



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO
Held **September 7, 2021**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Timothy Roberts.

Roll Call - **Timothy Roberts, Chairman – Present**
Charles Wm. Buck, Vice-Chairman – Present
Larry Earman, Trustee – Present

Also Present - **Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator**
Dave Baird, Fire Chief
Jake Wells, Assistant Fire Chief
Robbie Thomas, Cemetery Sexton/Road Superintendent
Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer
Eric Grile, Hilliard Police Chief

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Mrs. Miles requested to add an agenda item under Fiscal Officer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 08/03/2021

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 3, 2021.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #210907.01

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 08/25/2021

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the special meeting on August 25, 2021.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #210907.02

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Grile thanked the Township for their participation in the swearing in of Deputy Chief of Police, Mike Woods. He reported that the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held this Friday, September 10th beginning at 1 pm. In addition, on September 11th from 8am to Noon, fire and police staff will be stationed at First Responder's Park to commemorate the 20th anniversary. Mr. Earman asked if the police activity report provided to the Board was considered a public record. Chief Grile confirmed that it is considered a public record. Mr. Earman requested that individual names be removed from the report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Baird reported that effective beginning 8 am tomorrow, masks will be required in the buildings and staff vehicles.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Thomas requested approval of the following two items:



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Approval of 2022 Club Car

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for approval to purchase a 2022 Club Car Onward 6-Passenger Golf Cart in the amount of \$15,600.00 from Century Equipment. This is an unbudgeted capital item and appropriations left over from the Wesley Chapel Roads project will be used.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed -#210907.03

Approval of Cemetery Tree Removal

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for approval to of the tree removal contract from Ahlum & Arbor at a total cost of \$3,010.00. This is a tree located in Section T that has already been damaged.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed -#210907.04

Mr. Thomas reported that the crew would be out finishing up the clean up the gravel and grading the ground area at the storage building this week.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mrs. Miles reported that the August credit card transaction reporting has been provided to Mr. Roberts for review and attestation. Mrs. Miles provided a review of the financial impact of Hilliard's legislatively adopted TIFs and abatements. She reported that the Township's portion of 2020 TIF'd tax is estimated to be approximately \$1.8 million. This is an increase from 2019 and 2018 which was \$1.5 million and \$1.3 million, respectively. As it relates to CRA type abatements, the total value of tax dollar that was abated due to Hilliard CRA type abatements is \$2.5 million which is an increase from 2019 and 2018 of \$2.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively. Of the abatements, the Township's portion of estimated foregone tax is roughly \$346,000. Of these reported parcels, the Advanced Drainage System CRA is set to expire in 2021 and the Township related tax for this CRA is \$14,000. The Board discussed the financial impact of these TIFs and how they drive levies to replace the lost revenue to the Township. The duration of these TIFs is significant. Mr. Buck has talked to a few council members, and they don't think the information is accurate. Mr. Buck confirmed that the data comes from the Franklin County Auditor's. Mr. Earman suggests they speak with their Finance Director. The Board agreed that advanced communication then some discussion about future projects would go a long way in assisting the Township.

Approval to Accept the Amounts & Rates Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for approval of a *Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The Franklin County Auditor.*

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes Motion passed - #210907.05

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Fisher recommended that the cost to engrave veteran names on the Veterans Memorial located at Wesley Chapel Cemetery be covered by the Township. This would be for residents, and they would still need to meet the current criteria for our cemetery guidelines. The Board agreed.



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Authorization of Veterans Memorial Engraving

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, of approval for the Township to pay the engraving expenses incurred for all future names engraved on the Veterans Memorial located at Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #210907.06

Approval to Declare 1813 Spindler Road Nuisance

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for approval of a Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Yuriy Dzhabarov Located at 1813 Spindler Road in Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio a Nuisance.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #210907.07

Approval to Declare 1764 Hickory Hill Drive Nuisance

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for approval of a Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by David Bruening Located at 1764 Hickory Hill Drive in Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio a Nuisance.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #210907.08

Mrs. Fisher recapped the City of Hilliard’s plans for the Recovery Court office. The plans have been submitted and Jeff Nadlin’s company will be doing the work. The estimated completion time is one month. Mrs. Fisher asked the Board if they had any suggestions or comments regarding the planned work. Mr. Buck requested that the same safety features, including Kevlar, be maintained. Mr. Roberts agreed. Mrs. Fisher confirmed that this project is completely funded by the City of Hilliard.

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS – None

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roberts extended heartfelt condolences to the Rice family on the recent loss of their grandson, Andy. Mr. Buck said it is a tragedy to lose a family member that young.

Motioned by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 6:27 PM.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed #210907.09



Timothy Roberts, Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer