

**Record of Proceedings: January 25, 2022**  
**West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting**

Convene: Chairperson Welch convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Welch, Mrs. Becker, and Mr. Wong responded.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

**Citizen's Comments**

Jeff Cruzanik, 4916 Regency Court, 4509 zip code, expressed their desire that their permit be granted requesting a portion of the street in front of their business, Dingle House, be temporarily closed on St. Patrick's Day.

Hanna Graham, 9201 West Chester Towne Centre Drive, representing Dingle House Irish Pub, expressed their desire that their permit be granted requesting a portion of the street in front of their business be temporarily closed.

**Presentations**

Aaron Wiegand, West Chester Township Community Development Director, gave a Zoning Resolution and Online Plan Submittal Portal update.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to move Personnel Items ahead of Action Items on the agenda. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Personnel Items**

Mr. Burks introduced Personnel Items 7 through 11 by identifying the experience and qualifications of the recommended applicants to be hired for the published positions.

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve Personnel Items 7 through 11. Discussion: Each Trustee expressed their praise and expectations for the applicants. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(Fiscal Officer Note: Agenda Items 7 through 11 were the promotion of Firefighter Timothy Ludwig to the position of Fire and EMS Lieutenant effective February 6, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$33.27 8; promotion of Firefighter Jeremy Hess to the newly created position of Fire and EMS Lieutenant effective February 6, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$33.27; promotion of Firefighter Brian Crow to the newly created position of Fire and EMS Lieutenant effective February 6, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$33.27; promotion of Firefighter Sean Connelly to the newly created position of Fire and EMS Lieutenant effective February 6, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$33.27; hiring of Jessica Prichard to the position of Police Records Specialist Supervisor effective January 31, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$27.00.)

Thereupon, Fiscal Officer Jones swore in the four Fire and EMS Lieutenants accompanied by Fire Chief Prinz and Assistant Fire Chief Pickering. Subsequently, they were pinned by their family members.

**Action Items – For Approval by Motion**

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2022. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to approve the Trustee Special Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2022. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve payment of bills. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks submitted the following requisitions greater than \$7,500:

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1. CIT        \$19,352.80 Nuspire Corporation - Renew annual service and support agreement for network protections
2. Police    \$177,920.00 Cincyautos, Inc. - Purchase five 2022 police vehicles (CIP# 1409)
3. Police    \$100,897.50 Tri-State Public Safety - Purchase and install equipment to outfit five police vehicles (CIP# 1409)
4. Police     \$8,411.76 Lexis Nexis Risk Data Management - Renew annual subscription
5. Services   \$27,527.00 MC Equipment LLC - Purchase bed and installation for 1-ton truck (CIP# 1600)
6. Services   \$11,550.00 Gamechanger Athletics LLC – Update Keehner Park multi-use court with two additional pickle ball courts (CIP# 1818)

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve payment of requisitions 1 through 6. Discussion: Chief Herzog responded to Mrs. Becker’s question about the cost of new police vehicles, and Mr. Burks and Services Director Tim Franck answered Mr. Welch’s and Mr. Wong’s questions about the pickle ball courts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Business Items**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying the purpose for this item is to move the project closer to fruition.

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to enter into Memorandum of Understanding between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and Hamilton County Regional Business Park, LLC, Union Centre 47 LLC, Brooks Creek Development, LLC, and DK North Pointe LLC; and, authorize Township Administrator to make non-substantive changes with Law Director approval and execute said Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion: Mr. Welch lead a discussion of the project, including previous discussions with the Beckett Ridge HOA about their requests. Aaron Horn, with Dillin Inc. commented on their discussions with the HOA. It was the consensus of the Board to immediately proceed with a proposal for the HOA to either accept or reject. In either case, the project would proceed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks read Statutory Resolution No. 03-2022 to petition the Butler County Board of Commissioners to vacate Township Road “Rite Track Way”.

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve Statutory Resolution No. 03-2022. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to appoint Ken Keim and Hasani Gillispie to the West Chester JEDD I Board. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to not object to a new D5A liquor permit for Stonehenge F&B LLC 9241 Floer Drive. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to not object to a TRFO C1 and C2 liquor permit transfer from AD Shah LLC, dba TJ Sunoco, 9594 Cincinnati Columbus Road, to ND Petroleum Inc., dba Sunoco, 9594 Cincinnati Columbus Road. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to authorize Township Administrator to execute documents necessary to accept donation from IKEA to design and furnish Police Department family interview room and officer respite room. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks read Statutory Resolution No. 02-2022 affirming obligation for West Chester Township's share of the annual Butler County Engineer's 2022 paving program.

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve Statutory Resolution No. 02-2022. Discussion: Mr. Welch noted our positive relationship with the BCEO has saved West Chester Township substantial money. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### First Reading of Resolutions & Reading of Emergency Resolutions

There were no first readings of resolutions or readings of emergency resolutions.

#### Citizen's Comments

Dan Schwab, 7983 West Gate Park, asked that the development of the "Streets North" project factor in that John Beckett, the first Revolutionary War soldier from our community, is buried in the rear of the Brookdale Cemetery, and they consider what he would be overlooking.

Adam Lane, 8581 Eagleridge Drive, said he works with the Beckett Ridge HOA and presented the HOA's account of discussions with the Township and Dillon Inc. regarding the proposed "Streets North" project.

#### Second Reading & Vote on Pending Resolutions & Vote on Emergency Resolutions

There were no second readings, or votes on pending resolutions or emergency resolutions.

Discussion Items & Elected Official Comments

Mr. Welch commented on the application by Dingle House to close a portion of their street for St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Burks explained why the application was denied. Barb Wilson commented why the application was denied. Mr. Welch also commented on Mr. Lane's Citizen Comment, as did Mr. Burks comment on flood mitigation in the proposed "Streets North" area. Mr. Lane again addressed the Board in response to questions and comments made by the Trustees.

Mrs. Becker spoke at length on the merits of expanding the library to accommodate the senior center, teens, and children. The Trustees had a significant exchange on the matter.

Mr. Jones suggested Mr. Lane consider that the Streets North project is huge relative to the requests his residents may have, and consider the broader community may not appreciate any favoritism given to Beckett Ridge. He also asked that everyone boycott the Chinese Olympics given the horrible human rights and business practices of the Chinese Communist Party.

Adjournment

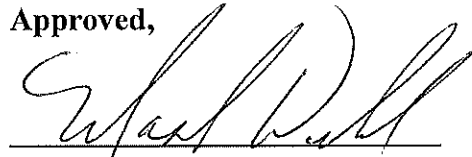
**MOTION** made at 7:55 p.m. by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to adjourn the January 28, 2022 Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer**

Approved,



**Mark Welch, Chairperson**