

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

**May 3, 2023**

Chad Ashbaugh, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustee Board meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.**

**Pledge to American Flag**

**Roll Call: Board of Trustees: Chad: Present Tim: Present Jim: Present**

**Others: Lisa: Present Will: Present Richard: Present**

Chad asked that all cell phones be muted except for the Chief's.

**VISITORS**

Dave Myers

**Regional Planning**

There was a regional planning meeting and Charlie Hockman was not present to report. Charlie was given information regarding Tell and Ashley Dearlove on Westpoint Road regarding a petting zoo and birthday party venue to discuss. The Dearlove's are not currently zoned CAUV and have less than 10 acres of property. Charlie will determine if there is zoning policy that will provide for this business outside of Agritourism.

**Minutes**

The Minutes from the April 19, 2023 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting.

**Motion to accept: Trustee Downard Second: Trustee Thomas**

**Roll Call: Chad: Aye Tim: Aye Jim: Aye**

Chad reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website.

**Financial Section:**

Warrants 43133 through 43145 and EFT's 182-2023 through 203-2023 in the amount of \$ 68,559.02

Purchase Order 44-2023 VASU communications – fund 2272 ARPA

April Bank Rec

**Motion to approve and pay: Trustee Thomas Second: Trustee Ashbaugh**

**Roll Call: Chad AYE Jim AYE Tim AYE**

**Fiscal Office**

UEI #'s are registered and renewed

Applied for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Reimbursement Funds; Ohio Department Commerce ARPA WELLNESS GRANT for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FF salary and benefits. \$34,204.46

**FIRE**

Medicount meeting: discussion about UPDATING FEES' CHARGED FOR SERVICES (Board has a copy).

Medicount discussed the ability to charge for NON TRANSPORT runs outside the Township.

Fee associated for billing is \$15.00 submission to Medicount for non transport runs of a more frequent basis.

Address issue of vacation for Fire: currently 88 hours Chief feels it should be 96 hours to be equitable.

This would affect FF's Flint, Kilbarger and Hedges. Will be further discussed in Executive Session.

**Fire and EMS runs 4/15/2023 through 4/30/2023.**

<b>22- EMS</b>		<b>17- transports</b>
<b>4- Fire</b>		
<b>2- MVA</b>		
<b>6-Mutual Aid given</b>		<b>2- received</b>

#### **Mutual Aid Breakdown**

	<b>Given</b>	<b>Received</b>
Berne Township	<b>2</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
Junction City	<b>0</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
Marion	<b>0</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
Lancaster	<b>0</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
Pleasant	<b>3</b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
Richland	<b>1</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
Misc. (Somerset, Hopewell, Straitsville, New Lex	<b>0</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

#### **Zoning**

Trustee Thomas attended the OTA meeting (copy of slide presentation for each Trustee) copies are on file in Fiscal Office.

Update on Durbin Run insurance proceeds and fire clean up. Pictures taken on 5/1 reflect that minimal if any cleanup has occurred and we have received no receipts or documents reflecting clean up. We need receipts and pictures reflecting progress prior to releasing any funds. Trustee Thomas will further discuss with Zoning Inspector to make sure we contact them and advise of their responsibilities for clean up in order to have funds released.

New construction permit request for Gerardi- Westpoint Road received 5/3/2023

Bldg addition – Wildermuth Mt. Zwingli . Trustee Thomas advised permit was issued.

Short term rental document has been reviewed by Prosecuting Attorneys' office and returned with comment. Document was sent to Nicole and Dave Foltz for further comment and review.

#### **Road Department**

Cold Patch project invoices and comparisons complete. Project reduced the average price per ton to \$77.89 from last years average of \$110.10 per ton. Saving \$32.21 per ton.

