

Tuesday, December 12,

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1. The Beaver Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Kappler called the meeting to order with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.
2. The next regular township meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Office.
3. PUBLIC RESPONSE

- All persons presenting information must give name and address.
- All comments must be directed to the Board.
- Comments & disruptive discussion are not to be held among audience.

Gary DeLost, 9302 Harvard Blvd., asked about the Western Reserve Road construction. He is concerned about a 'Woodworth sign' that is on the Boardman side of the road. He asked the trustees to watch that we do not lose the sign and when the project is done maybe it could be updated. Trustee Tabor asked where it was. Mr. DeLost said that it is on the Boardman side of the road across from Scott's house. He is also happy about the signage that has been put up this year. Happy Holidays!

Jim Eidel, 509 King Ave., wanted to take the time to tell the trustees and department heads that they do a great job taking care of the township.

4. CHECK APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons; seconded by Mr. Kappler to pay the following bills from the payroll account checks 10,616 thru 10,623 and 116,433 thru 116,582 and from the regular account checks 45,192 thru 45,248 in the amount of \$220,291.75. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Eric Dattilo, Police Chief reported for the month of November 2023:

For the month of November:

Miles: 10,126

Calls for Service: 1,548

Traffic Stops: 120

Arrests: 15

Citations: 33

OFFICERS ARE CLOSE TO BEING COMPLETE WITH THEIR YEARLY REQUIRED 24 HOURS OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.

Shop with a Hero Program was yesterday and it went really well. There were 34 children and their families that participated. We had dinner (provided by Mt. Olivet), shopping at Crouse's (donations by Crouse True Value, Fire Association and Police Association), gift wrapping, food for the families to take home (CCC) and cookies (Falb family) to take home. It was a great night!

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Larry Sauerwein, Fire Chief, was not here this evening. Frank Dispenza, Asst. Fire Chief reported as follows:

For the month of November, the Beaver Township Fire Department responded to 168 calls for service, bringing our year-to-date total to 1,918 calls. These include but are not limited to:

- 13 calls cancelled in route
- 10 public service
- 11 alarm activations
- 2 motor vehicle accidents
- 1 grass fire
- 1 building fire

I would like the Board of Trustees to accept the resignation of Noah Hartzler from the fire department.

7. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to accept the resignation of Noah Hartzler from the fire department. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

I would like the Board of Trustees to pass a motion to apply to the State Fire Marshal's office for a grant for up to \$15,000 for fire gear for the upcoming year.

8. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mr. Tabor to apply to the State Fire Marshal's office for a grant for up to \$15,000 for fire gear for the upcoming year. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Reminder to residents: If you have a live tree in your house, please make sure that you keep it watered sufficiently.

I am requesting executive session to discuss contracts and personnel.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

9. EMS/INSPECTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Frank Dispenza, EMS Chief/Lead Fire reported for the month of November 2023:

EMS:

(154) Responses; (159) Patients Seen; (109) Transports to Hospital; and (523.4) Loaded Miles

10. INSPECTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were a total of 21 inspections done for the month of November.

11. ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

OPWC project for next year for milling and resurfacing Miley Road and asphalt repair on Fox Run was funded. The total cost of the project is \$192,300.00 with the township's share at \$117,303.00 and OPWC's share at \$74,997.00. I am requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize Ronald Kappler to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program and to Execute Contracts as Required.

12. RESOLUTION 23-65

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees authorize Ronald Kappler to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program and to Execute Contracts as Required.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

The new Case wheel loader & broom is going to be delivered Friday.

13. ZONING REPORT

Lindy Mitchell, Zoning Inspector, reported for the month of November 2023:

Permits: (3); Year to Date Permits: (74); Fees: \$3,740.00; Year to Date Fees: \$84,551.98; Est'd Value: \$749,00.00; Year to Date Est'd Value: \$32,049,887.00  
Number of Violations: 0

14. PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott Conway, Park/Maintenance Administrator reported for the month of November 2023:

Santa's Parade is this Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to Noon. Visit the website for Santa's route.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the change order to the agreement the township has with the Mahoning County Commissioners for Memorial Park Improvements. We have added various projects to use all the funds the Commissioners awarded the township.

15. RESOLUTION 23-66

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WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees approve the change order to the agreement the township has with the Mahoning County Commissioners for Memorial Park Improvements. We have added various projects to use all the funds the Commissioners awarded the township.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

16. RECYCLING REPORT

Cindy Sauerwein, Recycling Coordinator, is not here this evening.

17. FISCAL OFFICE REPORT

Everyone received their financial reports.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the following Appropriation changes as presented.

