

**Record of Proceedings: March 8, 2022**  
**West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting**

Convene: Chairperson Welch convened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.  
Roll Call: Mr. Welch and Mrs. Becker responded. Mr. Wong was absent.  
Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2022. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

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

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

Requisitions – Greater than \$7,500.00

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| 1. | Adm      | \$48,438.75  | Frost Brown Todd LLC - Legal Services through January 31, 2022 (various departments)         |
| 2. | CIT      | \$60,431.50  | Dell Marketing LP - Renew annual Microsoft Enterprise Agreement                              |
| 3. | Fire     | \$11,654.50  | Cummins Bridgeway LLC - Repair head gasket oil leak on 2011 Sutphen Aerial Ladder            |
| 4. | Services | \$124,210.00 | Treasurer, State of Ohio - Install West Chester Road Overpass Decorative Fence (CIP# 1745)   |
| 5. | Services | \$103,128.00 | MC Equipment LLC - Refurbish four Community Services' vehicles (CIP# 1710, 1711, 1827, 1828) |
| 6. | Services | \$45,940.29  | Jackson Construction, Inc. - Increase Purchase Order# S220368 for curb repairs (CIP# 1395)   |
| 7. | Services | \$13,519.00  | Smetana Enterprises LLC - Remove and replace backstop netting on all Baseball Complex fields |

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve payment of requisitions 1 through 7. Discussion: Mrs. Becker praised the Services Department for finding ways to save

money. In response to Mr. Welch's question, Mr. Burks presented an illustration of the West Chester Road decorative overpass fence and answered questions. **Motion carried.**

### Personnel Items

There were no Personnel Items.

### Business Items

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying, to best reflect the current version of the Ohio Revised Code, they commend the Township's Investment Policy merely state a requirement to comply with Ohio Revised Code §135.14, rather than a rigid list of acceptable investment instruments. **MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to adopt revised West Chester Township Investment Policy. Discussion: Mrs. Becker reassured everyone that they would only make safe investments. Mr. Welch said townships can only do what Ohio Statute permits. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Burks introduced Dan Deters, a consultant with Energy Alliances, who noted their historical pricing relative to Duke. He noted they offer a better value and stability. He would like the Board to authorize the Administrator to approve the agreement, though probably not as much as .57 per ccf. He responded to Trustee questions. **MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to authorize Township Administrator to enter into a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement with a natural gas supplier at a price not to exceed \$0.57 per ccf for a term not to exceed 24 months, commencing in June 2022. Discussion: Mr. Welch characterized the agreement as a good deal for residents, and encouraged residents to stay with the program. Mrs. Becker noted the program is totally voluntary for residents. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying the grant does not require any match, and is designed to be used on various expenses in order to provide flexibility in fulfilling needs. **MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to apply for the 2022 Ohio EMS Trauma Priority One Grant; and, authorize Township Administrator to accept said grant if awarded. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

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

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

### Citizen's Comments

David Corfman, 7586 Kirkwood Drive, suggested that the multi-purpose/bike lanes in Sharonville that stop at Field Ertel Road be extended up Cincinnati- Columbus Road in West Chester. He also asked Mr. Welch for an update on the Smith Road connector, and asked as to the status of the Connections Committee.

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

At Mr. Welch's request, Mr. Franck said the Smith Road connector is funded and the county would be going out for bid possibly within a month.

Mrs. Becker noted that West Chester's opioid money was going to be applied to providing mental health resources for West Chester's first responders.

Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation that the Board adopted the new investment policy.

Mr. Burks commented that he was submitted testimony in opposition to House Bill (HB) 563, noting that the proposal does not identify zoning as an instrument to regulate short term housing in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Jones said people a hundred miles away were usurping local zoning for this particular use. Substantial discussion and clarification followed.

Recess to Executive Session

At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Welch asked for a motion to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session with legal counsel for the purpose of considering and discussing (1) To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual (unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing); (2) conference with an attorney for the Township concerning disputes involving the Township that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; (3) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property by competitive bid, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit- for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code. Motion made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker. Mr. Welch said the Board would return to adjourn the Executive Session and to adjourn the Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.** Mr. Welch declared the meeting in recess.

Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

**MOTION** made at 7:26 p.m. by Mrs. Becker to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the March 8, 2022 Regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Welch. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

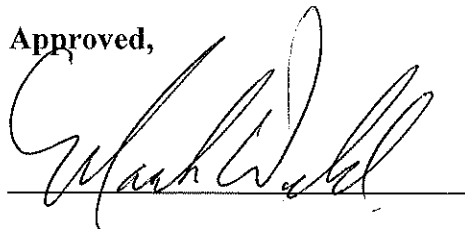
**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to adjourn the Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Mark Welch, Chairperson