

**MINUTES OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 18, 2022**

Mr. Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call: Mr. Jacobs – present; Mr. Patrick -present; Ms. Colvin - present.

The following staff were present: Donald Edwards, Administrator; Scott Camery, Roads Supervisor; Paul Scherer, Fire Chief; Stacey Lowing, Zoning Inspector; and Darrell Coffman, Fiscal Officer.

The following guests/residents were present: Dale Edwards

Mr. Patrick led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Patrick asked for a motion to approve the October 4, 2022, minutes. Ms. Colvin motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADDITIONS, REMOVALS OR DISCLOSURES FROM THE POSTED AGENDA: none

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Scott Camery, Road Superintendent, provided the following report:

The department is finishing up mowing for the year but will do one last pass to clean-up.

New tractor was received yesterday. There is about ¼ mile of road in Sandy Run to finish crack sealing.

Starting to get trucks ready for the winter season.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Paul Scherer, Fire Chief, provided the following report:

WTFD Inc. food booth did well at the Sauerkraut Festival.

OSF went well, runs during event were less than normal

New squad has been delivered. Working thru some issues with dealer and not ready to accept yet.

Excess items sold on GovDeals, have 2 items that need picked up

Have received several orders for address signs since the magazine went out. So that tells me that people are reading, and it is a useful resource.

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I have a few yard signs if anyone is interested.

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Stacey Lowing, Zoning Inspector, provided the following report:

Recycle Rally

- The tentative date for the recycle rally is April 29. Tire collection will be provided by Warren County. We were fortunate to secure the tire collection as they only had funding for one more collection before the summer. I am still working on other details for that day.

She provided an update that the school has confirmed the date for April 29.

Administration building

- We had the carpet cleaned in the entire building on October 12

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Donald Edwards, Administrator, provided the following report:

COVID:

Warren County has joined all surrounding counties by dropping down into the GREEN category of cases per thousand. Warren County had 162 positive cases in the past 14 days.

Citizen of the Year:

I am very proud that one of our own employees, Chief Paul Scherer, was the recipient of this year's Lions Club "Citizen of the Year" award at the Opening Ceremonies of the 52nd annual Ohio Sauerkraut Festival on Saturday, October 8th, 2022.

Paul has served our community since 1981 and been Chief of the Fire Department for the past 19 years. He has shown his dedication and commitment to this community in many ways and is well deserving of this award.

Congratulations Chief Scherer !!!

US 42:

Between Waynesville Road and SR 73 is getting some work done by a third-party contractor, for tree trimming and pole replacement for utility lines.

Email Server:

Steve Cox, IT, had to take down the server on Saturday to fix the latest attack. He hopes to have it back up and running the same day.

Road Dept.:

- Equipment repairs.

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- Bank stabilization on Old Stage Road with gabion baskets has been completed.
- Cleaning of intersections before the Hill Climb was completed
- Crack sealing work being done in Sandy Run Estates.

WCTA:

There will be an annual dinner on Thursday, November 10th at Armco Park.

Safety Council:

Friday, October 21st, Topic is *Suicide Prevention Training* with Chad Dunlap. Extra visitors are welcome to this special presentation. *See Flyer.*

OSF:

I would like to thank all of our employees that volunteered their time and talents to help with this year's Ohio Sauerkraut Festival. Another great year and well-orchestrated by Chairman Curt Day and his committees.

Speakers:

Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce
Has been invited: Date to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Questions or Concerns Regarding the Bills: NONE

B. Legislation: None

C. Other: Mr. Edwards spoke about how he was approached by a few people at the Sauerkraut Festival regarding the fire levies. He was able to explain the need for paid staff, as it is hard to find enough volunteers. He stated that he is still informing people that the Township still needs volunteers along with the future full-time members of the department.

He also presented information that the effective millage is at 48.01 mills in the township, which is low compared to surrounding communities. He calls for people to support their community by passing the levies so that these services can be provided.

CORRESPONDENCE: Darrell Coffman stated that he had three items. The first was from Texas Eastern regarding right-of-way maintenance, there was a quarterly report from the Warren County Health District, and finally, a notification that Bright Speed is the new name for CenturyLink.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS: They extended congratulation to Chief Scherer.

WORK SESSION: none

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, at 7:20 pm Mr. Patrick motioned to adjourn. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

President, Board of Trustees