

Record of Proceedings: July 12, 2022
West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: Chairperson Welch convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.
Roll Call: Mr. Welch, Mrs. Becker, and Mr. Wong responded.
Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

Tom O'Brien, 8234 Baytree Court, commented on the 7th Annual Hoody Memorial Golf Outing this August 6th, noting the scholarships created from the outing are awarded.

Presentations

Ms. Lisa D. Brown, Assistant Township Administrator, gave a presentation on her Route 42 study. She provided observations, vision, and goals, emphasizing resident/business participation along Route 42. Katy Kanelopoulos, West Chester Township Economic Development Manager, commented on a proposed Revitalization Grant Program for Route 42.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for June 28, 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. Adm \$53,048.86 Frost Brown Todd LLC - Legal Services through May 31, 2022 (various departments)
- 2. Fire \$13,080.00 Lexipol LLC - Approve retroactive payment for Fire Rescue 1 Academy for 2021 and 2022
- 3. Fire \$8,712.00 Vogelpohl Fire Equipment, Inc. - Purchase and replace attack line fire hose (CIP# 1477)
- 4. Services \$200,000.00 John R. Jurgenson Company - Increase PO# S221231 to add additional paving on Allen Road

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to approve payment of requisitions 1 through 4. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Personnel Items

The Personnel Items consisted of, (1) hiring two Part-time Fire and Life Safety Inspectors: Robert Anderson, effective July 18, 2022; and Kenneth Runyan, effective July 18, 2022, both at the hourly rate of \$20.06; (2). hire three Part-time Firefighter/EMTs: Tyler Harrington, effective July 25, 2022; Patrick Flannery, effective July 25, 2022; and Chad Comarata, effective August 1, 2022, all at the hourly rate of \$20.06. These were identified on the agenda as Personnel Items 5 and 6 respectively.

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve Personnel Items 5 and 6. Discussion: The Trustees each expressed praise for the service provided by West Chester Township Firefighter/EMTs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Business Items

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve Statutory Resolution 22-2022 in Support of Sports Gaming in West Chester Township and in Support of Local Businesses' Applications for State License for Sports Gaming Establishments. Discussion: Mr. Wong and Mrs. Becker spoke in favor of the Resolution, noting West Chester's proximity to the interstate and the opportunity to help our businesses grow. Mr. Welch introduced Greg Fisher, proprietor of Lori's Roadhouse, who has applied for the one gaming license to be awarded to Butler County. Mr. Fisher said one Class B license will be awarded to Butler County, it would be effective January 1st, and how it would expand his existing business. He also expressed his appreciation for all the support and recognition Lori's Roadhouse has realized. Mr. Welch said he believes one of the fundamental purposes for government is to assist business because it enables everyone to prosper. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker that, having reviewed the staff report and affidavit, to declare the properties listed on The West Chester Board of Trustees agenda dated July 12, 2022 to be a public nuisance as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code. Staff is directed to cause removal of the nuisances identified, and monitor the property for 90 days to require continued compliance. An administrative charge of 25% shall be added to the contractor fee for this property. Motion seconded by Mr. Wong. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(Fiscal Officer Note: The subject properties were 7135 Grove Avenue, 9034 Red Cedar Lane, and 9748 Timber Oak Trail.)

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to not object to a new D2, D3 liquor permit for Flame India Restaurant Inc., dba Flame India Restaurant, 9446 Water Front Drive. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to approve Statutory Resolution 23-2022 finding three police department vehicles are not needed or are unfit for public use; authorizing the disposal of said vehicles through sale to Butler Tech & Career Dev Schools; and, crediting part of the sale price as tuition for the police academy. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading of Resolutions & Reading of Emergency Resolutions

Mr. Burks read Resolution No. 21-2022 adopting the 2023 Tax Budget and declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. He explained the Resolution's purpose and process. The Board had no questions.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to declare Emergency Resolution No. 21-2022 an emergency and dispense with the second reading. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve Resolution No. 21-2022 as read and already declared an emergency. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion Items & Elected Official Comments

Mrs. Becker commented on the July 4th weekend Taste, Taps, & Tunes event.

Mr. Wong asked that the Township look at the maintenance of the yard and property at 6964 Forestview Court.

Mr. Jones commented on Ms. Brown's Route 42 presentation, expressing his gratitude for the Butler County TID's participation in the Route 42 initiative. He said there's four or five different segments to 42 and suggested staff focus on realizing successes, and do so in the areas where new businesses are being established. Mr. Jones was appreciative that staff wants to partner with the residents and businesses, but suggested staff identify their vision for 42 in order to realize their participation. He suggested the Board need not believe land banking competes with the private sector. Rather, the private sector has already been soliciting those property owners to sell their property. Lastly, he noted the intersection of Hamilton-Mason and Maud-Hughes Road will be closed until approximately November 1st.

Mr. Welch noted the resistance by businesses in 2012 to taking of land along their frontage by eminent domain. Mr. Burks commented that the Township will be taking "baby steps" and develop relationships with people along Route 42.

Recess to Executive Session

At 7:26 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: (1) Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Township. O.R.C. 121.22; (2) 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. O.R.C. 121.22; (3) conference with an attorney for the Township concerning disputes involving the Township that are the subject of pending or

imminent court action. O.R.C. 121.22; (4) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong. Mr. Welch said the Board would return to adjourn the Executive Session and to adjourn the Regular meeting. Discussion: none.

Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Welch declared the meeting in recess.

Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

MOTION made at 9:20 p.m. by Mrs. Becker to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the July 12, 2022 Regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

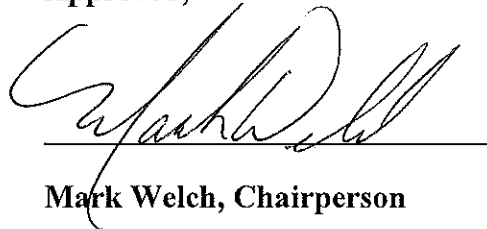
MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Wong, to adjourn the July 12, 2022 Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Mark Welch, Chairperson