

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Beaver Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 16148

Held _____ Tuesday, November 12, _____ 20 19 _____

1. The Beaver Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Mr. Kappler called the meeting to order with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mrs. Simmons, here; Mr. Tabor, here.
2. The next regular township meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Office.

3. CHECK APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons; seconded by Mr. Tabor to pay the following bills from the payroll account checks 10,281 thru 10,282 and 109,723 thru 109,903 and from the regular account checks 40,628 thru 40,706 in the amount of \$240,950.71. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carl Frost reported for the month of October 2019:

(1315) Calls for Service; (15) Criminal Arrests; and (22) Citations during (108) Traffic Stops.

I would like the Board of Trustees to accept the resignation of full time Dispatcher Corey A. Valentine (who has graduated from school and accepted a position with an airline) effective November 2, 2019.

5. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to accept the resignation of full time Dispatcher Corey A. Valentine (who has graduated from school and accepted a position with an airline) effective November 2, 2019. . Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

I would like the Board of Trustees to accept the resignation full time Officer Angelo V. Pasquale (who has accepted a full time position with Boardman PD) effective November 2, 2019. I would like the Board of Trustees to change his status to part time.

6. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mr. Tabor to accept Full Time Officer Angelo Pasquale's resignation and change his status to Part Time Officer effective November 2, 2019. . Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

On October 30, 2019, Officer Tracy L. Polak was commended by Aaron P. Howell, an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for a case she discovered while on routine patrol. With Officer Polak's testimony, the sex trafficking case was concluded with the defendant being found guilty in the Federal Court in Akron.

While on the topic of Officer Polak, she recently scored highest on a test for the rank of Lieutenant. Our Labor Agreement requires a Lieutenant to be appointed within 90 days after one leaves, and that was triggered when Lieutenant Daniel

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K. Valentine retired. I would like the Board of Trustee to promote Officer Polak to the rank of Lieutenant IV with an effective date of November 1, 2019.

7. A Motion was made by Mr. Tabor, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to promote Officer Polak to the rank of Lieutenant IV with an effective date of November 1, 2019. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Fiscal Officer swore Officer Polak in as Lieutenant. Everyone applauded.

Richard Lotze and the Board of Trustees work diligently to make sure the police department has funds to operate and carry out our mission. The police department's only input on our budget is when Richard checks to see if there are any unusual purchases planned – and the answer is always, just the normal same every year. So, any time the Board of Trustees votes to put a levy on, it is to maintain the status quo. When expenses have risen to the point that we cannot maintain the status quo, then a levy is place on the ballot. That levy is planned to last us at least five year. I am proud of the fact that the last 5-year levy lasted us 13 years. I want to thank all who voted for our renewal levy. If it had failed, we would have pretty much had to close down. The new levy we asked for failed by 46 votes. I want to thank everyone who supported that levy. Our biggest supporters almost passed it for us in precincts 5, 6 and 7. Thank you.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Larry Sauerwein reported for the month of October 2019:

Beaver Township Fire Department responded to (94) calls for service, bringing our year to date total to (863) calls.

These include: (10) Alarm Activations; (3) Lift Assists; (5) Motor Vehicle Accidents wo/Extrication; (2) Hazardous Condition; (2) Vehicle Fire; and (11) Mutual Aid.

I would like the Board of Trustees to accept the resignation of Brandon Aukerman as Lead Fire Inspector effective November 15, 2019.

9. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mr. Tabor to accept the resignation of Brandon Aukerman as Lead Fire Inspector effective November 15, 2019. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Fire Chief Sauerwein gave a few winter weather reminders: bad roads, bad weather, take extra time, clean windows, watch out for black ice, slow down and take it easy.

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10. EMS REPORT

Chief Frank Dispenza reported for the month of October 2019:

(72) Responses; (78) Patients Seen; (57) Transports to Hospital; and (298.9) Loaded Miles

The monthly responses included: (32) ALS Transports; (24) BLS Transports; (1) ALS Transport w/Medic From Other Department; (4) Medic Back Up to Other Departments; (8) Backup to Other Departments; (2) Backup to BTFD Crew; (2) BLS Treatment-No Transport; (17) Refusals; (4) Cancelled Requests; (1) False Alarms and (2) Lift Assists.

11. ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brad Burbick, Road Superintendent, reported for the month of October 2019:

Trucks are serviced and federal inspection done and are ready to go for winter.

Boom mower for the tractor that is ordered should be around \$62,000. I am still figuring out a few details and will have a solid number next month.

12. ZONING REPORT

Rick Martin, Zoning Inspector, reported for the month of October 2019:

Permits: (7); Year to Date Permits: (69); Fees: \$961.00; Year to Date Fees: \$19,486.00; Est'd Value: \$297,980.00; Year to Date Est'd Value: \$5,823,069.00 Number of violations: (3 – closed)

I would like to present to the Board of Trustees the road bond for the Lakes at Sharrott Hill for their approval. Rhinehart Ickert, a resident at the Lakes, voiced several concerns that he and the other residents of that community have being: language on the bond itself (stating 'improvements shown above and there is nothing above, no bond language guaranteeing what is stated on the plan given to the Zoning Department), the amount of the bond (\$52,000) and what exactly it covers (told that it was for the new portion of the road only – not the egress/ingress roads). He also had questions about the waterline and sewer but he was told that those are not township issues. Robert Good, 1867 Mallard Ln, also voiced his concerns with the construction (ungraded lots, curb issues, and broken lamppost). He also stated that Ohio Edison damaged a line on his property and has not repaired it. Trustee Simmons said that she would call Ohio Edison about this situation. Trustee Kappler stated that they would look into these concerns further and asked Zoning Inspector Rick Martin if a moratorium could be put on issuing permits again if the developer does not adhere to the plan. He said yes that it could be done. He also said that the Zoning Department would go out and take before pictures of the roads and then take pictures after the construction to compare and see if there are any issues and deal with them as they arise. Trustee Kappler suggested that this request be tabled until December so that some of these questions can be answered. Trustees Tabor and Simmons both agreed.

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13. PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott Conway, Park Administrator, reported for the month of October 2019:

Friday, November 15th, is the Senior Meeting at the Calvary United Methodist Church from 10 am – 1 pm. The speaker is Trustee Pamela Simmons with lunch and bingo.

Trunk & Treat went well despite the weather. There were approximately 350 that attended. I also want to thank the organizations, churches and businesses for their involvement.

Veterans' Day Program was very well attended with approximately 65 people present. Trustee Simmons said that it was a nice program. Trustee Tabor agreed adding that the Major could sing.

14. RECYCLING REPORT

Cindy Sauerwein, Recycling Coordinator, reported for the month of October 2019:

The center has been pretty busy. I talked to Lou Vega (Green Team) requesting an extra bin pull and seeing if the pull date could be changed from Tuesday to Monday. If that could not happen, I asked if we could have another bin.

15. FISCAL OFFICE REPORT

Richard Lotze, Fiscal Officer, reported for the month of October 2019:

Everyone received their financial reports.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the following Appropriation changes as presented. (Resolution)

Increase 1-F-1 (Salaries)	\$ 2,500.00	New Balance=\$ 30,280.00
Increase 1-F-8 (Other)	\$ 1,500.00	New Balance=\$ 32,200.00
Increase 4-A-5 (Supplies)	\$ 1,500.00	New Balance=\$ 25,400.00

16. RESOLUTION 19-49

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees approve the Appropriation changes as presented.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

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17. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Amendment to and clarification of Real Estate Purchase Contract between Beaver Township and South Range Local Board of Education (signed October 17, 2019 by Beaver Township and October 21, 2019 by South Range Local Board of Education) concerning mineral rights. Trustee Kappler stated that the Gate Church still has the First Right of Refusal.

18. RESOLUTION 19-50

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees approve the Amendment to and clarification of Real Estate Purchase Contract between Beaver Township and South Range Local Board of Education (signed October 17, 2019 by Beaver Township and October 21, 2019 by South Range Local Board of Education) concerning mineral rights.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, abstain.

