

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 10, 2025

The Clearcreek Township Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Gabbard, Mr. Muterspaw, and Mr. Wade.

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

Mr. Wade asked Dylan Stickney to come forward. Mr. Wade administered the Oath of Office as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Mr. Stickney's badge was pinned by his wife Allie. The Board and audience congratulated Firefighter/Paramedic Stickney.

Mr. Wade asked Beth Jones to come forward. Mr. Wade administered the Oath of Office as a Police Clerk. The Board and audience congratulated Mrs. Jones on her new position.

Mr. Wade called for General Public Comments. No comments were noted.

Mr. Wade asked if the Board members had any consent agenda item or items that they wished removed. No removal from the consent agenda was requested.

Mr. Wade read Resolution 5576 – A Resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to enter into an Electric Aggregation Agreement with an electric supplier recommended by Energy Alliances, Inc., dispensing with the second reading, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Clark gave background information on current pricing, which at the time of the prior trustee meeting was around 9 cents per kilowatt hour (KWH). Cathy Deters, with Energy Alliances, came forward to give background on current increased pricing. The Board discussed issues with Ms. Deters and directed Mr. Clark to set a maximum price of 9.5 cents per KWH. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Gabbard so moved with Mr. Muterspaw seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gabbard-yea; Mr. Muterspaw-yea; and Mr. Wade-yea

Mr. Wade read Resolution 5577 – A Resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to incur obligations greater than \$10,000 on behalf of the Township, dispensing with the second reading, and declaring an emergency. The reason for the emergency being the need to authorize and to approve immediate payment for the obligations below at the earliest time permitted by law. Mr. Clark, Township Administrator, described the items being purchased. The items being purchased were:

- A. 2025 Dodge Durango police cruiser at 'better than state bid pricing' from Montrose Auto Group to replace the totaled cruiser (2022 Police Interceptor) at a base price of \$45,728.58 and authorize the upfit of the Durango from Parr Public Safety equipment for \$25,950. Total expenditure is \$71,678.58, less \$45,334.86 in auto insurance payoff (\$26,343.72 net loss).
- B. Annual software support contract for VIP with Analytics from April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, at a cost of \$15,645.10 for the term from Software Solutions, Incorporated.
- C. Apply Loeb Foundation Grant Award funds (\$40,199.00) to previous purchase of cardiac monitors for the Fire District as detailed in "Exhibit C" with the consent of the Loeb Foundation.

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Mr. Clark asked the Board to adjust Administrative Clerk Sheila Prass's hourly rate of pay to \$25.00 per hour effective March 15, 2025. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to approve the hourly rate increase. Mr. Gabbard so moved with Mr. Muterspaw seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gabbard-yea; Mr. Muterspaw-yea; and Mr. Wade-yea.

Mr. Wade opened further discussion on the noise resolution. Mr. Clark offered further information on the proposed noise resolution. Each member of the Board discussed the elements of the proposed resolution. After discussion the Board agreed to set the decibel limit to 85 decibels from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and adjust any further parameters once the resolution is enacted. Mr. Clark advised that he could bring the resolution to a vote along with public input at the meeting on April 14th along with posting the proposed resolution on the Township's website.

Mr. Clark updated the Board on the road paving at Auteur Estates. Mr. Clark advised that Warren County was asking for the outstanding Bond to be claimed and splitting the remainder of the costs with the Township for repaving. Mr. Jones, Roads Superintendent, and Mr. Clark advised that getting the work done sooner would help keep the subdivision from total pavement failure.

Mr. Clark updated the Board on the annexation request for the Brunk property by the City of Springboro. Mr. Wade and Mr. Gabbard directed Mr. Clark to let the city know the Township's opposition to the annexation request.

Mr. Terrill, Police Chief, updated the Board on a possible \$30,000 recoupment of funds for ballistic plates in vests that were purchased by the Township and found to be unacceptable for service use.

Mr. Buehler, Assistant Fire Chief, updated the Board with additional information on items in the Consent Agenda.

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 24, 2025, Regular Session.
- 2 Current Bills and Financial Report.
- 3 Remove Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician Tanner Patterson from probationary status, and assign him as permanent, full-time effective March 17, 2025. No pay rate change is due according to the collective bargaining agreement.
- 4 Accept the resignation of employment of Firefighter/Paramedic Brock Bolen effective March 21, 2025.
- 5 Make a conditional offer of seasonal employment to Carl Chiles at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, effective March 24, 2025, pending acceptable post-offer, preemployment testing.

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6 Accept the Road, Planning and Zoning, Police and Fire monthly reports for February 2025.

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

Mr. Clark updated the Board on the request by the Warren County Drug Task Force to help share costs associated with acquiring a dedicated building for their operations. Mr. Clark discussed amounts for other jurisdictions to share the cost and asked the Board what their recommendation would be. After a short discussion, the Board will consider the amount when presented to the Township.

With no further business, Mr. Wade asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:11 p.m. Mr. Gabbard so moved with Mr. Muterspaw seconding the motion. Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Gabbard-yea; Mr. Muterspaw-yea; and Mr. Wade-yea.

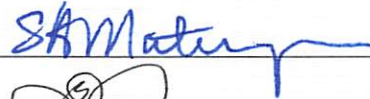
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