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Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Susan Berding, Trustee Chairperson

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Vice Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee

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