

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, Board Chairperson, at 6:30 PM.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer, I nominate Dianne French as Clerk Pro Tem, second by Mrs. Berding.

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McAbee – I asked Mrs. Vonderhaar about the TIF discussion on the 10 acres approved over at the Church of God.

Mrs. Berding - I think we could put that topic on executive session at the next meeting.

Mr. McAbee – this doesn't have to be in executive session. We can talk about it publicly. Zoning has been changed and Princeton Road is now our responsibility.

Mrs. Berding - I'm not opposed to this as long as we keep the schools full.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I'm interested in learning more about that.

COMMUNICATIONS

Patti Schweigel, 290 N. Eastview Pkwy, Ham OH 45011, a piece of my property is in Fairfield Township and I'm having some issues with my neighbors in Fairfield Township. This is probably a 2-year process that I started. The property at 2120 Fairgrove Avenue he previously had goats in his back yard that was addressed. Now he has put up a fence and the goats are still there. The 2nd property is 2130 Fairgrove Avenue. I started working with Nathan Wall and Chuck Goins. I sent Nathan a picture of the property and there were close to 20 abandoned vehicles and huge mounds of debris. I would hope this can be addressed soon. The last I heard about the cars it was going to the Board back in January. I don't think too much has occurred since then.

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Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to suspend the reading of the minutes of the Regular Trustee Meeting, August 12, 2020.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to approve the minutes of the Regular Trustee Meeting, August 12, 2020.

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Vonderhaar - Two things; winterizing the plow trucks. The repair work, from Blust International, came to almost \$5,000. I wanted the Board to understand these costs. I think this will be the most expensive we will see.

Mrs. Berding - We need to do the maintenance and maintain them.

Mr. McAbee - Go ahead and open a purchase order do this one.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - There are some failing sewer pipes. There will be some costs associated with that for you to consider.

Mr. McAbee - Is the shelter in for the pocket park?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - It’s still on back order.

Mr. McAbee - What about the bike path?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - I would need permission to go ahead to do the engineering work for the path.

Mr. McAbee - Yes, I’d like to get some numbers on the engineering cost.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer -Please move forward with that. Also, I’d suggest in getting The Miami-to-Miami group involved in this also.

Mr. McAbee - Where are we on the paving?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - We have trouble getting updates from the County. They have moved into the Township. The paving for next year has been submitted. We had the meeting with Butler County Engineers. We don’t have pricing yet.

Mr. McAbee – Can we check on bush hogging the 10 acres of property?

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Yes, I can check with Jeff.

Mr. McAbee - I emailed you about the pool in the front yard.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - I’m working with the law director on that.

Mr. Barbieri, Law Director - It’s really more of a policy issue on the Township’s part than it is a legal issue. I thought the trustees would want to weigh in on.

Mrs. Berding - So we gave her a permit specifically for a pool in her front yard?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - Correct, we did.

Mrs. Berding - Was that this year?

Mrs. Vonderhaar - It was.

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Mr. McAbee - Pool is under construction, maybe finished today.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - The last time I saw it, it was finished.

Mr. McAbee – She got the permit after a long time. Which is unsatisfactory. She put it in and now she’s being told it’s a problem. From a policy standpoint I wouldn’t want to be the person to tell her to take it down. I would like you to call her and talk to her. I had mentioned last time about the fence. There were questions last time about the location of the fence. I rode down there again today. There is something in our zoning that says you can’t put a fence on a boundary line. The fence in question is side by side. One or the other is over the boundary.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - Our old zoning code says one fence is allowed per lot. To my understanding it’s illegal to not let both homeowners put up a fence on the property line. I was told that it was legal to have them back to back.

Mr. Barbieri, Law Director - My understanding, at this time, is that fence is in compliance. The reason we filed the injunction is that the fence was over 6’ tall.

Motion to approve the attached Receipt and Release for fence settlement. Motion to approve the recommendation made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OPEN PURCHASE ORDER BALANCE #20-137

Resolution to approve open purchase order balances.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #20-137.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING FIREFIGHTER/EMT-B GARRETT FULLER FOR THE PARAMEDIC TUITION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING TUITION PAYMENT TO CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMEDIC PROGRAM AT A TOTAL COST OF \$9,000.00 #20-138

Resolution approving firefighter/EMT-B Garrett Fuller for the Paramedic Tuition Program and authorizing tuition payment to Cincinnati Fire Department Paramedic Program at a total cost of \$9,000.00.

Mrs. Vonderhaar – this is a 5-year commitment for the employee completing this program.

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution #20-138.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BUTLER TECH #20-139

Resolution authorizing the transfer of various items of equipment from the Fairfield Township Police Department to Butler Tech.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #20-139.

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

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFFREY S. McDANIEL AS A PART-TIME RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO), AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$32.00/HOUR, WITH A 12-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD #20-140

Resolution appointing Jeffrey S. McDaniel as a part-time resource officer (SRO), at an hourly rate of \$32.00/hour, with a 12-month probationary period.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #20-140.
YES – Mrs. Berding, Mr. McAbee, Mrs. Hartkemeyer

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROJECT AGREEMENT (CONTRACT CDBG-20-5) WITH THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FAIRFAX AVENUE STORM SEWER PROJECT #20-141

Resolution authorizing a Project Agreement (Contract CDBG-20-5) with the Butler County Board of Commissioners for the administration of the Fairfax Avenue Storm Sewer Project.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - We will have a 10% required match for approximately \$26,000. The engineers will design and maintain this project. They believe this will start next Spring.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #20-141.

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH GOVPILOT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVED ZONING AND WORKFLOW SOFTWARE #20-142

Resolution authorizing administrator to approve contract with GovPilot for the implementation of improved zoning and workflow software.

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to table Resolution #20-142.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH J. T. LOHRER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,700.00 FOR BORING UNDER GILMORE ROAD FOR SEWER EXTENSION TO KETTERING LAND #20-143

Resolution authorizing administrator to execute contract with J. T. Lohrer Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$35,700.00 for boring under Gilmore Road for sewer extension to Kettering land.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #20-143.

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NUISANCE AND ORDERING ABATEMENT ON LISTED PROPERTIES #20-144

Resolution authorizing nuisance and ordering abatement on listed properties.

Mrs. Vonderhaar - zoning process was discussed at length.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to table Resolution #20-144.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Berding - I'm very proud of the progress we've made in this Township since I've been involved. Tonight, we had the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Public Works building which has been years in the making and planning. Our Service Department works hard and takes great care of our equipment. I feel this is going to give them the best facility and protect our equipment. Thank you, Mrs. Vonderhaar, for coordinating this and many large projects.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I like what Trustee Berding said. We have a very bright future here in the Township.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to adjourn at 7:44 P.M. All in favor.

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ROLL CALL

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

Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Board Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee

Susan Berding, Trustee

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