

Beaver Township Board of Trustees

Tuesday, January 21,

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1. The Beaver Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Kappler called the meeting to order with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, here.
2. The next regular township meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the Beaver Township Administration Office, 11999 South Ave., North Lima OH 44452.

Our November and December meetings were designated as the two public hearings required by the ORC regarding the regulations of massage establishments and employees within the township limits.

At this time, action will be made to adopt the following resolution:

3. RESOLUTION 25-01

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 to regulate and require the registration of massage establishments and employees as authorized by R.C. Section.503.41.

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

4. 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., had questions about the Austintown dispatch rate increase article in the Vindicator. He asked if the township was paying \$175,000 for dispatch services. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer said yes. Fiscal Officer Richard Lotze commented that it cost well over \$300,000 when dispatch was here. Mr. DeLost then asked if our government sharing funds were okay for 2025. Mr. Lotze commented that he was not sure which funds he is specifically asking about but that all funds are in good shape. Mr. DeLost asked if they were as good as last year. Mr. Lotze answered that we will not know because we do not have some in yet. He continued saying that Road Superintendent Brad Burbick does a good job with Fok budgeting the road projects. Mr. Delost ended his comments by telling Road Superintendent Brad Burbick that they were doing a good job with ice and snow control.

5. CHECK APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons; seconded by Mr. Kappler to pay the following bills from the payroll account checks 10,698 thru 10,703 and 118,130 thru 118,287 and from the regular account checks 46,349 thru 46,462 in the amount of \$460,407.84. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Miles: 11,941  
Calls for Service: 1,377  
Traffic Stops: 226  
Arrests: 12  
Citations: 56  
Crashes Investigated: 18

The PD received the speed radar sign. We will start to use it when the weather turns.

I would like to commend Jay Maali-Gentile for his assistance with the Fire Department (Propane tanks in danger of overheating due to the fire and he put out the fire near the tanks and removed them from the fire scene).

I would like to commend Sarina Stephen for her continued assistance with the Fire Department. (Fire Department identified Ofc Stephen on recent calls that she assisted and went above and beyond).

The new modems and antennas for the cruisers have been received. Each cruiser will become its own hotspot – 5G+. This will provide us with better reception.

All cruisers have been delivered and graphics are complete; awaiting MDTS and other equipment for two of the cruisers.

A network extender from Verizon was received and installed at the PD. It was free due to government account participation.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Larry Sauerwein, Fire Chief, reported for the month of December 2024:

The Beaver Township Fire Department responded to 185 calls for service, bringing our year-to-date total to 2,265 calls. There were approximately 170 more calls than 2023. These include, but are not limited to:

35 Public Service  
12 Motor Vehicle accidents with injury  
18 Alarm Activations  
19 Dispatched and Cancelled  
3 Odor of Smoke  
3 Gas Leak  
3 Building Fire  
2 Power Line Down  
1 Unauthorized Burning

We would like to congratulate Jordan Weaver on passing his EMT-Intermediate final exam. He will be a valuable asset going forward as an ALS provider.

The department again would like to thank all the police officers. They step up and help Fire/EMS continuously and it is appreciated.

8. EMS/INSPECTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

EMS:

(150) Responses; (161) Patients Seen; (99) Transports to Hospital; and (498.3) Loaded Miles

The monthly responses included: (61) ALS Transports; (38) BLS Transports; (8) Medic Back Up to Other Department; (10) Backup to Other Department; (4) Backup to BTFD Crew; (1) ALS Treatment-No Transport; (1) BLS Treatment-No Transport; (34) Refusals; (1) Air Medical Intercept; (2) Coroner Referrals; (20) Cancelled Requests; (2) False Alarms; (2) Fire Standby and (9) Lift Assists.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT:

(16) Annual Inspections; (4) Occupancy Permit Inspections; (4) Miscellaneous; (1) State Fire Marshall Re-Inspections; (1) Fire Alarm Test; and (1) School Lock Down Drill  
Total Inspections: 27

I would also like to add to what the fire chief said about the police department and their willingness to help. They always step up to assist in any way that they can. We do appreciate that.

9. ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brad Burbick, Road Superintendent, reported for the month of December 2024:

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the Engineering Services Proposal for Cherry Hills with Thomas Fok & Associates for the 2025 Quarter % Sales Tax Monies in the amount of \$500.00.

10. RESOLUTION 25-02

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 Engineering Services Proposal for Cherry Hills with Thomas Fok & Associates for the 2025 Quarter % Sales Tax Monies in the amount of \$500.00.

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

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I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the Engineering Services Proposal for West Middletown Road and Fox Run with Thomas Fok & Associates for the 2025 OPWC in the amount of \$16,000.00.

11. RESOLUTION 25-03

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 Engineering Services Proposal for West Middletown Road and Fox Run with Thomas Fok & Associates for the 2025 OPWC in the amount of \$16,000.00.

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

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the 2024 Township Highway System Mileage Certification of 35.232 miles of township roads.

12. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to approve the 2024 Township Highway System Mileage Certification of 35.232 miles of Township roads. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the advertisement for bids for the 2025 OPWC Project for West Middletown Road and Fox Run AND the 2025 Quarter % Sales Tax Project for Pine Lake Road with bid opening Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

13. RESOLUTION 25-04

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 the advertisement for bids for the 2025 OPWC Project for West Middletown Road and Fox Run AND the 2025 Quarter % Sales Tax Project for Pine Lake Road with bid opening Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

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

Below are the advertising dates for both projects:

1st Adv date = Tuesday February 18, 2025

2nd Adv date = Tuesday February 25, 2025

Bids Due date Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 11am at BT Adm Building

Bid Open date Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 5:30pm at the BT Adm Building.

I am looking to purchase a 2022 Bandit Drum Chipper w/ 74 HP CAT Diesel Engine from Kleis Equipment. The cost will be approximately \$50,000.

14. ZONING REPORT

Lindy Mitchell, Zoning Inspector, was not here this evening. Trustee Simmons reported for the month of December 2024:

Permits: (5); Year to Date Permits: (110); Fees: \$1,846.00.00; Year to Date Fees: \$49,727.40; Est'd Value: \$640,490.00; Year to Date Est'd Value: \$15,816,511.00  
Number of Violations: 0

15. PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott Conway, Park/Maintenance Administrator not here this evening. Trustee Kappler reported for the month of December 2024:

We are working on programs for the summer. Music schedule is complete two new groups...one oldie but goody. Chardon Polka Band will be back.

The senior program is just about complete.

16. RECYCLING REPORT

Cindy Sauerwein, Recycling Coordinator, reports as follows for the month of December 2024:

She thanked the road department for keeping the recycling pad clean so she does not have to shovel it.

17. FISCAL OFFICE REPORT

Richard Lotze, Fiscal Officer, reported as follows for the month of December 2024:

Everyone received their financial reports.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the IRS maximum reimbursement rate allowed of \$0.70 cents per mile for 2025 for the use of personal vehicles to travel outside the township on township business if there is not a township vehicle available retroactive to January 1, 2025.

18. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to approve the IRS maximum reimbursement rate allowed of \$0.70 cents per mile for 2025 for the use of personal vehicles to travel outside the township on township business if there is not a township vehicle available retroactive to January 1, 2025. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

19. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Action to re-hire Samantha Colonna-Noble as a part time police administrative assistant to fill in as needed. This is retro-active to January 1, 2025 at a rate of \$17.50/hour as she was overlooked at the Re-Organizational Meeting.

- 20. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler; seconded by Mrs. Simmons to re-hire Samantha Colonna-Noble as a part time police administrative assistant to fill in as needed. This is retro-active to January 1, 2025 at a rate of \$17.50/hour as she was overlooked at the Re-Organizational Meeting. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Action by the Board of Trustees approving unused 2024 vacation time to be carried over and used by June 30, 2025 for the following employees. This vacation time will be NON-PERSable.

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Frank Dispenza     | 26.5 hours  |
| Kristin Yocum      | 2.0 hours   |
| Leonard VanPelt    | 26.0 hours  |
| Tracey Parks       | 26.75 hours |
| Danny Beniston     | 11.0 hours  |
| Eric Dattilo       | 31.5 hours  |
| Cody Geary         | 40.0 hours  |
| Autumn Householder | 12.0 hours  |
| Mike Nulf          | 24.0 hours  |
| Kevin O’Kernick    | 8.0 hours   |

21. RESOLUTION 25-05

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

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

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

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Action to approve the NOPEC 2025 Energized Community Grant Agreement. We have a total of \$24,744.00 available in 2025.

23. RESOLUTION 25-06

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 NOPEC 2025 Energized Community Grant Agreement. We have a total of \$24,744.00 available in 2025.

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

Action to approve the NOPEC 2025 Community Event Sponsorship Program. They are again this year offering \$1,500 toward a community event.

24. RESOLUTION 25-07

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 NOPEC 2025 Community Event Sponsorship Program. They are again this year offering \$1,500 toward a community event.

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

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

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

26. EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to go into executive session at 6:21 PM to consider possible employment and compensation of public employees. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

27. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Returned from executive session at 6:50 PM with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.


After returning from Executive Session, the Board of Trustees scheduled a special meeting for Friday, January 24, 2025 to review compensation of public employees. This meeting will be published in the Vindicator.

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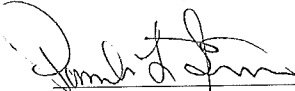
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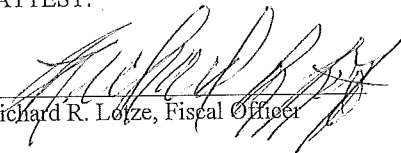
28. With no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

  
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Ronald L. Kappler, Chairperson

Absent  
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Erik J. Tabor, Vice-Chairperson

  
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Pamela L. Simmons, Trustee

ATTEST:

  
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Richard R. Lotze, Fiscal Officer