Pleasantview Road closure for culvert replacement on 5/16 weather permitting

Chip Seal road prep

Spring spraying has been completed

Replaced two driveway culverts on Hyde and ditched

All parts have arrived for Farmall tractor

Continue cleaning/clearing brush

#### **Administration**

Waiting on Heritage to complete work on truck to determine engine issues. Chief stated to Trustee Downard he would like to take the truck from there to FLORA in Johnstown to determine what needs repaired/replaced

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORC 121.G(1) TO DISCUSS EMPLOYEE compensation matters** **Motion:** Trustee Ashbaugh **Second:** Trustee Thomas

**Enter into executive session at 7:24 p.m.**

**Return from Executive session at 8:04 p.m.**

**Motion:** Trustee Thomas to return Firefighter Kerr to light duty on 5/7/2023 for a period not to exceed 4 weeks or until release information provided by Doctor on May 11<sup>th</sup>. **Second Trustee Downard.**

**Discussion:** Chief stated light duty would be 5 days per week from 9a.m. to 5p.m. Hearing no further discussion

**Roll Call:** Chad AYE Jim AYE Tim AYE

**Motion:** Trustee Ashbaugh to correct employee handbook regarding vacation hours in years for full time fighters to 96 hour from 88 hours. **Second Trustee Downard**

**Discussion:** This was a calculation error when redoing the handbook in 2022. Those 8 hours will be added to Firefighters: Flint, Kilbarger, and Hedges that have been full time since 1/1/2020. Hearing no further discussion

**Roll Call:** Chad AYE Jim AYE Tim AYE

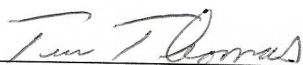
Trustee Thomas requested to table the discussion regarding returning 3<sup>rd</sup> part time person to shift.

Trustees requested to complete a review of the current ALS1, AL2, BLS and Non Transport charges for the next meeting; more information regarding what goes into the charge total for each category. Asst. Chief Irwin felt the basis for at least a portion of the charges may be the Medicare rates. He also stated they are currently working on reporting ground ambulance data for Medicare and it is a very large and cumbersome project.

Trustee Ashbaugh asked if we had received anything from Map Room or PA office regarding the Blosser Cemetery. Lisa advised she would check on progress and report back at the next meeting.

Trustee Thomas stated one other topic that was discussed at the OTA meeting with Terry Dunlap was in/out of village water/sewer service. Terry related this was a process they experienced with the City of Pickerington. Trustee Thomas wondered if the Village had any Federal money for their Water/Sewer Treatment plants. Lisa stated that she was aware of OWDA loans but without a public records request or reviewing their most recent audit at the State Auditors Website we could not be sure.

**Hearing no further business Trustee Ashbaugh moved to Adjourn at 8:31p.m.**





**Fairfield County OTA  
Meeting Agenda  
April 27, 2023. 7pm**

*OTA Meeting  
late October*

1. INTRODUCTION/WELCOME – Darrin Monhollen FCTA President

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF – Darrin Monhollen, FCTA President

3. FIRST BIG TOPIC – GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

*7. Center Region 18*

*50,000 per year for Operations*

*Work Place Development Plan*

a. Growth is Coming to Fairfield County – Jeff Fix, County Commissioner

*Land Use Plan  
County –*

b. Fairfield County Comprehensive Land Use and Economic Development Strategic Plans

– Rick Szabrack, County Workforce and Economic Development Director

c. Utility Update – Tony Vogel, County Utilities Director

d. Transportation Improvement District Update – Jeremiah Upp, County Engineer

e. Regional Planning Update – Jeff Porter, RPC Executive Committee

f. Economic Development Revenue Generation Tools – Rick Szabrack, County Workforce  
and Economic Development Director and Laura Comek, Attorney

g. Next Steps – Jeff Fix, County Commissioner

4. SECOND BIG TOPIC – SOLAR DEVELOPMENT IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

a. Introduction – Jeff Fix, County Commissioner

b. Current Projects – Jeff Fix, County Commissioner

c. Timelines – Jeff Fix, County Commissioner

d. Facts about Solar Development – Melissa Ferruso, Center for Energy Education

**3T2-18** Unless otherwise excluded by resolution approved by the Board of Trustees, no real property located in this District shall be included in an Application for rezoning, Application for zoning permit, or any request to develop or redevelop the property under this District unless such property is located in a joint economic development district created under Section 715.72 of the Ohio Revised Code (a "JEDD") and in which Violet Township is a contracting party.

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