

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Wednesday, February 24, 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 Joe French, Indian Springs Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

- Fred Valerius, Veterans' Committee

OLD BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- Set date for Ribbon Cutting – Public Works Building, March 10th at 6 PM
- Habitat for Humanity/Rock the Block and Spring Clean-Up – April 10, 2021
Mrs. Vonderhaar - Spring Clean Up Day which is being held in tandem with Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block. HFH is having a revised RTB using multiple communities with what they deem safe projects. This year the group will continue painting fire hydrants for the Township. Junk King will be providing several dumpsters, paid for by HFH, for the 5 Points area which they will remove and replace as filled.

- Snow events update

Mrs. Vonderhaar: The Public Works has put in more than 100 hours overtime recently to plow snow. I'm proud of Chief Thomas, Chuck Goins and Nick Armstrong.

Mrs. Berding – I want to personally extend my thanks for the great job.

FISCAL OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

Ms. Schultz – No updates at this time.

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

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

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Motion to accept donation of a 2009 ambulance from Fairfield City to become the new bariatric unit.

Motion to adopt made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer.

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

Motion to allow Chief Thomas to sell the current bariatric unit to another political subdivision.

Motion to adopt made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Berding

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OPEN PURCHASE ORDER BALANCES #21-36

Resolution to approve open purchase order balances.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #21-36.

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

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 \$11,404.00 #21-37

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 \$11,404.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #21-37.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF METROPARKS OF BUTLER COUNTY FOR THE INDIAN MEADOWS CONNECTOR TRAIL #21-38

Resolution authorizing Administrator to execute memorandum of understanding between Fairfield Township Board of Trustees and the Board of Park Commissioners of Metroparks of Butler County for the Indian Meadows Connector Trail.

Mrs. Vonderhaar – LJB, Inc. will include preliminary study of path connection from the entrance to Rentschler Forest to the intersection of Reigart Road and Springcrest Drive.

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #21-38.

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

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUTLER COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF CARES GRANT PROGRAM #21-39

Resolution to authorize the Administrator to execute the Subgrant Agreement between Butler County, Ohio and Fairfield Township for reimbursement of eligible costs for administration of the Butler County Small Business Relief Cares Grant Program.

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #21-39.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARING NUISANCE AND ORDERING ABATEMENT ON THE PROPERTIES LISTED BELOW AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE COMPLAINT #21-40

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

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mrs. Berding to adopt Resolution #21-40.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Special Meeting to consider proposed Consent Decree – Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7 PM
- Fairfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7 PM
- Zoning Commission Meeting – Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7 PM

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Berding - I attended the Project Visioning Session with the TID yesterday. There was a lot of local representation regarding North Hamilton Crossing.

Mr. McAbee - This is going to affect all of us. Some directly some indirectly.

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 appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

Adjourned into executive session at 7:33 PM

Trustee's reconvened at 7:43 PM

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ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Berding – We have an employee that leads our Service Department. His name is Jeff Bennett. He’s an extremely hard working and dedicated employee and never complains about a thing. Because he is salary and has put in a lot of hours over the last few snow events; he does not reap the rewards of overtime. We’ve discussed this in executive session, and I would like to move to reward Mr. Bennett with a onetime \$3,000 bonus.

Motion made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to approve onetime bonus of \$3,000 to Mr. Jeff Bennett.

Mr. McAbee - He’s done a great job during his time here. Mr. Bennett, we appreciate you and your team and here’s a token of our appreciation.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I agree with what Mr. McAbee said. That was very well put.

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

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adjourn at 7:46 P.M.
All in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Susan Berding, Trustee Chairperson

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Vice Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee

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