

Minutes of April 25, 2023

Record of Proceedings

The Washington Township Board of Trustees regularly scheduled meeting held at the Washington Township Administration Building, 6200 Eiterman Road, Dublin, Ohio, on April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., with Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chairman, calling the meeting to order, and it opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call – Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair – Present
 Mr. Stu Harris, Vice Chair – Present
 Mr. Jan Rozanski, Trustee – Present

Sheriff's Report:

Deputy Burton Haren was present to give the report, no written report submitted. Discussion held.

Resolution to Promote:

Mr. Kranstuber introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE BRANDON A. BAIR AS A FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY CAPTAIN

WHEREAS, Washington Township provides fire suppression and prevention and emergency medical services to its constituents, and;

WHEREAS, a need to fill a vacancy, occurring on May 4, 2023, in the position of captain, and;

WHEREAS, to adequately provide services, it is necessary to fill the vacancy in the position, and;

WHEREAS, the appointment is being recommended by the human resource manager, fire chief and township administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN, DELAWARE, AND UNION COUNTIES, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. The Board approves the promotion of:

Name: Brandon A. Bair
 Position: Probationary Captain
 Classification: Uniformed Full-Time Non-Exempt
 Base Salary: \$112,988.88
 Effective date: May 13, 2023

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

Mr. Rozanski seconded the motion, and the roll was called and all members of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voted aye. Resolution adopted April 25, 2023.

#2023.04.25.001

Append #001

Resolution to Promote:

Mr. Kranstuber introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE JOHN R. GUEGOLD AS A FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY LIEUTENANT

WHEREAS, Washington Township provides fire suppression and prevention and emergency medical services to its constituents, and;

WHEREAS, a need to fill a vacancy, occurring on May 13, 2023, in the position of lieutenant, and;

WHEREAS, to adequately provide services, it is necessary to fill the vacancy in the position, and;

WHEREAS, the appointment is being recommended by the human resource manager, fire chief and township administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN, DELAWARE, AND UNION COUNTIES, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. The Board approves the promotion of:

Name: John R. Guegold
 Position: Probationary Lieutenant
 Classification: Uniformed Full-Time Non-Exempt
 Base Salary: \$105,597.08
 Effective date: May 13, 2023

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

Mr. Rozanski seconded the motion, and the roll was called and all members of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voted aye. Resolution adopted April 25, 2023.

#2023.04.25.002

Append #002

Resolution Reimbursement to Syntero:

Mr. Rozanski introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING REIMBURSEMENT TO SYNTERO, INCORPORATED IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Syntero, Incorporated is an advocate and supports the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities by providing professional, compassionate behavioral health and social services that adapt to the changing needs of the community.

WHEREAS, Washington Township also supports the services offered by Syntero, Incorporated and all that they do for the community.

WHEREAS, over the years, the Township has provided financial support to Syntero, Incorporated in the amount of \$50,000, or \$1.00 per Washington Township Resident (estimated population of 50,223).

WHEREAS, if there is a special funding need for a new program offered by Syntero, Incorporated in the future and there is a need for additional funding, Syntero, Incorporated can then request additional funding from the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN, DELAWARE, AND UNION COUNTIES, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of Washington Township hereby authorizes and directs the Fiscal Officer to reimburse Syntero, Incorporated an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to support the above causes as stated.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

Mr. Kranstuber seconded the motion, and the roll was called and all members of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voted aye. Resolution adopted April 25, 2023.

#2023.04.25.003

Append #003

Resolution Amending the Charges:

Mr. Kranstuber introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Washington Township, through the Washington Township Fire Department, has been, and intends to continue, providing ambulance and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 505.84 authorizes a Township to establish reasonable charges for the use of fire and rescue services, ambulance services, or emergency medical services. R.C. 505.84 also permits a Township to establish different charges for Township residents and nonresidents, and may, in its discretion, waive all or part of the charge for any resident; and

WHEREAS, at its September 27, 2016 meeting and after much thought and careful consideration, the Board of Trustees of Washington Township determined it was in the best interest of the Township to establish a use charge for ambulance and emergency medical services provided by the Washington Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the charges established by that September 27, 2016 resolution were increased on January 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Washington Township recently learned The Center for Medicare Medicaid Services released The Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for CY2022. This AIF contains a 8.7% rate increase for EMS services in 2022, a 5.1% increase in 2021 and a 0.2% increase in 2020; and

WHEREAS, while Washington Township is not limited to only a 14.48% increase, the Board of Trustees wants to increase its charges for these services by only 14.48%.

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Franklin, Delaware, and Union Counties, State of Ohio:

Section 1: Pursuant to R.C. 505.84, the following amended charges for the use of ambulance services and/or emergency medical services are hereby created and established for all persons (township resident or non-resident):

- a. Basic Life Support (BLS): \$ 802.18
- b. Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS1) \$ 948.24
- c. Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2) \$1,375.99
- d. Loaded Mileage \$ 16.99

Section 2: The amended charges set forth in Section 1 shall take effect May 1, 2023.

Section 3: All other Sections and Sub-Sections of the Resolution for EMS Billing, adopted on September 27, 2016 shall remain unchanged, in effect, and enforceable.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of the Board and any of the decision making bodies of the Board of Trustees which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Mr. Rozanski seconded the motion, and the roll was called and all members of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voted aye. Resolution adopted April 25, 2023.

#2023.04.25.004
Append #004

Motion to Approve Agreement:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Mr. Harris, to authorize the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement with Pro-Safe Training Systems for a three-year (2024-2026) maintenance agreement for the burn prop in the training tower. Motion passed.

#2023.04.25.005
Append #005

Motion to Authorize the Purchase of Turnout Gear:

In accordance with the department’s turnout gear purchasing model, at this time there are four full-time Firefighters that are fitted and due for new turnout gear in 2023. The vendor and turnout gear specifications remain the same as those utilized in 2022. Along with the fifteen-turnout gear sets purchased in January, this will bring the total sets purchased in 2023 up to nineteen. Each set of turnout gear is \$3,400 for a total of \$13,600. By continuing to purchase turnout gear at the rate identified in the Fire PPE program and budget process, all current full-time members should have a backup set of turnout gear in 2024.

Motion:

Motion by Mr. Rozanski, seconded by Mr. Harris, to authorize the Township Administrator to purchase four sets of turnout gear from Phoenix Safety Outfitters, cost not to exceed \$14,000. Motion passed.

#2023.04.25.006
Append #006

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Mr. Harris, approving the consent agenda as follows:

- Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023, as presented
- Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2023, as presented
- Bills: April 15, 2023 \$ 174,352.14
- Payroll: April 14, 2023 \$ 396,923.25
- Monthly Financial Report for March

Motion passed.

#2023.04.25.007
Append #007

Round Table Discussion:

Administrator, Department Heads and Trustees, held discussions and updates given, but no action taken.

Mr. Richter shared with the Board that he attended the kick off meeting of the Shier Rings Shared Use Path connecting the Ballentrae Development to the proposed Development on Shier-Rings/Cosgray Road. They are working through the engineering and right-of-way negotiations in 2023, procurement in 2024, and construction in 2025.

Mr. Richter stated the Township’s spring newsletter will go out by the end of May.

Trustees still in discussions with the City of Dublin regarding cemeteries. There is no cemetery plots available within the Township or the City of Dublin and the Trustees would like the City of Dublin to expand the current cemetery for the future.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting of April 25, 2023, adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair

Ms. Joyce E. Robinson, Fiscal Officer