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MINUTES: Regular Session – July 23, 2013

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the July 16, 2013, meeting.

Tom Ariss - present

David G. Young - present

Pat Arnold South - present

Tina Osborne, Clerk - present

Minutes of the July 16, 2013 meetings were read and approved.

- 13-1065 A resolution was adopted to approve end of 180-day Probationary Period and approve a Pay Increase for James Cottongim Bolen, LEPC Grants Coordinator, within the Emergency Services Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1066 A resolution was adopted to approve end of 240-day Probationary Period and approve a Pay Increase for Bonnie Halmi-Evans, Investigative Caseworker II, within the Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1067 A resolution was adopted to hire Amber Castro as Protective Services Caseworker I, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1068 A resolution was adopted to enter into a Resignation Agreement with Jason Shatto, Emergency Communications Supervisor, within the Warren County Emergency Services Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1069 A resolution was adopted to Waive Permit Fee associated with the renovation of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Vote: Unanimous

- 13-1070 A resolution was adopted to approve Emergency Repair to the Kings Union Sewer Lift Station. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1071 A resolution was adopted to Amend a Contract between the Warren County Commissioners and Ohio State University on behalf of Ohio State University Extension, Warren County on behalf of the Warren County Department of Human Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1072 A resolution was adopted to Reaffirm Established Fee Schedule within the Warren County Dog Warden Department and set Multi-Year Registration Fees as established in Ohio Revised Code Section 955.01. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1073 A resolution was adopted to Waive Permit Fees associated with the installation of an Archery Shelter at the Countryside YMCA in the City of Lebanon. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1074 A resolution was adopted to Award the Bid to Mid-Atlantic Salt, LLC for the purchase of 5000 tons of Bulk Ice Control Salt delivered to the Warren County Engineer, with the option to purchase up to an additional 4000 tons delivered to the Warren County Engineer. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1075 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the submittal of a Grant Application and Agreement to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for funding through the FY2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program and authorize the Director of the Emergency Services Department to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1076 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President and/or Vice President of this Board to sign Amendment 1 to the Subrecipient Agreement between Warren County and the City of Lebanon relative to the Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant Program. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1077 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President and/or Vice President of this Board to sign Amendment 1 to the Subrecipient Agreement between Warren County and the Franklin Township Board of Trustees relative to the Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant Program. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1078 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President of the Board to enter into a Software and Hardware Support Services Maintenance Agreement with Badger Meter, Inc. on behalf of the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1079 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President of the Board to enter into a Youth Worksite Agreement on behalf of Workforce One of Warren County. Vote: Unanimous

- 13-1080 A resolution was adopted to approve various Refunds. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1081 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of Bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1082 A resolution was adopted to affirm "Then and Now" requests pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D) (1). Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1083 A resolution was adopted to approve Bond Reduction for Walnut Meadows Dev. LLC for completion of improvements in Walnut Meadows situated in Deerfield Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1084 A resolution was adopted to enter into a Subdivision Public Improvement Performance and Maintenance Security Agreement with M/I Homes of Cincinnati, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Creekside at river's Bend situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1085 A resolution was adopted to enter into Street and Appurtenances (including sidewalks) Security Agreement with M/I Homes of Cincinnati, LLC, for installation of certain improvements in Creekside at River's Bend situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1086 A resolution was adopted to approve the following Record Plat.
Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1087 A resolution was adopted to approve Expense Adjustment from Tax Increment Financing – P&G Fund 384-3786-512 into 384-3786-910. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1088 A resolution was adopted to approve Operational Transfer from Commissioners Fund #101-1112 into Children Services Fund #273. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1089 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustment within Emergency Services / EMA Fund #264. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1090 A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustments within Children Services Fund #273. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1091 A resolution was adopted to authorize payment of Bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1092 A resolution was adopted to Advertise for Bids for the Sale of Commercial Property and Building located at 903 North Broadway Lebanon Ohio.
Vote: Unanimous
- 13-1093 A resolution was adopted to set Public Hearing to consider Variance and Appeal of Conditions required for an Access Permit of George Scott Kerr in Turtlecreek Township. Vote: Unanimous

- 13-1094 A resolution was adopted to Modify Rules and Regulations – Warren County Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

Jerry Spurling, Chief Building Official, was present to update the Board on the current ISO rating received for the Warren County Building and Zoning Department.

Mr. Spurling stated that Warren County had been rated a 4 on the commercial review portion of the rating and had been downgraded to a 5 for the residential rating.

Mr. Spurling informed the Board that he presented information to clarify some of the rating points including providing proof of certifications and continuing education for the inspectors and we have received a revised rating.

Mr. Spurling informed the Board that the commercial rating has increased from a 4 to a 3 and the residential portion increased from a 5 to a 4.

Mr. Spurling then stated that the rating is on a scale of 1 – 10 with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO AN INCREASE IN THE BI-MONTHLY WATER AND SANITARY SEWER RATES AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE BI-MONTHLY \$2.50 PER CUSTOMER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT FEE

The public hearing to consider modifications to the rules and regulations of the Water and Sanitary Sewer Department relative to an increase in the bi-monthly water and sanitary sewer rates and the continuation of the collection of a bi-monthly \$2.50 per customer repair and replacement fee was convened this 23rd day of July 2013, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Patti Solinski, Business Manager, stated that the proposal is a 3% increase the sanitary sewer rate for 2014, 2015, and 2016. She stated the proposal of a 3% increase in the water rate for 2014 and a 4% increase in 2015 and 2016. She also stated the need to continue to collect the \$2.50 repair and replacement fee and that there hasn't been an increase in water rates in four years.

There was discussion relative to the desire of the customers to receive softened water.

Mr. Brausch stated his desire to issue a request for qualifications for qualified engineering consultant to conduct a master water study that includes a water softening system and that a more accurate cost for said system could be obtained upon completion of the study.

Commission South stated she does not like increasing rates but there is a great demand from the public for softened water as well as the need to pay for expenses associated with the operation of the water and sewer systems.

Mrs. Solinski stated her concern relative to the increase the electric rate once our agreement with Duke expires and also the need to plan for the future.

Commissioner Young stated that Warren County Water and Sewer Department serves as a model for other public utilities around the state. He stated the approach is to have little increases now and to save for the future rather than a large increase in the future. He also stated the demand for soft water from the customers as well as the need in order to compete in the water market from our surrounding competitors.

Upon further discussion, the public hearing was closed and the Board resolved (Resolution #13-1094) to approve modifications to the rules and regulations of the Water and Sewer Department relative to water and sanitary sewer rate increases and the continuation of the collection of the \$2.50 repair and replacement fee.

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered into executive session at 9:46 a.m. to discuss personnel matters within the Water and Sanitary Sewer Department pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) and exited at 11:57 a.m.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



Tom Ariss, President

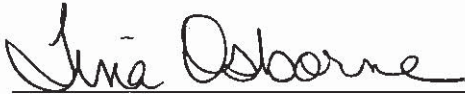


Pat Arnold South



David G. Young

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on July 23, 2013, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Tina Osborne, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio