

Tuesday, March 14,

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1. The Beaver Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Kappler called the meeting to order with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.
2. The next regular township meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Office.
3. 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.

Irene Calvin, 9364 Melrose Ave., thanked the Road Department for doing the roads this morning. She questioned again about the dirt and dust from Acme saying Harvard Blvd. is awful. Trustee Tabor said that he talked to them again on Monday and that they were going to take care of it. Police Chief Dattilo said that he would send an officer over to talk to them. Lastly, she again requested public response to return to the end of the meeting like it used to be.

Gary DeLost, 9302 Harvard Blvd., asked if the township was interested in the flock cameras that were demonstrated at the last meeting. Trustee Kappler said that the police department is still researching them. Trustee Tabor added that there are some ODOT issues because they are not mounted on breakaway poles and are placed in the right of way. Mr. DeLost commented that cutting out the trees at Memorial Park really makes a difference. He questioned about the sign at recycling. Trustee Tabor said that the site behind the safety building is going to be temporarily moved to the Nature Preserve until the safety building parking lot project is done. Mr. DeLost also told the Road Department about a street sign at E. Harvard and Russell that is hanging. Road Superintendent Brad Burbick said that he saw it this morning when he was out and will take care of it.

4. CHECK APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons; seconded by Mr. Tabor to pay the following bills from the payroll account checks 10,554 thru 10,560 and 115,199 thru 115,308 and from the regular account checks 44,351 thru 44,442 in the amount of \$126,021.90. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Eric Dattilo, Police Chief reported for the month of February 2023:

Miles: 10,308

Calls for Service: 1678

Traffic Stops: 163

Arrests: 23

Citations: 37

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In 2021, ODOT, with the cooperation of Beaver PD, completed speed studies of several roads in the township. In November 2021, we received notification that ODOT requested that the Board of Trustees make speed limit revisions to the following roads:

Miley Road from 164 to Woodworth Road

Approved Speed Limit: 35

West Middletown Road from Sharrott Road to SR 7

Approved Speed Limit: 40

Renkenberger Road from SR 46 to New Buffalo Road

Approved Speed Limit: 40

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve these speed limit revisions from ODOT.

6. RESOLUTION 23-12

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 speed limit revisions that ODOT has made.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

On March 6, 2023, during a special meeting, Beaver Township Trustees were requested to hire Autumn M. Cox as a full-time officer and we were granted that request. Autumn has prior experience with Austintown Police Department. She began her tour with Beaver PD on March 12, 2023. She was sworn in by Trustee Kappler in Fiscal Officer Richard Lotze's absence.

The monthly Crimewatch Meeting is March 28, 2023 at 6 pm. The guest speaker is Heidi Mozzy from ATF.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Larry Sauerwein reported for the month of February 2023:

For the month of February, the Beaver Township Fire Department responded to 162 calls for service. These include but are not limited to:

5 Smoke detector activations
3 Train derailment calls
2 Grass fires
1 Building fire
1 CO incident
1 Natural gas leak

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Trustee Kappler shared that Greenford Christian Church received a \$500 check from someone in California to help East Palestine. Trustee Simmons asked what was being done about gear until replacement gear is received. Chief Sauerwein said that they were sharing gear for now. Trustee Simmons explained that in an email from Mahoning County Prosecutor Tim Tusek reimbursement was going to be done through hazmat. Chief Sauerwein said that the resolution he is requesting next is for that. Trustee Kappler asked about our insurance. Chief Sauerwein said that as of right now there are three options: 1) take information to East Palestine Fire Department for them to turn into the railroad and they will cut a check; 2) seek reimbursement through hazmat with the help of the prosecutors office; and 3) the township insurance. The chief continued to say that he will be requesting reimbursement for fire gear, air packs, payroll and equipment usage using the 2021 FEMA rates.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees pass a resolution allowing the township to use the Mahoning County Prosecutor to recover funds from the incident on February 3, 2023 in East Palestine.

8. RESOLUTION 23-13

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 approves the use of Mahoning County Prosecutor to recover funds from the incident on February 3, 2023 in East Palestine.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

I am requesting executive session to discuss personnel and contracts.

