

West Mead Township
Supervisors Public Meeting

Minutes – June 13, 2023

The June 13, 2023, Public Meeting of the West Mead Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Present were Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Paul Martin, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger and Jill Dunlap.

Public Comment:

None

Regular Business:

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to approve the May 9, 2023 Study Session Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Vote - All Approved.

Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2023 and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$117,726.82, subject to audit. Vote - All Approved.

Municipal Reports:

Chief Brown presented the Police Report.

Shartle gave the Road Report. He noted the Road Department began PennDOT agility mowing, cut brush and road prep work to get ready for the upcoming paving projects on Oakgrove Avenue, Barton Road and Springs Road Extension and worked Clean Up Day during the last month.

Dunlap gave the Zoning Report.

New Business:

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to approve the hiring of James Hutcheson as a Regular Full Time Road Equipment Operator/Laborer with the West Mead Township Road Department, after serving his probationary period, at the rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective June 5, 2023. Vote – All Approved.

Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to approve the hiring of Lyle Crawford as a Probationary Full Time Road Equipment Operator/Laborer with the West Mead Township Road Department, at the rate of \$18.50 per hour, effective May 19, 2023. Vote – All Approved.

The Board considered an application for a fireworks display by the New Beginnings Church of God on July 4, 2023 at their property on Leslie Road beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m. The rest of the Ultimate Freedom Event will take place earlier that day at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. The application is in order with Fire Chief's signature and Certificate of Insurance naming West Mead Township and the Fire Department as additional insureds.

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023 - 9, approving the application and issuance of the permit. Vote – All Approved.

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023 – 10, authorizing various Supplemental Appropriations for the 2023 Budget, specifically for the purchase of vehicle, road and fire equipment and to offset lost revenue due to the CoronaVirus COVID-19 Pandemic under the American Rescue Plan Act, in the amount of \$60,975.00. This Resolution amends Resolution No. 2022 – 3, No. 2022 – 11, No. 2023 – 3 and No. 2023 -4 as there were additional costs incurred in the funds set aside to be used toward the purchase of the bed, hydraulics and upfitting truck from Stephenson Equipment Inc. for the Road Department. Vote – All Approved.

The Chairman noted the Thurston Classic Hot Air Balloon Races will be held on June 15 thru 18, 2023. They will be using the outfield and grassy open field area located in Oakgrove Park along DeVore Road as a race target area. Please remember to slow down as there may be pedestrian traffic as well as vehicles parked in the area surrounding Tamarack Lake at various times during the weekend.

Final Public Comment:

None

Supervisors Final Comment:

Jordan had nothing at this time.

Shartle thanked those residents who made use of Clean Up Day and hoped everyone enjoys the Thurston Balloon Event.

Bovard had no additional comments.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. to an Executive Session for Litigation for Stormwater Matters. Vote - All Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Dunlap
Secretary