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The Clearcreek Township Trustees met in regular session at 9:00 a.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 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 asked for Public Comments from those in attendance. Mr. Dean Ferrier from Rumpke Waste and Recycling came forward to comment on the Solid Waste Collection Bid to be discussed later in the agenda. Mr. Ferrier stated that he had attended the bid opening the prior Friday. Mr. Ferrier noted that Rumpke has been servicing Clearcreek accounts since 1970 and that Rumpke currently has 4,200 customers in the Township. Mr. Ferrier acknowledged that Waste Management was the apparent low bidder, but had alternate service guidelines that were not specified in the bid proposal from the Township. Mr. Ferrier then offered promotional pricing that would keep the Township a subscription based area, but at a lower price than the current bid amount and regular retail rates. Mr. Ferrier stated a number of other local Township's had taken advantage of this promotional pricing, and they Rumpke would prefer the township to remain an open market. Mr. Ferrier concluded his comments and stated he would remain while the bid was under discussion. Mr. Jeff Bundy from Waste Management came forward to comment on the Waste Collection bid. Mr. Bundy stated that the bid was a fair bid and that Waste Management had 1,700 local customers. Mr. Bundy did acknowledge that the bid had alternate service proposals that were a matter of refuse collection driver safety.

No further Public Comments were noted.

Mr. Clark, Township Administrator, then introduced the Hoffmann Reserve Hay Farming Bids. Mr. Clark noted that there were three responsive bids. Mr. Clark also advised that the Board should have a discussion on which bidder to choose so that a proper resolution could be brought forth. A discussion added information on who the bidders were and if they are local along with their ability to properly farm the area under bid. Mr. Muterspaw noted that his cousin was one of the bidders and was unable to comment due to conflict of interest concerns. Mr. Wade asked that the decision be moved to the next meeting to allow the Board time to analyze the proposals. Mr. Clark stated he would bring a generic resolution to the next meeting so the contract can be awarded at that time.

Mr. Clark then introduced the Solid Waste Collection Bid discussion. Mr. Clark noted that no low bidder was announced when the bids were opened. Mr. Clark noted that several items needed further clarification from Waste Management but felt both bids were responsive to the bid request. Mr. Clark then handed off the discussion to the Board. Mr. Wade then asked Mr. Bundy from Waste management several questions. Mr. Wade noted that the bid from Waste Management included two large trash bins (one for recycling). Mr. Wade noted that the Waste Management recycling bin would only be collected every other week. Mr. Wade asked Mr. Bundy how they would handle cases where there was more refuse than what would fit in the trash bin. Mr. Bundy stated that additional bins could be purchased from Waste Management, but that in most cases, moving the additional refuse to the next pickup would work for most instances. Mr. Wade noted that his farm would require additional bins to handle the needed service. Mr. Wade then asked about bulk item pickups. Mr. Bundy said that one item per week could be scheduled for bulk pickup. Items containing Freon were limited to once per month. Mr. Gabbard asked about televisions. Mr. Bundy stated that they would pick them up. Mr. Gabbard stated that he filled his recycling bin every week and asked if Waste Management had a provision to allow weekly pickup. Mr. Bundy stated that the bid requested bi-weekly recycling. Mr. Clark and Mr. Gabbard noted that the bid asked for weekly recycling. Mr. Gabbard then asked if larger recycling bins could be used. Rumpke's Mr. Ferrier noted that the small two handed bin was part of the bid and would be given to everyone, but a larger bin could be requested at no additional charge. Mr. Gabbard

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asked Mr. Ferrier about which days service would be provided. Mr. Ferrier noted that Rumpke has pickups scheduled Monday thru Thursday. Mr. Bundy stated Waste Management currently has pickups on Friday and that pickups would be scheduled for Tuesday and Friday. Mr. Gabbard and Mr. Wade noted that Waste Management currently picks up on Thursday. Mr. Gabbard asked how much money Waste Management would add to the bid for weekly recycling pickups. Mr. Bundy stated two or three dollars but that he would need to run the numbers to give an official response. Mr. Wade noted the sensitive nature of refuse service and asked about keeping the refuse survey on the Township's website active. Mr. Clark noted that several hundred people had responded to the survey with about 80% being Rumpke customers and 20% being Waste Management customers. Mr. Clark noted about 70% of web site responses said they would be willing to switch services for substantial cost savings. Mr. Wade stated he would like to see additional community input and would like to see a decision made soon.

