

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2449 Jackson Rd. Hamilton, Oh. 45011

MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Dustin Gadd, John Johnson, Fiscal Officer Rhonda Davis

ABSENT: Judy Valerio

John Johnson made a resolution to excuse Judy Valerio from the Meeting, second by Dustin Gadd.
All approved.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Squad Chief Bubemyre, Capt. Johann, Assist. Chief J. Pearson, Fire Chief L. Anglin, Assist. Chief M. Price
Capt. S. Jones, Lt. C. Anglin, Daniel Marcum, Caden Jones

PLEDGE

WORK SESSION – DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

➤ **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Supervisor Gil Minor reported:

For the month of January the Road Crew did some road patching, maintenance on vehicles, Snow & ice removal, had 13 funerals, no incidents to report.

Requested to set date & time to meet with BCEO Planning Session at Trustees convenience.

Gil talked to Matt at BCEO in reference to Culverts to be repaired/relined on Brooks Road

Cost of \$15,000.00 each, that is cheaper than replacing.

BCEO Matt said that there is one culvert that has not been replace on Gephart Rd. Gil stated that BCEO was supposed to replace all culverts on Gephart before paving in summer of 2025. Gil will check the status of that before next meeting.

Gil is waiting on repair bid for their truck. He has checked into prices on new trucks.

Trustee Dustin Gadd stated that he checked the prices of trucks at the Trustees Conference in Columbus & approximate prices \$260,000. to \$270,000.

➤ **LIFE SQUAD**

Chief Bubemyre: read January Report.

Chief Bubemyre discussed: the trainings for month; the mutual aid calls; the amount of shifts covered; Responded to Mutual Aid runs to Wayne Township; 1 incident to report – 2017

Ambulance #231 Mainline, will not turn into insurance, can be repaired in house;

Discussed Computer Server upgrades and options.

Chief Bubemyre stated that they would like to change or add to the Standard Operating procedures to require EMT's to work one weekend in a period of 2 months. This will result in better coverage on weekends and everyone will have the opportunity to have a weekend off. This is a common SOP in other departments. They will present the final draft to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Discussion of the new Payroll System – still working on getting it to work better with their hours of service.

➤ **ZONING**

St. Rt. 127 – Faulkner Property- History: St. Clair Township Zoning was voted into place in 1993. The Falkner property was purchase in 1986. There is major junk & junk vehicles located on property and encroaches on the State Road Right of Way. No action has ever been taken on Nuisance. This will be on March Agenda

- Other Zoning Complaints: Inspections & letters sent

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief L. Anglin read the January Report for the Fire Departments.
Inquired about the Wayne Township Contract for Fire Department & Life Squad.
Wayne Twp. Has not contacted Township about new contract.

****2 applications Caden Jones - certified Fire Fighter & Jacob Dorsey – will get in class for Fire Fighters is a certified EMT**

• **MOTION:** CADEN JONES

It was moved by Trustee Dustin Gadd and a second by Trustee John Johnson to approve to appoint CADEN JONES as a Certified Fire Fighter effective February 23, 2025.

Yeas: D. Gadd, J. Johnson Nays: None Motion Carried.

• **MOTION** JACOB DORSEY

It was moved By Trustee John Johnson and Aa second By Trustee Dustin Gadd to Approve to Appoint JACOB DORSEY as a Fire Fighter Effective February 3, 2025.

YEAS: D. GADD, J. JOHNSON NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Captain Steve Jones stated St. Clair has been Trainings with other departments throughout the county. This helps with knowing other department fire fighters, others equipment and working together as a team. Has been very successful

Discussed the Point System for the Fire Department- will be discussed at March meeting.

Discussed the future needs of Fire Fighters going part time in 2 to 4 years. It is difficult to get people to volunteers for a job that has the requirement of continuing training & certifications and is a job with risk of personal injury.

Discussed a possible Fire Levy in 2 to 4 years (or possibly more) for levy for the Department.

Chief Anglin & Assistant Chief Price stated that they gained a lot of information at the Conference in Columbus.

• **TRAFFIC ISSUES**

Fire Chief & Trustees discussed The VILLAGE FOOD PANTRY on St. Rt. 127.

This is a wonderful service that is needed and helpful to people in the area. It is appreciated very much.

However, there are a lot complaints received in reference to traffic issues created by the vehicles waiting to get into The Food Pantry.

Every Wednesday, at the “rush hour” time of day when people are trying to get home or commercial vehicles reaching their destination, or school buses, etc.

Vehicles get impatient and pull out into traffic, block driveways to businesses, or New Miami School. The long line of slow moving vehicles are blocking intersections & driveways on 127, this causes concern to emergency calls being detained.

Daniel Marcum for the NM School Board also commented about the situation, school driveway gets blocked during school events and no one can get in or out.

Chief Anglin has talked to BCSO Lt. J. Schuster about the situation. In past it has been discussed to change location of Pantry, change the traffic direction, change the day of the week and other changes to get a solution to this serious problem on St. Rt. 127.

Dustin Gadd stated he has talked to BC Prosecutor Kevin Gerrity about the Township’s responsibility & liability.

Trustees will set up meeting at Fire House with Chief Anglin to get information on financial issues.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AFLAC REPRESENTATIVE - Heaven discussed the Life Squad members who have requested to be on that coverage but there is a problem with premium being withheld from their Township pay check as a deduction. There are occasions when an EMT may not work enough hours to pay for the cost of insurance that month. Discussion of how to resolve the issue. Much discussion about the process.

Danial Marcum inquired about an update of the 1450 West Elkton Road Housing Project, especially information on the TIF Proposal. He stated that the New Miami School will have room & accommodations for the possible increase in students.

MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY TRUSTEE DUSTIN GADD AND A SECOND BY TRUSTEE JOHN JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE JAN. 7, 2025 TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES.

YEAS TRUSTEE D. GADD, TRUSTEE J. JOHNSON NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

PAYROLL & BILLS

IT WAS MOVED BY TRUSTEE JOHN JOHNSON AND A SECOND BY TRUSTEE DUSTIN GADD TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL & BILLS AS PRESENTED BY RHONDA DAVIS, FISCAL OFFICER.

YEAS: TRUSTEE J. JOHNSON, TRUSTEE D. GADD NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

FISCAL OFFICER

Rhonda Davis requested Trustees look over an insurance policy for the dependents of Fire Fighters. Members of Fire Department will also need to look over this policy and fill out papers for beneficiaries or other updates to their information. It was suggested to have the Insurance Representative meet with the trustees and Fire Department members to discuss any needed changes – delete or add items.

OLD BUSINESS -

HR Discussion (OTARMA – discussion and will seek more information

NEW BUSINESS

- **Wayne Fire & Life Contract: Wayne Trustees will discuss at March 3, 2025 Meeting. Trustee Dustin Gadd will call Bill Jones for contract information.**
- **Call BCEO for Planning Session - Trustees will set a date**
- **Current Server does not have some of the security that is needed, she gave options to use, which would be increase (Cloud Based) licensing, labor cost, cost per user, \$10,300.00 to start, then about \$700. Per month. Trustee Gadd will work with Chief Michelle to get more information.**
- **LGS SERVICES for 2025 tabled until March**

No other Business brought forward at this time.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Trustee Dustin Gadd and a second by Trustee John Johnson to adjourn meeting. All approved