

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 24, 2025

The Clearcreek Township Trustees met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mr. Muterspaw and Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wade called for Public Comment. No comments were noted.

Mr. Wade read Resolution 5574 – A Resolution declaring personal property as surplus and approving an internet auction, direct sale, donation, disposal, or destruction of said personal property, and dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Clark, Township Administrator, noted that the Township was disposing of two Parks mowers for trade-in along with twenty-four end-of-life Panasonic Toughbooks used by the Fire Department. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea and Mr. Wade-yea.

Mr. Wade read Resolution 5575 – A Resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to incur obligations greater than \$10,000 on behalf of the Township and dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Clark asked the Board to modify the Resolution to strike exhibits A and B. Mr. Agenbroad, Fire Chief, explained that exhibits D and E pertain to two medic units. Exhibit D is the purchase of a new unit while Exhibit E authorizes a new chassis and remounting the medic box from Unit 310 to the new chassis. Chief Agenbroad stated that the new units won't be available for two years for the remount and 2028 for the new medic unit. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to amend the Resolution to strike sections A and B. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea and Mr. Wade-yea. Mr. Wade then asked for a motion to approve amended Resolution 5575 and dispense with the second reading. The items being purchased are:

- C. Two Parks John Deere Z950R mowers with trade-ins for \$18,096.88.
- D. Horton Model 623 type I medic unit at \$402,548.
- E. New ford F550 4x4 chassis along with remount of current EMS medic unit 310 box from Horton Emergency Vehicles for \$258,804.

Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea and Mr. Wade-yea.

Mr. Wade noted that Resolution 5576 was being pulled from the agenda until the next meeting.

Mr. Clark asked Mr. Rich Surace to come forward. Mr. Surace represents Energy Alliances who advises the Board on electric aggregation services for the Township. Mr. Surace noted that township residents had saved \$1.7 million over the course of the current contract. Mr. Surace gave a short presentation to the Board explaining the challenges associated with the next electric aggregation bid cycle. Mr. Surace stated a twelve-month program in the range of nine to ten cents per KWH was likely. Mr. Carolus, Fiscal Officer, asked about the current price for a twenty-four-month period

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currently being listed at 8.1 cents per KWH from the State of Ohio website. Mr. Surace stated that new contracts will see increased prices.

Chief Agenbroad asked the Board to authorize a Clinical/Internship Cooperating Agency Agreement with the Warren County Career Center for their Fire & EMS Training Programs. Chief Agenbroad noted that he had worked with Law Director, Bryan Pacheco, to make an agreement that was acceptable to both parties. Mr. Muterspaw asked if the person doing the ride-a-long would have a seat in the medic. Chief Agenbroad stated everyone doing the ride-a-long would have a seat. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea and Mr. Wade-yea.

Chief Agenbroad asked for authority to make a conditional offer of probationary employment to Jonathan Neanover as a Step 1 Firefighter/Paramedic at \$26.03/hr., pending acceptable background checks and preemployment testing. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea and Mr. Wade-yea.

Chief Agenbroad asked for authority to appoint Dylan Stickney as a probationary Firefighter/Paramedic at Step 3 pay of \$27.88 per hour, effective March 3, 2025. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to approve the appointment. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea and Mr. Wade-yea. Chief Agenbroad noted that Mr. Stickney currently works for the Springfield Fire Department.

Chief Agenbroad asked the Board to accept the following generous donations in memory of Chester Colvin:

- Michael and Joan Vance - \$50
- Prudence and Samuel Colvin - \$50

Mr. Wade asked for a motion to accept the donations. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea and Mr. Wade-yea.

Chief Agenbroad asked the Board to accept the retirement resignation of Lieutenant Larry Carman with our gratitude for his 20 years of service with the Clearcreek Fire District. Chief Agenbroad stated that the Fire Department will not be filling the open position at this time until a study is done. Mr. Agenbroad stated that the retirement ceremony would be held at Station 21 on February 28th at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Terrill, Police Chief, asked the Board to make a conditional offer of probationary employment to Beth Jones as a Police Clerk, pending successful completion of background checks and preemployment testing, at a rate of \$26.00 per hour, effective March 3, 2025. Mr. Clark noted that Ms. Jones was the best candidate. Mr. Clark advised that Ms. Jones was the spouse of current Road Superintendent Ryan Jones and that hiring Mrs. Jones did not constitute nepotism as she was hired on her own merits and qualifications, and the position did not create a supervisor/subordinate relationship

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with her husband. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to make the conditional offer of probationary employment to Beth Jones. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea and Mr. Wade-yea.




Mr. Wade asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Muterspaw moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to the Board:

- 1 Approval of Regular Minutes – February 10, 2025, Regular Session.
- 2 Current Bills and Financial Report.
- 3 Appoint the following Zoning Commission members as indicated:
 - A. John Edelmann, Full Member, expiring March 31, 2030.
 - B. Mike Smith, Full Member, expiring March 31, 2027.

Mr. Wade seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; and Mr. Wade-yea.

Mr. Clark thanked the Road Department for their work during the recent winter snowstorms. Mr. Clark noted that it had been a rough couple of weeks for the Road Department and they had done a great job keeping the community safe. Mr. Jones noted that he had two trucks that needed repair from all the street clearing work done in the last couple of weeks.

With no further business, Mr. Wade asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:20 a.m. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Wade seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; and Mr. Wade-yea.

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