

MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING OF LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AND THE LAFAYETTE FIRE DISTRICT  
2022 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
*Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6 p.m.*

The Board of Trustees of Lafayette Township and the Lafayette Township Fire District, Medina County, Ohio met in organization session on Friday, January 10, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Safety Service Building 6367 Technology Lane , Medina, OH. Notice of this meeting was consistent with ORC 121.22 and the township's open meeting policy

Fiscal officer Laura Ruebensaal called the meeting of the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and the Lafayette Township Fire District to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Trustees Marty Warchola, Ty Fullerton, Chris O'Neil. Also present: Fire Chief Winkler and Law Director Bill Thorne.

Fiscal Officer Ruebensaal called for nominations. Trustee O'Neil made a motion to second by Fullerton to nominate Trustee Warchola as Board Chair for the year 2022. All voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Warchola called the meeting to Order.

Trustee Warchola made a motion second by Trustee O'Neil to nominate Trustee Fullerton as vice chair, all voting in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Warchola made a motion that we limit public participation in meetings to 5 minutes per person. Seconded by Trustee Fullerton. The records show: Votes for "Aye" were Trustee Warchola and Trustee Fullerton Trustee O'Neil stated "Nay." Motion carries.

Trustee Warchola stated regular Board meeting will be next Monday night. Opened up the Floor to anyone that had anything they wanted to bring to the Board.

Public Member Michael Schmidt (Westfield Township Trustee) brought up Resolution 2020-08. Adopted 10/5/2020 for reciprocal assistance in maintenance services. They wanted to check that we are on board as it is beneficial to both Townships and it saves money. Equipment is shared as well. Bound by Current agreement thru 2023.

Carol Lane questioned "Do we have to use brine in the winter?" Trustee Warchola explained that County & State utilize that on their roads. It is a heavy concentration of salt water.

Justin Peroli has a question about the resolution wonders if it applies per person and is it just for this meeting. Trustee Warchola explained that public participation is not required. They want to ensure that the public has a chance to interact and that this is going forward. We may find out 5 minutes isn't enough but we have to start somewhere.

Carol Lane questioning about zoning and people that have junk outside on 42 near Westfield. Garbage is getting closer to the Road. Trustee Warchola deferred to Zoning Inspector Strogin.

Off Westfield Rd. Driveway on the right. She explained she is not familiar with that location. There is a gentleman that is a scrapper but it was determined this is not the party. Trustee Warchola stated get us the address and if it is something we can help with we will try but we are limited.

Legislation:

**Resolution 1 - 2022** A RESOLUTION ENACTING THE 2022 LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC BODY RULE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC AND NEWS MEDIA

Trustee Fullerton moved to approve, second by Trustee O'Neil, all voting in favor.

**Resolution 2 - 2022** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting schedule will be different meeting 2x a month 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 7 pm 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be a "lite" meeting, The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Month will have Board Reports, Fire/Police Departments and Public participation and signing warrants, fiscal reports. The effort is to limit the amount of special meetings that are needed. All meetings in Safety Services Building for now.

Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton.

**Resolution 3 - 2022** A RESOLUTION ENACTING THE 2022 LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT PUBLIC BODY RULE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC AND NEWS MEDIA

Meeting schedule will be different meeting 2x a month 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be a "lite" meeting, The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Month will have Board Reports, Fire/Police Departments and Public participation and signing warrants, fiscal reports. The effort is to limit the amount of special meetings that are needed. All meetings in Safety Services Building for now.

Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor.

**Resolution 4 - 2022** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting schedule will be different meeting 2x a month 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be a "lite" meeting, The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Month will be for public and news media. All meetings in Safety Services Building for now.

Trustee Fullerton moved to approve, second by Trustee O'Neil, all voting in favor.

**Resolution 5 - 2022** A RESOLUTION CONTINUING AUTHORITY OF THE FISCAL OFFICER TO AUTHORIZE AND MAKE EXPENDITURES FROM THE GENERAL FUND UP TO \$3,000 AND WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE TRUSTEE LIAISON FROM ANY OTHER FUND WHEN SUCH EXPENDITURES ARE NOT PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AND DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY BETWEEN REGULAR MEETINGS.

Trustee Warchola stated if we have to get a bill paid we don't need to call a special meeting to do it. We do not need to have board approval.

Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor.

