

Minutes of April 27, 2021

Record of Proceedings

Due to Covid-19, this regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Trustees was conducted remotely via <http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/147176629> from the Washington Township Administration Building, 6200 Eiterman Road, Dublin, Ohio, on April 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair.

Roll call – Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair – Present
 Mr. Jan Rozanski, Vice Chair – Present
 Ms. Denise Franz King, Trustee – Present

Sheriff's Report:

Deputy Chuck Hamilton was present to give report of activity in the Township. Ms. Denise King reported there has been concerns regarding drag racing and speeders in the Township and requested for more police presence to detour this activity for the safety of residents.

Resolution to Suspend Collection of Continuing Levies for One Year:

Mr. Kranstuber introduced and moved to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE COLLECTION OF FOUR CONTINUING LEVIES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD OF THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (R.C. 5705.34 FIRE FUND) OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE TAX LIEN DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2021, AND COLLECTED IN 2022

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees voted on August 15, 2020 to adopt an updated Strategic Plan including identifying a strategy to reduce fund balances to 50% of annual expenditures by 2025, making a decision year by year about not collecting either inside millage or permanent fire levies and evaluating progress toward the goal after each year;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees voted on March 9, 2021, to suspend the collection of four of its Special Revenue Fund - Fire Fund's Continuing Levy's for a period of one year as part of the approval of the 2021 Permanent Budget for Washington Township.

WHEREAS, Washington Township currently collects taxes on four continuing levies for the Special Revenue Fund - Fire Fund (.70 mills passed on June 1976, 1.50 mills passed on June 1976, 2.0 mills passed on November 1977, and 2.50 mills passed on November 1978).

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fire Fund Continuing Levies is to provide Washington Township with Fire and EMS Services to all of the Township (Incorporated and Un-Incorporated areas).

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Budget Commission is required to collect taxes based upon the voted Special Revenue Fire Fund Continuing Levies unless Washington Township adopts a Resolution directing them not to collect these taxes.

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Fire Department will continue to provide required Fire and Emergency Services to all of the Township, even though these Four Continuing Levies will not be collected in tax year 2022.

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

Section 1: Washington Township is approving suspending the collection of these taxes for a period of one year, in the tax collection year 2022, thereafter the Board of Trustees will continue to evaluate annually the balances in all funds to assure the voters of Washington Township there is not a surplus of funds.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including, without limitation, Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Section 3: The Fiscal Officer is instructed to incorporate this Resolution into the Minutes of this meeting, and to file these materials with the official records of this Township, and a copy of this signed Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Franklin County Auditor, as secretary of the Franklin County Budget Commission.

Ms. King seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon with all member of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voting aye. Resolution adopted. #2021.04.27.001

Append #001

Noting: The Board requested Ms. Melanie Amato, the Township's new Communications Manager, to get the word out to residents of Washington Township regarding the Boards decision and approval to reduce property taxes in the year 2022, and to not collect on four continuing levies.

Resolution Directing Reimbursement to Syntero, Incorporated:

Mr. Kranstuber 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 \$48,000 - \$1.00 per Washington Township Resident (estimated population of 48,000).

WHEREAS, over the years the Township has also provided additional help to support the various other programs, including the Mental Health for Veterans, for which Syntero, Incorporated, offers, in the amount of \$7,000.

AND 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 Trustees of Washington Township, Franklin, Delaware and Union Counties, Ohio,

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 \$55,000, 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.

Ms. King seconded the motion, and the roll was called upon with all member of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voting aye. Resolution adopted.

#2021.04.27.002

Append #002

Resolution Concluding Employment:

Ms. King introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING BRAEDON G. BINGHAM'S EMPLOYMENT AS A PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Washington Township hired Braedon G. Bingham on February 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Washington Township recognizes that Braedon G. Bingham has communicated his intention to resigned for personal reasons.