Increase 28-A-6 (Supplies)	\$ 2,000.00	New Balance=\$ 33,500.00
Decrease 28-A-7 (Repairs)	<\$ 2,000.00>	New Balance=\$ 23,250.00
Increase 28-A-9 (Other)	\$ 8,500.00	New Balance=\$ 42,000.00
Increase 10-A-3 (Workers Comp)	\$ 5,500.00	New Balance=\$ 17,250.00
Increase 1-A-10 (Legal)	\$ 1,000.00	New Balance=\$ 16,000.00
Increase 1-B-1 (Salaries)	\$ 500.00	New Balance=\$ 11,735.00
Increase 14-A-1A (Salaries)	\$ 100.00	New Balance=\$ 6,400.00
Increase 9-A-3 (Workers Comp)	\$ 3,000.00	New Balance=\$ 16,250.00
Increase 4-A-3 (Workers Comp)	\$ 100.00	New Balance=\$ 1,500.00

18. RESOLUTION 23-67

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees approve the Appropriation changes as presented.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the 2023 Tax Holiday for the Street Lighting Assessment. This will take effect in the calendar year 2024. This request is to waive charging the residents for the lighting that you see around town.

19. RESOLUTION 23-68

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The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye

I am requesting Executive Session to discuss contracts and evaluate personnel.

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20. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Resolution to accept the three-year (2024, 2025, 2026) contract between the Trustees and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Bargaining Unit "A" – Officers effective January 1, 2024.

21. RESOLUTION 23-69

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees accept the three-year (2024, 2025, 2026) contract between the Trustees and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Bargaining Unit "A" – Officers effective January 1, 2024.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye

Resolution to accept the three-year (2024, 2025, 2026) contract between the Trustees and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Bargaining Unit "B" – Lieutenants effective January 1, 2024.

22. RESOLUTION 23-70

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees accept the three-year (2024, 2025, 2026) contract between the Trustees and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Bargaining Unit "B" – Lieutenants effective January 1, 2024.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye

Resolution to accept the three-year (2024, 2025, 2026) agreement with the Teamsters Local 377 (Road Department) effective January 1, 2024.

23. RESOLUTION 23-71

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees accept the three-year (2024, 2025, 2026) agreement with the Teamsters Local 377 (Road Department) effective January 1, 2024.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye

Trustee Simmons shared that a box will be put at the Recycling Center to dispose of old flags. Mr. Conway said that he spoke to Mark Stepuk with the Boy Scouts and he thinks they have a box built for the township. Irene Calvin, 9364 Melrose

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Ave., mentioned again about the flag company having flags outside the building on the ground. Trustee Simmons said that she would look into it.


The budget workshop on Saturday is cancelled.

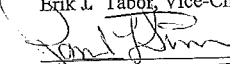
24. EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to go into executive session as 6:17 PM to evaluate personnel and discuss contracts. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.
25. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Returned from executive session at 6:50 PM with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.

After returning from Executive Session, the Trustees permitted Arlene Fisher, owner of Farmer Dave's, to discuss her issue with them. She was concerned about a certified letter she received about the barrier requirement between her business and the neighbor. Trustee Tabor said that she could do a tree mound or fence. Ms. Fisher replied that Rick Martin (past Zoning Inspector) said that what she had was okay. Trustee Tabor said that unfortunately Rick is not here to ask so we have to follow our regulations. Lindy Mitchell, Zoning Inspector, added that she is getting complaints from the neighbors and part of the regulations for commercially zoned parcels is that there needs to be a barrier high enough so neighbors cannot see the parking lot. The Trustees agreed that without anything in writing from Rick that the regulations have to be followed for commercial zoning. They also asked Ms. Mitchell to go back and look for any emails that Rick might have sent. Ms. Fisher reiterated that Rick said that the split rail fence with knockout roses would be okay and now he is gone and the township is coming after her. She also feels that Ms. Mitchell does not really know her job. Trustee Kappler disagreed saying that Ms. Mitchell does know her job. Ms. Fishel went on to sight a couple of incidences that happened where Lindy gave her the wrong information. Ms. Fishel finished stating that she will need to check with her legal council to see how to proceed. Trustee Kappler said that they would do the same.

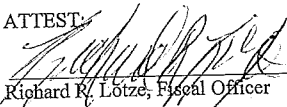
26. EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to go into executive session as 7:07 PM to evaluate personnel. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.
27. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Returned from executive session at 7:20 PM with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.
28. With no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

  
Ronald L. Kappler, Chairman

  
Erik J. Tabor, Vice-Chairman

  
Pamela L. Simmons, Trustee

ATTEST

  
Richard K. Lotze, Fiscal Officer