**Resolution 6 - 2022** A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY BY THE USE OF INTERNET AUCTIONS

Trustee Warchola stated done in the past at the website gov.bid used for stuff we no longer have a use for or to purchase things. Was recently used to sell the old plow truck, we need something formally to allow this procedure.

Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor.

**Resolution 7 – 2022 A RESOLUTION AMENDING CEMETERY RULES/FEEES**

Trustee Fullerton moved to approve, second by Trustee O'Neil, all voting in favor.

Trustee Warchola stated a charge of \$540 for the footers needed for a headstone. It was done last year but wanted to include all the cemetery rules so when people buy a cemetery plot they are sent out a copy of all rules so they can understand what they can and cannot do.

Trustee Fullerton moved to approve, second by Trustee O'Neil, all voting in favor.

**Executive Session:** Trustee Warchola to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, hiring, appointment and compensation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) Roll call vote Warchola – Yes /No, Fullerton Yes/No, O'Neil Yes /No. Invited to executive session was Chief Winkler, Fiscal Officer Ruebensaal and Law Director Bill Thorne.

Executive Session held from 6:25 p.m. to approximately 9:14 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Trustee Warchola states coming back out of Executive Session no decisions were made.

**Resolution 8 – 2022 A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH AN ANNUAL ORGANIZING RESOLUTION RECITING POSITIONS AND COMPENSATION OF LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES, MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND POLICIES FOR January 1, 2022**

Trustee Warchola would like to amend the resolution to correct internal wording but the base of the resolution could be voted on as follows;

Administrative Clerical Assistant up to \$21.00 per hr. maximum 24 hours a week. Based on the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Duties to include all normal Administrative duties as required by the Trustees.

Zoning Secretary up to \$21.00 per hour for a maximum up to 10 hours per week. All Zoning meeting minutes, BZA meeting minutes and any other responsibilities as necessitated by Zoning board, BZA board or Zoning Inspector or Zoning Commission.

Zoning Board Members - 2 members whose terms expired. James Aylesworth & Mike Meden

Zoning Board James Aylesworth expressed an interest in continuing on. Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor. James Aylesworth will be reappointed thru 2026.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mike Meden expressed an interest in continuing on. Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor. Mike will be reappointed thru 2026. Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton,

Trustee O'Neil inquired about Openings for 2 Alternates but no names are available at this time.

#### **Road Service Department**

Service Director Rate: \$31.00 per hour

Assistant Service Director: \$24.00 per hour

Road Man: \$21.00 per hour

#### **Fire & Rescue Department**

Fire Chief: \$65,000.00 per year

Assistant Chief: \$20,000.00 per year remain and not change into a Staff position

Pay increases for Fire Personnel. Chief Winkler did a Survey on various Departments and based on what was brought back in all but 1 category we were the lowest paid Department across the board. Included in the Survey were: Seville, Wadsworth, Westfield, Hinckley, Brunswick Hills, Erhart, Spencer, Valley City, Chatham

Medic: \$3.00 per hour raise

EMT/ EMT I: \$2.00 per hour raise

Firefighter: \$1.00 per hour raise

Lieutenant and Captain additional pay will remain as they are today. Assistant Chief and Chief will remain on salary.

Trustee O'Neil moved to approve new rates, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor.

Trustee Warchola stated due to excessively long Executive session would like to address any new business at next week's meeting,

Trustee Warchola would like to propose a motion to have Fiscal officer approve OTA seminar and various functions at the end of January.

Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor.

Trustee Fullerton would like to make a motion to reinstate Rick Evans back as Service Director. Trustee O'Neil seconded. Motion carries effective tomorrow. All voting In favor.

Trustee Warchola we will start advertising for Zoning Secretary, Zoning and BZA Alternate as well as for Administrative Assistant. Trustee O'Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor.

**Resolution 9 – 2022 A RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE**

Trustee Warchola stated this gives the Department head with the liaison the ability to dispose of property with values less than \$2,500.00 without having to go to the board for approval.


TRUSTEE O’Neil moved to approve, second by Trustee Fullerton, all voting in favor

Trustee Fullerton made a motion seconded by Trustee O’Neil to approve the annual purchasing agreement with the Medina County Commissioners and the Medina County Engineer. All voting in favor, motion passed.

The board paid the warrants of the township


As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27p.m.

Approved:

  
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Laura Ruebensaal, Fiscal Officer

  
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Marty Warchola, Trustee

  
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Ty Fullerton, Trustee

  
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Chris O’Neil, Trustee