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1. The Beaver Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 9, 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, February 13, 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., questioned the trailer setback at the Maplecroft Trailer Park. A porch was added to the one trailer by the road and it is now too close to road in my opinion. Zoning Inspector Mitchell stated that the right side and the back of that trailer is on the property lines and that there are no setbacks in the trailer park.

Irene Calvin, 9364 Melrose Ave., asked if she or the road department could put reflective markers on the pole at the end of Melrose Avenue. Trustee Kappler and Road Superintendent Burbick both agreed that no one is supposed to put anything on the telephone poles. Burbick also stated that she could always call the county and ask their opinion. She also asked the Police Chief if they ever caught the guy that broke into one of the trailers. Chief Dattilo would not answer that question.

Alan Bequeath, 10650 Sharrott Rd., shared his concern about the speeding on Sharrott Road. Police Chief Dattilo said that the speed limits are set by traffic studies done by the state but he will add extra patrols. Mr. Bequeath also said that people are pulling out of Middletown Road and not even stopping. He then asked about the retention pond on Old Country Lane. He stated that it is full of cattails and needs cleaned out. Because of this, his culvert cannot handle the overflow from the pond. He would appreciate something be done. Road Superintendent Burbick said that he would go look at it. He also stated that he thought it was the property owner's responsibility to clean it out but he would look into it. Mr. Bequeath thanked the Fire/EMS for their services. They saved his wife a couple of times.

4. CHECK APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons; seconded by Mr. Kappler to pay the following bills from the payroll account checks 10,624 thru 10,625 and 116,583 thru 116,728 and from the regular account checks 45,249 thru 45,349 in the amount of \$274,263.07. 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 December 2023:

Miles: 12,143  
Calls for Service: 1,976  
Traffic Stops: 244  
Arrests: 13  
Citations: 31  
Crashes Investigated: 15

2023 Yearly Totals

Calls for Service: 20,083  
Traffic Stops: 1,961  
Arrests: 194  
Citations: 378  
Crashes Investigated: 163

Dispatch services officially moved to Austintown Police Department -- No errors or issues. The credit mainly goes to Det/Lt Sinkovich for working with the dispatch in Austintown to ensure that there would not be any issues.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees hire Jamil Gentile as a part time officer effective January 14, 2024.

6. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to hire Jamil Gentile as a part time officer effective January 14, 2024. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees hire Samantha Colonna-Noble as a police administrative assistant to fill in as needed for Andrea Kappler. She was overlooked at the Re-Organizational Meeting.

7. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to hire Samantha Colonna-Noble as a police administrative assistant to fill in as needed for Andrea Kappler. She was overlooked at the Re-Organizational Meeting. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Larry Sauerwein, Fire Chief, reported for the month of December:

The Beaver Township Fire Department responded to 179 calls for service, bringing our year-to-date total to 2,097 calls. These include but are not limited to:

1 Motor Vehicle Accident w/Injury  
10 Fire Alarms  
1 Unauthorized Burning  
1 Natural Gas Leak  
1 Building Fire  
32 Public Service

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I am requesting that the Board of Trustees hire Jordan Weaver as a probationary Firefighter/EMT-B pending background check and physical.

9. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to hire Jordan Weaver as a probationary Firefighter/EMT-B pending background check and physical. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees hire Sloane Myers as a probationary member of the fire department pending background check and physical. She will start with a fire class and then EMT class.

10. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to hire Sloane Myers as a probationary member of the fire department pending background check and physical. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees grant permission to the fire department to apply for the upcoming AFG (Federal) grant to replace the tanker truck.

11. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to grant permission to the fire department to apply for the upcoming AFG (Federal) grant to replace the tanker truck. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees accept the MARCS grant from the State Fire Marshal in the amount of \$49,381.00 to purchase new portable radios and to start the transfer to the MARCS system.

12. RESOLUTION 24-01

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 accepts the MARCS grant from the State Fire Marshal in the amount of \$49,381.00 to purchase new portable radios and to start the transfer to the MARCS system.

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

Reminder: Smoke detectors saves lives. The fire department has them and will provide them to you if you do not have one.

Trustee Simmons informed Fire Chief Larry Sauerwein that the trustees are requesting to speak to him in Executive Session.

