

Minutes of July 11, 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 July 11, 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

Oath of Office:

Mr. Rozanski administer the oath of office to the following individuals:

- Kendall Pannell, Full-Time Firefighter
- Joshua Swanson, Full-Time Firefighter
- Clayton Hoover, Full-Time Firefighter
- Andrew Chappellear, Full-Time Firefighter
- Collin Habel, Full-Time Firefighter
- Kory Carter, Full-Time Firefighter

Sheriff’s Report:

Deputy Burton Haren was present and submitted written report for the Trustees to review and a discussion held.
Append #001

Opportunity for Residents to Speak Regarding Items Not on the Agenda:

Mr. Gene Bostic was present and stated he is still working on securing land for a cemetery. He also brought a concern to the attention of the Board regarding an unfinished house on Dublin Road and with homeless people living in this house. Deputy Burton said he will stop by this house.

Resolution to Conclude Employment:

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

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING JAMES E. FISH’S EMPLOYMENT AS FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC
WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Washington Township hired James E. Fish on July 8, 1989, and
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Washington Township recognizes James E. Fish has resigned from his position with the Township to accept a position with another entity.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Franklin, Delaware, and Union Counties, State of Ohio:

Section 1: The Board of Trustees hereby approves the resignation of:

Name: James E. Fish
Position/Department: Firefighter-Paramedic / Fire
Classification: Full-Time
Effective date: June 26, 2023

Section 2: James E. Fish is eligible for rehire;

Section 3: 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.

Section 4: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Resolution is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

Mr. Rozanski seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees voting Aye. Resolution adopted.

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Append #002

Motion to Provide the City of Dublin Funding for AED's:

Chief Alec O'Connell stated they are requesting funding in the amount not to exceed of \$11,000 to jointly purchase seven (7) AEDs with a heated wall mounted cabinet, allowing year-round access in our parks. The City of Dublin and Washington Township recognize the considerable benefits of providing a variety of quality recreational youth programs, as the township and city promote healthy childhood development and a heightened sense of community.

Many community partnerships work cooperatively to ensure access to the parks and local sports.

City of Dublin provides organized sports programs to over 30,000 youths annually. Programs include; numerous local and regional sports tournaments (25,000+ kids), youth soccer (4,000+ kids), baseball (1,500+ kids), softball (1,000+ kids), lacrosse (500+ kids), and skateboarding (100 teens). Additionally, adult organized sports events include; adult cricket (400 adults), pickle ball (200 adults), tennis (100 adults), basketball (200 teens/adults), and running programs. The City of Dublin also has partnered with Miracle League of Central Ohio with the mission of raising funds to build a unique baseball field for athletes with mental and physical challenges in the Central Ohio area. Miracle League is located at the Darree Fields sports complex. Events at Miracle League occur almost every Saturday during the months of May-August and 2-3 days per week in the fall.

As was highly publicized and seen with Buffalo Bill's Damar Hamlin, the 24-year-old professional athlete went into cardiac arrest during a Monday Night Football game. Sudden cardiac arrest is rare in young people, but does happen. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 2,000 young, seemingly healthy people under age 25 in the United States die each year of sudden cardiac arrest. These deaths leave behind a huge and devastating impact on families and communities. With a sudden cardiac arrest event, the use of an AED and the quick and proficient application of CPR can help with saving a life. The American Heart Association reported that over 326,000 sudden cardiac arrests occur in the United States a year. A cardiac arrest event can occur in any community, and the victim can be any age.

The only way for a victim to survive a cardiac arrest event in most cases, is CPR and the quick application of an AED. When a victim is treated with both CPR and the AED, the chances for survival are doubled. For every minute that passed, without CPR and use of an AED, the victim's chances of survival decrease by 7-10%. Washington Township Fire Department and Dublin Police Department response times for these events are typically greater than 6-minutes from the time of the cardiac arrest, limiting the chance of survival upon our arrival to between 40-58%.

Earlier this year a grant application was submitted to the Shriners to fund this project. To date we have not received word on our funding request. Due to the importance of this project, the City of Dublin is moving forward with this purchase at a cost of approximately \$22,000. In partnership with the City of Dublin, we are recommending to fund 50% of this project at a cost not to exceed \$11,000. Should grant funding be allocated, we would recommend reimbursement to each agency for 50% of the grant amount.

Motion:

Motion by Mr. Rozanski, seconded by Mr. Harris, to authorize the Township Administrator to provide the City of Dublin funding for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators and heated cabinets for a cost not to exceed \$11,000. It is further recommended that if grant funding is allocated, that each agency be reimbursed for 50% of the grant amount. Motion passed.

#2023.07.11.002

Append #003

Motion Authorizing Washington Township to Participate:

Assistant Chief John Donahue stated Washington Township Fire Department is requesting authorization to move forward with allowing a delegate from the Poland National Fire Service to spend approximately on month with Washington Township Fire Department.