9. EMS/INSPECTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Frank Dispenza, EMS Chief/Lead Fire Inspector reported for the month of February 2023:

EMS:

(112) Responses; (118) Patients Seen; (98) Transports to Hospital; and (537.7) Loaded Miles

The monthly responses included: (46) ALS Transports; (50) BLS Transports; (2) Medic Back Up to Other Department; (14) Backup to Other Departments; (8) Back-up to BTFD Crew; (3) ALS Treatment – No Transport; (5) BLS Treatment-No Transport; (17) Refusals; (12) Cancelled Requests; (2) False Alarms; (5) Lift Assists and (3) Referred to Coroner.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT:

(9) Annual Inspections; (7) Re-Inspections: (2) State Fire Marshal Inspections; (2) State Fire Marshal Re-Inspections; (2) Occupancy Inspections; (1) Inspection Follow-Up; (2) Fire Prevention/Safety; (1) Fire Drill; and (1) Investigation.

Total Inspections: 27

10. ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brad Burbick, Road Superintendent reported for the month of February 2023:

It hasn't been much of a winter. We've been cleaning ditches and changing crossover pipes.

We received a letter in the mail today that asphalt pricing went up \$2/ton.

Fok & Associates will be working on the bid for the ¼% sales tax for Callawoods, Fredericktown Lane and Crouse Drive.

The second part of Miley will be next years OPWC project and Fok will be working on that application too.

11. ZONING REPORT

Rick Martin, Zoning Inspector, reported for the month of February 2023:

Permits: (3); Year to Date Permits: (4); Fees: \$2,553.00; Year to Date Fees: \$2,640.00; Est'd Value: \$483,610.00; Year to Date Est'd Value: \$501,530.00
Number of Violations: 1 (Closed)

12. PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott Conway, Park/Maintenance Administrator is not here this evening. Trustee Kappler read his report.

Park calendars are now available and on the table. It's going to be a great year at the parks.

Park projects at Memorial Park are on schedule.

Senior program begins Friday, April 21st with Direction Home of Eastern Ohio being the speaker. It is from 10 am to 1 pm.

13. RECYCLING REPORT

Cindy Sauerwein, Recycling Coordinator, reported for the month of February 2023:

All is good.

Cindy asked Trustee Tabor about the signage for the relocation. Trustee Tabor said the Green Team is supposed to be putting up signs at the current site this week. Trustee Tabor also shared that Lou Vega from the Green Team said there is \$15,000 available to update the recycling area and asked Cindy to think about what updates she would like. Now is the time to do it since the bins are not there.

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14. FISCAL OFFICE REPORT

Richard Lotze, Fiscal Officer, was not here this evening. Trustee Kappler read his report for the month of February 2023:

Everyone received their financial reports.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the following Appropriation changes as presented.

Increase 10-A-9 (Supplies)	\$30,000.00	New Balance=\$ 92,100.00
Decrease 51-A-5 (Tools/Equip)	<\$70,000.00>	New Balance=\$ 19,460.00
Increase 51-A-11 (Contracts)	\$70,000.00	New Balance=\$585,000.00

15. RESOLUTION 23-14

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 Appropriation changes as presented.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

16. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Simmons said that we will be starting to work on our annual newsletter so department heads need to start thinking about their article. Trustee Kappler asked if grant monies received and/or going to be received be added to their articles.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to go into executive session as 6:25 PM to evaluate personnel and discuss contracts. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.

18. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Returned from executive session at 7:15 PM with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, here; Mrs. Simmons, here.

The following actions were taken after returning from Executive Session:

19. RESOLUTION 23-15

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 2023 Energized Community Grant Agreement.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

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20. A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Tabor 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, abstain; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

21. RESOLUTION 23-16

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 adopt the revised Beaver Township Handbook effective March 14, 2023.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tabor with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

22. RESOLUTION 23-17

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 adopt the 'Snow Emergency' Resolution authorizing to restrict parking on the roadway or right-of-way of any township street in Beaver Township, Mahoning County/

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

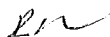
23. RESOLUTION 23-18

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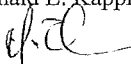
WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees employ additional legal counsel with Attorney David Comstock, Jr. to provide legal assistance relating to the administration and operation of the Fire and EMS Departments.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

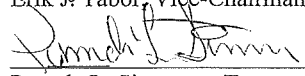
24. With no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mr. Tabor to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.



Ronald L. Kappler, Chairman

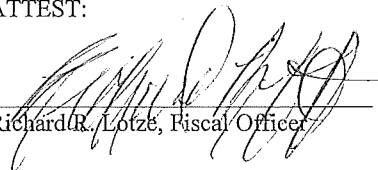


Erik J. Tabor, Vice-Chairman



Pamela L. Simmons, Trustee

ATTEST:



Richard R. Lotze, Fiscal Officer