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13. EMS/INSPECTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

EMS:

(161) Responses; (165) Patients Seen; (126) Transports to Hospital; and (553.2) Loaded Miles

The monthly responses included: (66) ALS Transports; (57) BLS Transports; (1) ALS Transports W/Medic from Other Department; (3) Medic Back Up to Other Department; (11) Backup to Other Department; (4) Backup to BTFD Crew; (4) ALS Treatment – No Transport; (4) BLS Treatment – No Transport; (2) BLS Treatment – No Transport; (18) Refusals; (2) Coroner Referrals; (6) Cancelled Requests; (3) False Alarms; (1) Fire Standby and (4) Lift Assists.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT:

(6) Annual Inspections; (5) Re-Inspections; (1) Water Main Test; (1) Citizen Complaint; and (2) Building Information Updates.  
Total Inspections: 15

14. 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 OPWC-Miley Road Improvements Phase II project in the amount of \$24,000.00.

15. RESOLUTION 24-02

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.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the 2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification of 35.134 miles of township roads.

16. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to approve the 2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification of 35.134 miles of township roads. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

2024 Sales Tax project should be approved this Thursday or next Thursday according to Audry Tullis at the Commissioners' Office. We may have to have a special meeting to put projects out for bid.

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I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase a new 2024 Ford F350 SD 4x4 Pickup Truck from Tri-State Ford in the amount of \$59,745.00. I will be trading in the old one for a trade in value of between \$5,000 - \$7,000.

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18. ZONING REPORT

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

Permits: (2); Year to Date Permits: (76); Fees: \$10,724.00; Year to Date Fees: \$95,275.98; Est'd Value: \$1,071,450.00; Year to Date Est'd Value: \$33,121,337.00  
Number of Violations: 4

Trustee Simmons thanked Lindy for the good job that she is doing.

Trustee Kappler told everyone to keep their fingers crossed because the last dilapidated truck stop (old Penn Ohio) may have been sold. From the audience, Irene Calvin asked who. Trustee Kappler said Envo out of the state of New York.

19. PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Santa parade went well.

The 2024 schedule of events is currently being worked on. A couple of new things that are being worked on for 2024 are a car show and a regular exercise program through Mercy Health.

20. RECYCLING REPORT

Cindy Sauerwein, Recycling Coordinator, reported for the month of December 2023:

Everything is good. We had an extra bin for the holidays which helped keep everything off the ground. It was a big help.

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21. FISCAL OFFICE REPORT

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

Everyone received their year-end financial reports. The fiscal year ended on a good note and looking for a solid 2024.

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

Increase 10-A-8 (Equip)      \$ 50,000.00      New Balance=\$ 75,000.00

22. RESOLUTION 24-03

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

23. 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.

Leonard VanPelt	16.0 hours
Tracey Parks	21.0 hours
Vincent Arquilla	8.0 hours
Dan Beniston	26.0 hours
Cody Geary	32.0 hours
Matt Hassey	8.0 hours

24. RESOLUTION 24-04

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 unused 2023 vacation time to be carried over and used by June 30, 2024 as presented. This vacation time will be NON-PERSable.

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

Action by the Board of Trustees to hire Angela Nespeca as General Office Assistant for the Trustees, Zoning Department and Fiscal Office effective January 15, 2024.

25. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to hire Angela Nespeca as General Office Assistant for the Trustees, Zoning Department and Fiscal Office effective January 15, 2024. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.

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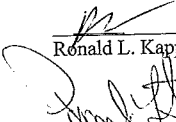
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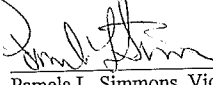
Trustee Simmons shared that Comcast is requesting a letter of support for their services. It would affect 56 addresses in the underserved areas of the township.

26. EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to go into executive session as 6:24 PM to evaluate personnel and discuss contracts. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mrs. Simmons, here; Mr. Tabor, absent.
27. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Returned from executive session at 7:00 PM with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mrs. Simmons, here; Mr. Tabor, absent.

The following action was taken after returning from Executive Session:

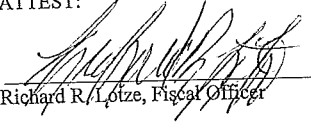
28. A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Kappler to adopt a job description for the Fire Chief. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.
29. A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Kappler to rehire Larry Sauerwein as Fire Chief for the year 2024 with a 4% increase to his salary plus the same bonuses that he received in 2023. He will also receive 4 weeks of vacation time. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.
30. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to revise the Assistant Fire Inspector job description from doing a minimum of 8 inspections a month to receive the \$300 monthly compensation to a minimum of 5 inspections a month to receive the \$300 monthly compensation with the extra \$20 stipend per inspection after the 5<sup>th</sup> inspection is completed. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent.
31. 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