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: Braedon G. Bingham
 Position/Department: Firefighter / Paramedic / Fire
 Classification: Part-Time
 Effective date: April 15, 2021

Section 2: Braedon G. Bingham 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. Kranstuber seconded the motion, and the roll was called upon with all member of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voting aye. Resolution adopted.

#2021.04.27.003

Append #003

Resolution Concluding Employment:

Ms. King introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING KYE M. BETZEL'S EMPLOYMENT AS A PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Washington Township hired Kye M. Betzel on February 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Washington Township recognizes that Kye M. Betzel has communicated his intention to resigned for personal reasons.

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: Kye M Betzel
 Position / Department: Firefighter / Paramedic / Fire
 Classification: Part-Time
 Effective date: April 25, 2021

Section 2: Kye M. Betzel 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. Kranstuber seconded the motion, and the roll was called upon with all member of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voting aye. Resolution adopted. #2021.04.27.004
Append #004

The Board of Trustees welcomed Ms. Melanie Amato to the Township.

Resolution to Hire:

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

RESOLUTION TO HIRE MELANIE J. AMATO AS A FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

WHEREAS, Washington Township provides fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical services and other Township administrative duties to its constituents, and

WHEREAS, a need to fill a vacancy, occurring on February 28, 2021, in the position of Communications Manager, 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 township administrator, human resource manager, and fire chief;

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 hiring of:
Name: Melanie J. Amato
Position: Probationary Communications Manager
Classification: Non-Uniformed Full-Time Exempt
Annual Salary: \$94,000.00
Effective date: June 1, 2021

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 upon with all member of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voting aye. Resolution adopted. #2021.04.27.005
Append #005

Resolution to Promote:

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

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE JARRAD W. REESE TO FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

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 February 18, 2021, in the position of Firefighter/ Paramedic, 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: Jarrad W. Reese
 Position: Probationary Firefighter / Paramedic
 Classification: Uniformed Full-Time Non-Exempt
 Salary: \$62,127.62 annually
 Effective date: May 1, 2021

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.

Ms. King seconded the motion, and the roll was called upon with all member of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voting aye. Resolution adopted.

#2021.04.27.006

Append #006

AEP Easement & Right of Way:

The Board reviewed an Easement and Right of Way request from AEP, a discussion was held with AEP's representative Mr. Bert Sullivan. The Board does not have a problem with this request but would like to have answers to previous questions from AEP regarding another site AEP is working on (line going down Shier Rings Road). Mr. Sullivan stated AEP is waiting on directions from the City of Dublin regarding Shier Rings Road. Mr. Sullivan is not working on the Shier Rings Road project but he will try to get the answers for the Board, so they can move forward with these projects.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021	
Bills: March 31, 2021	\$ 242,505.33
Bills: April 15, 2021	\$ 71,787.10
Electronic Payments March 2021	\$1,129,406.33
Medical Payments March 2021	\$ 265,975.00
Payroll: Monthly April 2, 2021	\$ 9,898.65
Payroll: April 2, 2021	\$ 440,205.72
Payroll: April 16, 2021	\$ 417,522.22
February Financial Report	

Motion passed.

#2021.04.27.005

Append #007

Round Table Discussion:

Updated reports were given by Department Heads and Trustees.

Fire Chief Alec O'Connell stated the Department will be administrating 100 doses of the COVID vaccines on May 18, 2021, which will be administered first to Washington Township employees and their families and then to the City of Dublin Employees.

He gave updates on training.

The Fire Department will be having the Annual Flower Sale on May 6 – 8, 2021, next door to Station #91, proceeds will go to benefit the Honor Flights.

Ms. Catherine Grossman stated the Township has been kicked out of the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation group rating program due to the number of claims.

Ms. Robinson gave updates on Zoning, report was submitted and discussed.

Discussion regarding holding in person Township meetings or to continue with go to meetings online. No decision was made at this point.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting of April 27, 2021, adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair

Ms. Joyce E. Robinson, Fiscal Officer