Mr. Clark updated the Board on his recommendation to promote part-time employee Hunter Goodpaster to a full-time, probationary crewperson, to split time between Roads & Parks, effective February 22, 2021, at a rate of \$20 per hour. Mr. Clark noted that a probable retirement in the Road crew and the need for a dedicated facility maintenance person along with the need to procure a CDL for Mr. Goodpaster was driving the request. Mr. Gabbard asked how long a probationary period was needed since Mr. Goodpaster was already an employee in good standing. Mr. Clark and Mr. Jones, Road Superintendent, noted that Mr. Goodpaster was their choice for the job and had shown considerable promise despite his relative young age. Mr. Gabbard and Mr. Wade stated their desire to limit the probationary period for this appointment. Mr. Wade then asked for a motion to accept the recommendation to promote part-time employee Hunter Goodpaster to a full-time, probationary crewperson, to split time between Roads & Parks, effective February 22, 2021, at a rate of \$20 per hour and to limit the probationary period to 30 days. 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.

Mr. Jones and the Board had a short discussion on salt supplies and roadway conditions. Mr. Jones updated the Board on salt supply and how the Township would handle road treatment in the event that salt supply would be limited.

Mr. Agenbroad, Fire Chief, updated the Board on the request to authorize hiring three Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics to replace existing positions and to authorize an additional six positions as part of the Fire Department's restructuring process. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to authorize the recommendation as requested. 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.

Chief Agenbroad then asked the Board to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with KZF Design for Phase 1 of the Fire District's Programming, Due Diligence, Facility Assessment, and Concept Design Services at the indicated hourly rates for their rehabilitation of all three existing firehouses. Chief Agenbroad updated the Board on how the process for creating a plan for updating existing fire stations would be accomplished. Mr. Wade asked Chief Agenbroad if he had an overall figure on how much would be spent. Chief Agenbroad advised that billing would be done on a monthly basis and that due to the age of Station 21 along with the overall complexity of assessing Station 22 and Station 23, an estimate could not be given at this time. With no further questions, Mr. Wade asked for a motion to authorize the agreement with KZF Design. 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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Mr. Terrill, Police Chief asked the Board to authorize upfits for the two 2021 Dodge Chargers with Parr Public Safety at a cost of \$30,464, and authorize the purchase and installation of two computers for the cruisers by ARC at a cost of \$8,680.50. Chief Terrill advised that this is for the two Chargers purchased at a prior meeting and while a little early, it allows the Township to get the cruisers on the road sooner. Mr. Wade asked when the Chargers would be delivered. Chief Terrill advised sometime around June with up fitting taking an additional two to three months with cruisers being available for road duty sometime in late summer. Mr. Wade asked for a motion to authorize the purchase. 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 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 Minutes from Regular Session, February 8, 2021 and Special Meeting, February 16, 2021
- 2 Current Bills & Financial Reports.
- 3 Accept the Warren County Sheriff's Office Annual Report.
- 4 Accept the resignation of employment for part-time Police Officer Carl Holbrook, effective February 25, 2021.
- 5 Authorize the annual subscription to Lexipol Fire Procedure Manual Online at a cost of \$8,933 for 2021.
- 6 Authorize the application for the 2021-2022 State EMS Grant through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services.

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 then reopened discussion on the Solid Waste Collection Bid. A vigorous discussion on the merits and issues with the Bid with the Board, Mr. Pacheco, Law Director, and Mr. Clark then ensued. Mr. Wade advised the Board to think about the Bid for discussion at the next meeting.

With no further business to conduct, Mr. Muterspaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. Mr. Gabbard seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Muterspaw-yea; Mr. Gabbard-yea; and Mr. Wade-yea.

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