The Institution of Fire Engineers – US Branch and the Main School of the Fire Service in Warsaw, Poland entered into an informal agreement in 2004 that allows for the broadening perspective on the fire service operations internationally. The Main Fire School is the National Fire Service Academy of Poland for officer training in Poland. This is very similar to our military academies at West Point of Annapolis. These leaders are in the process of completing either their undergraduate or graduate college programs in Fire Engineering or Civil Security Protection. The purpose of the study visit is to provide experience of the American fire service to fire officer candidates, which they could use as they complete their education and placed in the field after graduation. The benefit to WT is the professional development exposure of working with a peer firefighter from another country, as we continue to focus on our DEI program. Additionally, our Department has the opportunity to send one of our leaders to Poland for a similar experience in their country.

Our program would focus on the candidate living at one of our fire stations for this period. During this time, they would train and make responses with us. We would limit their exposure to hazardous environments to training opportunities. While at the stations, they would make responses on our apparatus. Other emergency service programs we would work to expose them to include programs at the State Fire Marshal’s Office, county and state emergency management, John Glenn International Airport firefighting operations, MedFlight and special event protection. Other potential opportunities we would explore would include meeting our Township Trustees, City of Dublin representative, other local, state and national elected officials, and attending local sporting events.

The cost for the delegate program to come to WT would be for housing and meal expenses. WT could house the delegate at no cost in our fire stations. Meal expenses, Chief Donahue recommends having the flexibility to pay the shift they would be working with their daily amount, typically around \$15 - \$20 per day, but allow flexibility for meals. Should we elect to send one of our future leaders (Captain or Battalion Chief) to Poland for a similar experience, we would pay for the airfare from Columbus to Warsaw, Poland. The Main school would reciprocally provide the housing and meal expenses for our representative.

Motion:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Mr. Harris, to Authorize Washington Township to participate in the Poland National Fire Service and the IFE-USA Branch Delegate Exchange Program, estimated costs not to exceed \$2,000.
Motion passed.

#2023.07.11.003
Append #004

Resolution for Removal of Wild Vegetation and Trash Debris:

Mr. Kranstuber introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR REMOVAL OF WILD VEGETATION AND TRASH DEBRIS Ohio Revised Code §505.87

WHEREAS, the occupants at 6114 Shier Lane, Dublin, Ohio, 43016, Washington Township, Franklin, Delaware and Union Counties, Ohio (the “Property”), have been determined to have established and perpetuated an actionable nuisance violation at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the nuisance being maintained by the occupants at the Property threatens the public health, safety and environment; and

WHEREAS, in the interests of the public health, safety and environment, the Board desires to provide for the immediate abatement, control and/or removal of the nuisance being maintained by the occupants of the Property.

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

- Section 1: The Board hereby authorizes payment, if necessary, from the Township General Fund, currently estimated at \$2,000, for removal of wild vegetation and trash debris at the Property.
- Section 2: The Administrator and Fiscal Officer are authorized, on behalf of the Board, to arrange and effectuate the removal of the wild vegetation and trash debris at the Property and to arrange a lien on the Property relating to the cost of such removal.
- Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees voting Aye. Resolution adopted.

#2023.07.11.004
Append #005

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

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

- Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2023, as Amended
- Bills: May 31, 2023 \$ 283,850.45
- Electronic Payments May 2023 \$1,229,608.22
- Medical Payments May 2023 \$ 193,094.60
- Payroll: Monthly June 2, 2023 \$ 9,137.32
- Payroll: June 9, 2023 \$ 605,249.24
- Monthly Financial Report April

Motion passed.

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Append #005

Round Table Discussion:

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

Mr. Eric Richter gave the following updates:

Washington Township and Franklin County Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program

Washington Township has historically participated in the County's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program via resolution in the past. This year the County notified us that the participation agreement would automatically renew for the FY 2024 – 2026 program years. Via the agreement, any township residents who may qualify for HUD program funds remain eligible. A copy of the letter has been included with this packet.

Append #006

Dublin Water and Sewer Expansion Area

The City of Dublin is modifying their agreement with the City of Columbus pertaining to expanded areas the City of Dublin would be able to serve under the amended agreement. The amended agreement has had one reading with Dublin City Council and Mr. Richter anticipates approval by August.

Append #007

Projected OneOhio Opioid Settlement Funds

Mr. Richter said the Township has received additional documentation from the settlement administrator that provides the Township with a little more detail about the projected funds anticipate through 2038.

Append #008

Dublin Food Pantry

Mr. Richter reviewed materials with the Trustees from the Dublin Food Pantry regarding an event on September 17th to be held in Dublin's Bridge Park.

Append #009

Amlin Project:

Mr. Richter stated Amlin Area Project is nearing completion. The Amlin signage to be installed the week of July 17. A discussion held regarding the mowing of grass in the right-of-ways along Rings Road. The Board stated the mowing to be done by the homeowners and not by the Township, Trustees suggested a letter be sent. Mr. Richter suggested mowing the grass until the end of this year's season and next year this would be the responsibility of the homeowners and the Board agreed.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting of July 11, 2023, adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair

Ms. Joyce E. Robinson, Fiscal Officer