

Record of Proceedings: September 27, 2022
West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: Chairperson Welch convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Mr. Welch and Mrs. Becker responded. Mr. Wong was absent.
Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Recess to Executive Session

At 5:02 p.m., Mr. Welch motioned to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session with legal counsel for the purpose of: (1) Conference with an attorney for the Township concerning disputes involving the Township that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; (2) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; (3) Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Township or a department of the City. Motion seconded by Mrs. Becker. Mr. Welch said the Board would return to adjourn the Executive Session and to resume the Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.** Mr. Welch declared the meeting in recess.

Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

MOTION made at 6:01 p.m. by Mrs. Becker to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the September 27, 2022 Regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Welch. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

Presentations

West Chester Fire Chief Rick Prinz, West Chester Fire Department commented on strategies for families in the event of a fire while receiving the Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2022. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve payment of bills from August 26, 2022 through September 15, 2022. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

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

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1. CIT \$90,786.50 CentralSquare Technologies - Renew annual license and support of public safety software
2. CIT \$62,524.49 Dell Marketing L.P. - Replace Township storage area network (CIP# 1440)
3. CIT \$16,852.46 Dell Marketing L.P. - Purchase 18 computers and 12 monitors (CIP#s: 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439)
4. Police \$126,091.00 Cincyautos, Inc. - Purchase three police vehicles (CIP# 1409)
5. Police \$39,094.00 Tri-State Public Safety - Purchase and install equipment to outfit two police vehicles (CIP# 1409)
6. Police \$8,832.00 Great Oaks Career Campuses - Pay tuition for Police Academy
7. Services \$79,750.00 David Dgebuadze dba Cincinnati Ceramic Coating, Inc. – Repaint Muhlhauser Barn (CIP# 1295)
8. Services \$65,000.00 Architectural Reclamation, Inc. - Repair Keehner Park Log Cabin (CIP# 1604)

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve payment of requisitions 1 through 8. Discussion: In response to Mrs. Becker’s question, Chief Herzog said the township had previously been credited by Great Oaks for a previous tuition, and this agenda item is for a new tuition. In response to Mrs. Becker’s question, Community Development Director Aaron Wiegand commented on restoration of the log cabin in Keehner Park. Mr. Welch expressed his appreciation for use of Rhino Shield for repainting the Muhlhauser Barn. **Motion carried.**

Personnel Items

Mr. Burks introduced The Personnel Items consisting of, (1) creating the position of GIS/IT Manager and hire Andrew Dannemiller to said position effective September 19, 2022 at the biweekly rate of \$2,692.31; (2) Hire Zackary Dillow to the position of Police Officer effective October 3, 2022 at the biweekly rate of \$2,521.34; (3) Hire Arun Hindupur to the position of Public Works/Community Services Director effective October 11, 2022 at the biweekly rate of \$4,615.38. These were identified on the agenda as Personnel Items 9, 10, and 11 respectively.

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve Personnel Items 9, 10, and 11. Discussion: The Trustees each expressed praise for the West Chester Police Department and the service performed by police officers. **Motion carried.**

Thereupon Fiscal Officer Jones administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Dillow, accompanied by Police Chief Herzog and Assistant Police Chief Rebholz.

Business Items

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to approve Statutory Resolution 26-2022 finding four police vehicles are not needed and unfit for use; and, authorizing the sale of said vehicles at public auction. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve Services Agreement between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and Axon Enterprise, Inc., not to exceed \$231,841.74; and, authorize Township Administrator to make non-substantive changes with Law Director approval and execute said agreement. Discussion: Mrs. Becker invited Chief Herzog

to the lectern where he commented on the status/updates and effect of the current use of body worn cameras. He said they are receiving new cameras. **Motion carried.**

First Reading of Resolutions & Reading of Emergency Resolutions

Mr. Burks read Resolution No. 27-2022 amending the Township 2022 permanent appropriations and declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. 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. Welch, to declare Emergency Resolution No. 27-2022 an emergency and dispense with the second reading. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve Resolution No. 27-2022 as read and already declared an emergency. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

Discussion Items & Elected Official Comments

In response to Mrs. Becker's request, Fire Chief Prinz gave an update on Ohio Taskforce One. He commented on the deployment of fire personnel to Florida.

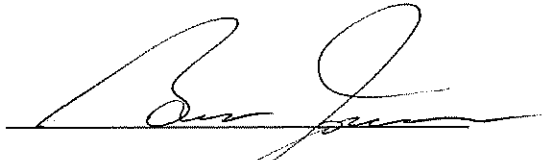
Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation for body cams given a recent experience in which an incident was reported on social media that exaggerated the incident, as evidenced for the police officer's body cam. Mr. Jones also suggested that recycling bins could be located to the rear of the administration building, outside the dispatch center where they would receive continuous monitoring. Lastly, he suggested the township needs to be more vigilant in enforcing potential nuisance violations in order to protect residential neighborhoods. At Mr. Welch's request, Community Development Director Wiegand commented on the nuisance process and additional considerations. The Trustees discussed means for expediting the process. Mr. Wiegand said they could discuss how proactive the Board wants his department to be in enforcing nuisance matters. It was agreed this is a matter for additional discussion.

Mr. Burks reinforced Chief Prinz's comments given the fire tragedy off Muhlhauser Road the previous week.

Adjournment

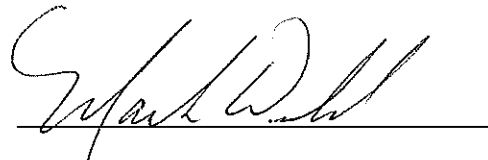
MOTION made at 7:12 p.m. by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to adjourn the September 27, 2022 Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Welch", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Welch, Chairperson