

Tuesday, February 13,

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1. The Beaver Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Kappler called the meeting to order with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mrs. Simmons, here; Mr. Tabor, absent.
2. The next regular township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 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.

There was no public response.

4. CHECK APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons; seconded by Mr. Kappler to pay the following bills from the payroll account checks 10,626 thru 10,635 and 116,729 thru 116,894 and from the regular account checks 45,350 thru 45,458 in the amount of \$218,594.73. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Eric Dattilo, Police Chief reported for the month of January 2024:

For the month of January:

Miles: 14,257

Calls for Service: 1,943

Traffic Stops: 278

Arrests: 13

Citations: 40

Crashes Investigated: 10

Jamil Maali-Gentile was sworn in by Fiscal Officer Richard Lotze. There was applause by all in attendance. He is a resident of Beaver Township and graduate of South Range Local Schools. He has worked for Canfield Police Department and is a full-time officer with Akron Children's Hospital. He is also an instructor for the Police Academy at Youngstown State University.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees grant permission to apply and accept the Ohio Traffic Grant for officer overtime for the year 2024.

6. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to apply and accept the Ohio Traffic Grant for officer overtime for the year 2024. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

I am requesting Executive Session to discuss contracts.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Larry Sauerwein, Fire Chief, is not here this evening. Assistant Fire Chief Frank Dispenza reported for the month of January:

The Fire Department responded to 177 calls for service. These include, but are not limited to:

- 32 Public Service
- 9 Alarm Activation
- 2 Natural Gas Leaks
- 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 1 Building Fire
- 1 Unauthorized Burning

Reminder to all residents: State Law prohibits open burning during the months of March, April and May in the spring between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

8. EMS/INSPECTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Frank Dispenza, EMS Chief/Lead Fire reported for the month of January 2024:

EMS:

(151) Responses; (154) Patients Seen; (127) Transports to Hospital; and (450.0) Loaded Miles

The monthly responses included: (74) ALS Transports; (53) BLS Transports; (2) Medic Back Up to Other Department; (7) Backup to Other Department; (1) Backup to BTFD Crew; (15) Refusals; (3) Coroner Referrals; (7) Cancelled Requests; (2) False Alarms; (1) Fire Standby and (4) Lift Assists.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT:

(11) Annual Inspections; (3) Re-Inspections; (4) Occupancy Permit Inspection; (2) Inspector Continuing Education; (2) State Fire Marshal Inspection; (1) Plan Review; (1) Investigation; (1) Construction Site Visit and (1) Building Information Updates.  
Total Inspections: 26

9. ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with Thomas Fok & Associates, Inc. for the engineering services and full-time inspection services for the Quarter % Sales Tax Project which includes the resurfacing of W. Middletown Rd (between New Buffalo & Lincoln Roads) and Eastgate Drive in the amount of \$14,000.00.

10. RESOLUTION 24-06

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

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The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

The bids for our 2024 Road Resurfacing Project were opened early this evening. The lowest bid will be sent to the Prosecutor's Office for review. The project will be award at a later date.

As part of the EPA audit that is this Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, the informational page about the posters on the wall that is part of your packet needs to be read by a Trustee.

11. ZONING REPORT

Lindy Mitchell, Zoning Inspector, reported for the month of January 2024:

Permits: (1); Year to Date Permits: (1); Fees: \$25.00; Year to Date Fees: \$25.00;  
Est'd Value: \$9,350.00; Year to Date Est'd Value: \$9,350.00  
Number of Violations: 1

12. PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott Conway, Park/Maintenance Administrator reported for the month of January 2024:

I am working on a large project with First Energy and South Range School at the Nature Preserve planting approximately 150 shrubs. The planting of the shrubs will be on Friday, April 26, 2024.

All programs for this season are set. There will be approximately 36 programs this year.

We are taking pavilion rentals for the 2024 season.

I will have more announcements next month.

13. RECYCLING REPORT

Cindy Sauerwein, Recycling Coordinator, reported for the month of January 2024:

Everything is good.

I have been asked when we are getting the drug box back. Police Chief Dattilo said that it was taken down briefly because of the remodeling but that it is back up.

14. FISCAL OFFICE REPORT

Richard Lotze, Fiscal Officer, reports for the month of January 2024:

Everyone received their financial reports. We will start receiving advances the end of this month.

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

Increase 1-A-1 (Trustees)	\$ 16,769.92	New Balance=\$ 83,065.92
Increase 1-A-2 (Fiscal Officer)	\$ 4,674.00	New Balance=\$ 34,473.00

15. RESOLUTION 24-07

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; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

I would like you to be aware that since we adopted the revised employee handbook on March 23, 2023 that 46% of the employees have signed off on the acknowledgement page in the back of the handbook and 54% have not. Since the amendment to the handbook on September 23, 2023, 31% have signed off and 69% have not. Trustee Simmons asked what the amendment was for. Mr. Lotze explaining language was added for the Fire Department that ORC language supersedes handbook language if there would be a discrepancy.

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

16. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Action by the Board of Trustees approving unused 2023 vacation time to be carried over and used by June 30, 2024 for the following employees. This vacation time will be NON-PERSable.

Chris Albert	8.0 hours
Eric Dattilo	13.5 hours
Tim Tusek	28.0 hours
Frank Dispenza	27.5 hours

17. RESOLUTION 24-08

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The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

Action to approve the NOPEC 2024 Energized Community Grant Agreement. We have a total of \$26,356.00 available in 2024.

18. RESOLUTION 24-09

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The Motion was seconded by Mr. Kappler with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

Action to approve the NOPEC 2024 Community Event Sponsorship Program. There are again this year offering \$1,500 toward a community event.

19. RESOLUTION 24-10

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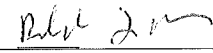
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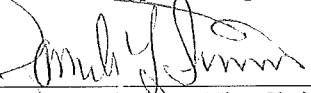
Action to designate Ronald L. Kappler as Beaver Township Representative who will take all actions with respect to the NOPEC Agreement.

20. A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Kappler to designate Ronald L. Kappler as Beaver Township Representative who will take all actions with respect to the NOPEC Agreement. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

Action to appoint the following to the Public Records Commission: Police Chief Eric Dattilo, Fiscal Officer Richard Lotze and Trustee Chairman Ron Kappler.

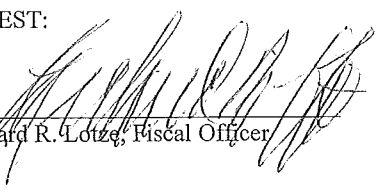
21. A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Kappler to appoint the following to the Public Records Commission: Police Chief Eric Dattilo, Fiscal Officer Richard Lotze and Trustee Chairman Ron Kappler. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.
22. EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to go into executive session as 6:15 PM to evaluate personnel and discuss contracts. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mrs. Simmons, here; Mr. Tabor, absent.
23. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Returned from executive session at 6:45 PM with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mrs. Simmons, here; Mr. Tabor, absent.
24. 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; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

  
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Ronald L. Kappler, Chairperson

  
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Pamela L. Simmons, Vice-Chairperson

Absent  
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Erik J. Tabor, Trustee

ATTEST:

  
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Richard R. Lotze, Fiscal Officer