

Minutes of August 8, 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 August 8, 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 – Absent
 Mr. Jan Rozanski, Trustee – Present

Oath of Office:

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

- Jeremy Elkins, Lieutenant
- Leo Swank, Full-Time Firefighter

Word of Appreciation:

Mr. Kranstuber and Ms. Jill Kranstuber expressed their appreciation and wanted to recognize the senior leaders of the team of Firefighters Chris Bisasella, Jess Hite and the entire unit that recently treated Mr. Kranstuber and transported him to the hospital. They thanked the team for the care that was administered, and for their professionalism.

Sheriff's Report:

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

Motion to Purchase:

Chief Alec O'Connell stated the department currently has Stryker Power Cots on each of our frontline medics. These power cots assist with patient movement in and out of facilities along with a power lift component to load patients in the medic. They have proved to be more stable than the older manual cots and reduce the chances of lifting injuries or potentially dropping a patient. With the Board's approval of two medics, to be delivered in the first quarter of 2024, it is my recommendation we equip the new medics with the Stryker Power Cot based on the benefits listed above and the need to maintain consistency throughout our apparatus. Currently, there is a six-month delivery time due to supply and demand. By ordering the cots now, we can ensure they will be in when the new medics arrive in the first quarter of 2024. This is a like purchase to our current equipment, so we were unable to get additional quotes.

Motion:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, to authorize the purchase of two Stryker Power Cot Pro 2 and loading systems from Stryker Medical, cost not to exceed \$125,000. This purchase will be paid from the EMS Billing Capital Budget in 2024 after the cots have been received. Motion approved. #2023.08.08.001
 Append #002

Motion to Enter into an Agreement:

Assistant Chief John Donahue stated the department is requesting the purchase of 10 Kenwood radios through VASU Communications. The radio purchase is part of the Department's planned 2023 replacement schedule. The department has been exploring other radio brand options due to the high cost of Motorola and the inability to provide an end of maintenance date for the existing Motorola radios. The Kenwood radios have become the radio of choice in Delaware County and the City of Dublin service departments, and many of our neighboring agencies are exploring a change to the Kenwood radio. These initial radios would replace the existing radios used by Fire Prevention and by the administrative staff. Included in the purchase is an extended warranty for a total of 5-years. NRECC would assist with the programming and maintenance of these radios.

Motion:

Motion by Mr. Rozanski, seconded by Mr. Kranstuber, to authorize the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement with VASU Communications Inc. for the purchase of portable radios and accessories, at a cost not to exceed \$26,000. Motion approved. #2023.08.08.002
 Append #003

Discussion Conversion of 453 Sick Leave Hours to Injury Leave Hours:

Ms. Catharinie Grossman stated the Township has employed firefighter Alan Baker since December 21, 2002. On August 9, 2017, FF Baker sustained a work-related injury to his left ankle. FF Baker had surgery on January 20, 2020, and returned to full duty on October 2, 2020. Between the date of injury and December 2019, FF Baker performed his firefighting duties without restrictions.

The Township's Injury Leave policy states:

Full-Time Injured employees shall continue to receive regular earnings up to 960 hours (four (4) months) from the date of injury. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation determines if the illness or injury qualifies for Injury Leave.

The Trustees approved a 2,605-hour extension to the Township's maximum Injury Leave hours, an additional 1,645 hours above the policy maximum, on February 8, 2021 (memo and attached Trustee Meeting Minutes appended to the Minutes). However, since 2020, FF Baker has continued to take Injury Leave for follow-up doctor's visits for his ankle. Below summarizes all injury leave hours taken for his ankle:

Year	Hours
2017	230
2018	0
2019	716
2020	1,659
2021	3
2022	3
YTD 2023	0
Total	2,611 (almost 1 year)

New Request of the Board

FF Baker requests 453 sick leave hours be converted to injury leave hours taken during 2023 for intermittent ankle issues.

A discussion was held regarding the sick leave/injury leave policy and other like situations of other staff.

Motion:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, approve of the recommendation as presented and to decline FF Baker's request for additional injury leave hours in 2023 (and going forward) from this six year old workers compensation claim. Motion passed.

#2023.08.08.003

Append #004

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

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

- Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023
- Bills: July 15, 2023 \$ 94,662.32
- Bills: July 15, 2023 \$ 3,900.00
- Bills: July 30, 2023 \$ 108,461.54
- Electronic Payments July 2023 \$1,201,985.06
- Medical Payments July 2023 \$ 226,608.90
- Appropriations Transfer \$ 60,864.00
- Payroll: July 21, 2023 \$ 509,241.76
- Payroll: Monthly August 4, 2023 \$ 9,268.82
- Payroll: August 4, 2023 \$ 486,859.10
- Monthly Financial Report June

Motion passed.

#2023.08.08.004

Append #005

Round Table Discussions:

Mr. Eric Richter discussed and shared Franklin County Engineer's Consultant Report (Arcadis) regarding Cosgray and Rings Road Intersection Improvements. The study is in its early stages and the FCEO is working with the City of Dublin regarding the improvements to be made in 2026/2027. Of the proposals shown, right-of-way currently owned by Washington Township would be needed for the improvements. We are consulting with an architect at a very high level to insure the remaining lot can still support a fire station at the location. With adequate ingress and egress, should future development in the southwest quadrant of the Township indicate this land would provide appropriate response time to future growth and development (PowerPoint Included). Append #006

Chief O'Connell and Assistant Chief Donahue reviewed with the Board the WTFD Statistics and the status update on the 2023-2025 Goals. Discussion was held regarding the stats to support a future fire station in the future, but at this time, no new station is needed. Append #007

Executive Session Land Acquisition:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of Land Acquisition for the purpose of land for a cemetery, per the request of the Trustees and per the Ohio Revised Code Section #121.22(G)(2) at 7:00 p.m. and the roll was called upon with all members of the Board of Trustees present, voting aye. Motion passed. #2020.05.26.020

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting of August 8, 2023, adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair

Ms. Joyce E. Robinson, Fiscal Officer