

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 11, 2023

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 the Board if any item needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda. No requests for removal were noted.

Mr. Wade asked for Public Comments. No comments were noted.

Mr. Wade asked Sheryl Dillon to come forward to take the Oath of Office for Finance Coordinator. Mr. Wade administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Dillon.

Mr. Wade then asked Cody Bohachek, Doug Laile, Abbie Muterspaw, Brett Garrett, Nick Logsdon, and Logan Powell, to step forward and take the Oath of Office for the Clearcreek Fire District. Mr. Wade administered the Oath of Office to the group. The Board, Mr. Agenbroad, Fire Chief, along with the audience congratulated the newest members of the Clearcreek Fire District.

Mr. Carolus, Fiscal Officer, passed along that the Warren County Budget Commission was informing the Board that township and other county properties would see an estimated thirty percent increase in property taxes in 2025. The Board discussed the increase and the hardships it will impose on township residents.

Mr. Carolus asked the Board to accept the 2024 Budget Commission amounts and rates as presented. Mr. Wade read Resolution 5450 – A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, certifying them to the County Auditor, and dispensing with the second reading. 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, Mr. Wade-yea, Mr. Gabbard-yea.

Mr. Wade read Resolution 5451 – A Resolution to approve an agreement between Clearcreek Township and the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District for administration assistance of NPDES MS4 permit responsibilities and enforcement and dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Clark gave background on the agreement with some Board discussion. 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 5452 – A Resolution dedicating a portion of Clearcreek Township's share of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for various projects and equipment and dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Clark and the Board discussed the use of the funds. 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, Mr. Wade-yea, Mr. Gabbard-yea.

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Mr. Wade read Resolution 5453 – A Resolution determining that the maintenance of the listed, specific tracts of land constitute a nuisance (tall grass/weeds), dispensing with the second reading, and declaring an emergency:

1. 2324 Presley Ct.; Parcel ID #08-15-258-015
2. 2292 Presley Ct.; Parcel ID #08-15-226-015

Mr. Palmer, Planning and Zoning Director, gave background on the properties under discussion. 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 5454 – A Resolution to approve an agreement between Clearcreek Township and the Ohio Attorney General for use of the National WebCheck program and dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Terrell, Police Chief, advised this agreement allows the Township to resume offering fingerprinting services. 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, Mr. Wade-yea, Mr. Gabbard-yea.

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

- 1 Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2023, Regular Session.
- 2 Current Bills and Financial Report.
- 3 Approve the removal of Lieutenant Naveed Khan from probation and adjust his hourly rate of pay to \$32.02 effective September 16, 2023.
- 4 Approve the adjustment of the hourly rate of pay for Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Mauer to \$24.30 as he has successfully passed his paramedic certification, effective September 2, 2023.
- 5 Accept the Road, Planning and Zoning, Police and Fire monthly reports for August 2023.

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

Mr. Clark updated the Board on the construction of the pickleball court at Patricia Allyn Park and the renovation of the Administration building.

Chief Terrell updated the Board on an officer-involved accident on State Route 48.

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At 5:53 p.m., Mr. Wade asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Muterspaw so moved with Mr. Gabbard seconding the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea, Mr. Gabbard-yea, and Mr. Wade-yea.

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