Trustee Kappler asked Zoning Inspector Rick Martin to give an update on the 492 Forest Avenue property since he spoke to Karen Gaglione from the Prosecutor's Office earlier in the day. Mr. Martin stated that he had talked to Karen and she said that the title search came back clear so the Prosecutor's Office spoke to the Land Bank and there are still funds available through them to demolish the remains of the house. This could be down after the process in probate court has been completed. Prosecutor Gaglione also stated that through their research there is another person involved so that needs to be resolved. The Land Bank is still in play but the funds are dwindling and the request must be submitted by December 31, 2019. All persons involved through probate court must agree to submit it to the Land Bank.

Trustee Tabor shared a roundabout project update. The ramps were going to be open in two weeks as soon as Ohio Edison finishes their part of the project.

Trustee Simmons shared that turning lane construction on Western Reserve Road is supposed to begin on May 2, 2021 at the intersections of Western Reserve and Glenwood. She continued stating that the widening of Western Reserve in the Woodworth area was to beginning July 2023. The county is continuing the purchase of the needed property, which is supposed to be taken on the Boardman side of the road.

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19. PUBLIC RESPONSE

Gary DeLost, 9203 Harvard Blvd., shared his ongoing concern about pulling out of East Harvard with the dip and excess gravel. Now that black ice is a concern, the area needs cleaned.

Richard Ferenchak, 1151 Longview Circle, asked about the financial shape of the police department since the new levy did not pass. Trustee Kappler said that currently the department is down two officers and they will not be replaced at this time. Fiscal Officer Richard Lotze stated that the department could operate through 2020 but would be out of money by 2021. Trustee Kappler said that it would be put back on the ballot in 2020. Ferenchak added that he felt lack of turnout was a big issue. He also asked if the Trustees ever considered combining the levies. Fiscal Officer Lotze answered that if you combine and lose you have lost everything. In addition, the residents would lose the rollback advantage if the township would combine on the renewal levies so it is better for the residents to keep renewing. Mr. Lotze continued stating that if you look at your tax coupon the township only represents 20% of the taxes. Trustee Simmons added the police work hard and Police Chief Frost could not run the department any better than he is right now. Mr. Ferenchak stated that he was honestly surprised that it did not pass. Trustee Tabor said that he felt that the political atmosphere and levy language played a part. Mr. Lotze stated that Carl does a great job with grants to supplement which shows because it has been 13 years since a new levy. Chief Frost along with the other department heads do a great job at staying within their budgets. Healthcare costs continue to be an ongoing issue. In 2020, the township's healthcare increased 9%, which was lower than anticipated. Lotze also stated that possibly more education to the public is needed. Mr. Ferenchak said that if anyone is underpaid it is a police officer. Mr. Lotze said that re-evaluation of properties in the township affected this as well. A levy continues to collect the same amount of money no matter how many new homes are built in the township. Some property evaluations go up and some go down. This 2.9 mil levy would cost the property owner \$101.50 per \$100,000 market value of the home on the tax coupon. Mr. Ferenchak feels that right now people are critical of government in general but the township does a great job – better than the county or state in my opinion.

Sheldon Van Meter, 546 Forest Ave., shared his continued concern about the burnt house on 492 Forest Avenue. He asked the Trustees if they ever thought about starting a 'demo fund' to put money aside for situations like this. The Trustees collectively agreed that it is something they need to discuss going forward. Trustee Tabor added that even if the township had the money that the law still had to be followed when going on to private property. Trustee Kappler also added that the township would continue to follow the prosecutor's opinion in this matter and any others like this. Mr. Van Meter asked if the Trustees could pass ordinances for situations like this. Trustee Kappler answered that the township would have to have home rule in order to do that otherwise we follow the ORC. Police Chief Frost added that the only ordinance that the trustees could approve are for barking dogs.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to go into executive session as 6:53 PM to discuss contracts and evaluate personnel. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.

21. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Returned from executive session at 7:42 PM with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.

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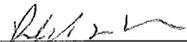
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22. With no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mr. Tabor to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.



Ronald L. Kappler, Chairman

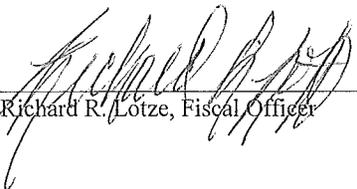


Erik J. Tabor, Vice-Chairman



Pamela L. Simmons, Trustee

ATTEST:



Richard R. Lotze, Fiscal Officer

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