

**Record of Proceedings: September 26, 2017**  
**West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting**

Convene: President Welch convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Welch and Mr. Wong responded.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

Marci Myers Addington, 9581 Semaphore, said she disagreed with comments by Mr. Jones at the previous meeting as to who's vested in the community. She said she paraphrased his comments as, "If you haven't lived here for a long period of time or volunteered in the community, you basically have no right to stand up and make comments", and that was discouraging new residents from volunteering in our community. Furthermore, people contribute in different ways, though they may boast of their contributions.

Martia Shantz, 9944 Bennington Drive, expressed her concern with Fiscal Officer Jones's comments at the last meeting, inferring he said constituents were long-time residents who were vested in the community, and newer residents did not have the same standing. She said she was offended because she's a nine month resident. She said West Chester was just named one of the top 100 communities in the U.S. for the sixth consecutive year and that will attract new residents. Varied thought, experiences, and contributions is what defines a thriving community. She said she deserves the same privileges and rights as people that have lived here a long time.

Evan Thomas, 6222 Bach Drive, said his character was insulted at the last meeting by being called racist from someone who didn't even know who he was. He said it was wrong. Since then he's met with Mr. Wong to address the misunderstanding, Mr. Wong apologized to him privately and promised to apologize to him publically, and he, Mr. Thomas, would accept that apology when it happens. That would make him and Mr. Wong an example for the community when one party is attached and the other party apologizes. Mr. Wong then approached Mr. Thomas at the lectern and apologized to him.

Andrea Henderson, 8191 Woodward Drive, said there's too much divisive rhetoric in the country and it's seeping into our community. She said it's not left vs. right or progressive vs. conservative. We are a diverse and vibrant community. She said West Chester is recognized as one of the best communities in which to live and residents who have lived here a few months have contributed to that as much as residents who have lived here decades.

Henry Bartman, 6209 Chappellfield Drive, asked if West Chester Township has any ordinances prohibiting loud noises. He commented that Rumpke has recently began servicing his street around 5:15-5:20 a.m., though it was previously 6:45 - 7:00, and he said they're very noisy as they try to accelerate up Chappellfield Drive. He asked if he could receive any help from the Township in addressing this matter.



### Presentations

Mr. Welch read the proclamation for National Fire Prevention Week, October 8 – 14, 2017 and presented the proclamation to Chief Prinz.

### Action Items – For Approval by Motion

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2017. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mr. Fronk submitted the following requisitions greater than \$2,500:

### Requisitions – Greater than \$2,500.00

1. Adm \$19,652.02 Kronos Incorporated – Renew annual service and support for Telestaff scheduling payroll functions of public safety departments
2. Adm \$9,433.43 Nuspire Corporation – Renew annual support agreement for managed services for Fortigate firewall hardware and software
3. Adm \$3,000.00 Kyle Holton – Reimburse tuition per Township policy
4. Fire \$18,306.00 First In-Last Out Fire and Safety – Replace aged and worn fire hose And purchase associated equipment (CIP #1053)
5. Police \$68,449.24 Camp Safety Equipment Co. – Purchase additional equipment for recently purchased police vehicles (CIP #1138)
6. Services \$15,500.00 Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc. – Rent salt loader for 2017-2018 winter season
7. Services \$5,175.00 Red Wing Shoe Store – Purchase 23 pairs of safety work boots per collective bargaining agreement
8. Services \$4,950.00 Ohio Department of Transportation – Reimbursement for radar traffic signal control on State Route 42 at West Chester Road (CIP #1039)
9. Services \$3,150.00 Cleves Napa – Purchase diagnostic system for Township's large vehicles

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve payment of requisitions 1 through 9. Discussion: Mr. Welch observed all the items pertaining to police and fire safety, and commented on the specific expenditures. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Personnel Items

Mr. Fronk introduced the next item saying the purpose is to fill a vacancy resulting from a seasonal working leaving their employment early.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to change status of and extend seasonal employment for Mr. Eric Walton through October 2017 at the hourly rate of \$11.25.

Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**



### Business Items

Mr. Fronk introduced the next item saying the current mailing system is 13 years old, it's technologically antiquated, and no longer maintained. He said staff evaluated four mail system vendors and determined Pitney Bowes equipment and lease would be best for the Township. He said the 60 month lease would cost \$14,228.16.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to accept proposal and approve 60 month lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a P1000 mailing system and to authorize the Township Administrator to make nonsubstantive changes with law director approval and execute said agreement and all other necessary documents. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Fronk introduced the next item saying this was a capital improvement project that had been "on the books", noting Police Chief Herzog had discussed this matter in detail at the last meeting.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of 50 body worn cameras and a five year maintenance agreement, not to exceed \$151,999.05 for the purchase and the maintenance term; and to authorize the Township Administrator to make non-substantive changes with law director approval and to execute the contract and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the contract (CIP #1160) Discussion: Mr. Wong noted they had been researching this issue for many months, it is for public and police safety, and would be paid from the police levy. Mr. Welch said they have been talking about his for four years and was a budgeted item. He commended Chief Herzog, the police department, and staff for all their research. He read from some online studies that support why body worn cameras were advantageous. Mr. Wong added praise for Chief Herzog and policies pertaining to implementation of safeguards. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to not object to a new D1 and D2 liquor permit for Liberty Way Innkeepers LLC dba Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cincinnati North, 7750 Liberty Field Drive. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve statutory Resolution No. 27-2017 surplus items for disposal. Discussion: In response to Mr. Welch's question, Mr. Fronk said some of the items will be recycled, some is junk, and the vehicles will be auctioned off. **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

Mary Jo Bicknell, 5171 Rialto Road, said the West Chester Historical Society remains interested in the property at 6670 Station Road. She said they were unable to take on the facility in the past, but recent events are such that they will be contacting the Board to discuss obtaining that



structure for their organization. She thanked the staff for all their help and looked forward to working with them in the future.

### 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. Fronk commented that the surplus items for sale discussed earlier would be posted on the Township webpage the following day. He also said the proposed Corey Hood recognition on Lakota West Drive was tentatively approved by the county engineer so as to permit signage along the roadway commemorating Sergeant Hood. He said the Township policies for Awards policies were updated to read Recognition Protocols, with five subcategories, including Designation of Award Roadway with qualifying criteria. Mr. Fronk said he believed their actions were consistent with discussions in recent months. Mr. Fronk advised a motion:

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to direct the Township Administrator to work with staff and the county engineer's office on the placement of two memorial signs on Lakota West Drive from the roundabout on Lakota West Drive west to the intersection at Union Centre Boulevard. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Fronk also commented on medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and retail sale in West Chester Township, and that the Board had directed staff to review the implementation of House Bill 523 and report back to the Board with a recommendation on the matter. He commented at length on staff's and legal counsel's findings. Mr. Wong and Mr. Welch expressed their concerns about the cultivation, processing, and retail sale of medical marijuana. Mr. Welch and Mr. Wong agreed to address this issue sooner than later:

**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, Seconded by Mr. Welch, to direct the Township Administrator to work with the Community Development Department and the Law Director to prepare and process the necessary amendments to the Zoning Resolution, to prohibit the cultivation, processing, dispensing, and researching and testing of medical marijuana. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Jones said he was glad that Corey Hood was going to be recognized. Otherwise, West Chester and its finances were perfect.

Mr. Wong commented on Evan Thomas, saying they had no prejudices against one another, and emotions create a lot of misunderstanding. He said people don't know him well enough and proceeded to give his heritage and background, terming himself the American dream, and commented on the accomplishments while he's been a trustee. He conclude by saying people should vote for someone who knows the ideas and values important to West Chester.

Mr. Welch responded to Mr. Bartman's comments by asking Mr. Fronk address Mr. Bartman's concern. He also noted that UPS had announced they would be making a \$30 million dollar investment in West Chester, resulting in hiring 130 jobs. He also commented on the need to keep West Chester business friendly.

Recess to Executive Session


At 7:28 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) Current and pending litigation personnel matters, and (2) Personnel matters: provision of benefits for certain employees. Motion made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch said the Board would return to adjourn the Executive Session and adjourn the Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Welch declared the meeting adjourned.

Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

**MOTION** made at 8:27 p.m. by Mr. Wong to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the September 26, 2017 Regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Welch. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

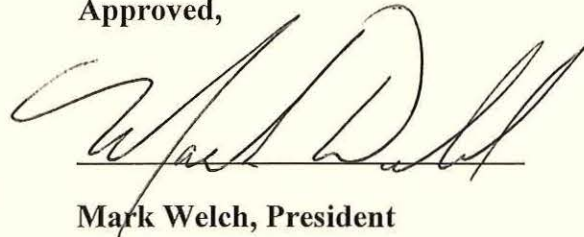
**MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to adjourn the September 26, 2017 Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Mark Welch, President