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Urbach called the October 17, 2022 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited by everyone present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH HERE

DEARING HERE

VESELENAK HERE

Dearing made the motion to accept the minutes as they have read them through email. Seconded by Veselenak. All in Favor: YES Veselenak made the motion to accept the bills. Dearing seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES The bills are in the amount of \$8,247.23.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) Andy Leitch from OTARMA addressed the Board with their costs for the township's property and liability policy at a cost of \$6,595.00. OTARMA offers a \$500.00 annual stipend for safety equipment also. Veselenak asked about content coverage and vehicle coverage separation in the case of a disaster/large claim. Leitch stated that the contents and vehicles in the building would be separate if there was damage to the building. There was some conversation on this along with comparing the quote from the Ohio Plan with OTARMA's after Leitch left. The plans were apples to apples except for the cost.

RESOLUTION #2022-34

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to accept the Bethlehem Township property and liability insurance with OTARMA for the period of November 6, 2022 through November 5, 2023 at a cost of \$6,595.00 with a stipend of \$500.00 towards any safety equipment for the same duration period. Upon Roll Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

DEARING YES

VESELENAK YES

- 2) Ryan Shanower, the Fire Inspector, addressed the Board of his concerns of not being notified when new businesses start up in the township. He would like for a system be put into place. It was noted that if a business goes in the zoned area of the township it would go through our Zoning Inspector and the Board would be notified. The Board could then notify Shanower. In the unzoned area, the Board sometimes is not notified by the person starting the business. Veselenak expressed concern for the new businesses of Bethlehem Township and how we need to educate them on the proper steps when starting a business. Dearing will speak with Angela Cavanaugh from the Stark County Building Department to see about communications between them and the Board.
- 3) Kyle Stone, Stark County Prosecutor introduced himself. He stated that Debbie Dawson is our contact for any of our concerns. Stone brought up the matter on Riverland and stated that the Township has done all they can do at this time. Veselenak asked Stone if someone from our volunteer Park Board

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could run for supplies for the park when they or their vehicle are not covered on our insurance, would the Township be held liable if they were in a collision? Stone responded that if they are a volunteer, that is at their own risk and their insurance would cover them. The Township would not be held responsible.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 1) Strubel informed the Board that they have patched Redmont and at the park.
- 2) There has been damage done to Student due to heavy hauling on that road.
- 3) Strubel stated that backup cameras on the snow plow trucks would be something to consider for the \$500.00 safety stipend.

VESELENAK REPORT

- 1) Veselenak reported she has been in contact with Dan Moeglin from Stark Parks about refreshing of the trail through the Navarre Bethlehem Community Park. She inquired if we could work together in the spring with Stark Parks on the trail. Due to the Township and the Village being responsible for maintenance at the park, we could pay for the materials and Stark Parks could provide labor and equipment, since they have the equipment to do the spreading of the material. Veselenak and Moeglin will be meeting sometime in November to go over this along with installation of a landing Stark Parks is planning for Riverland at the Tuscarawas River.
- 2) Veselenak provided two letters of concern from residents for the wedding venue that were email to her. She asked if the Board of Appeals has set a date for that meeting yet. Cochran responded it will be on October 24th at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall.

RESOLUTION #2022-32

Veselenak made the motion for the resolution:

Title: Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District's 2023 Solid Waste Management Plan Update District Community: Bethlehem Township

Summary/Background: The Plan is prepared in accordance with Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Section 3734, the State of Ohio's Solid Waste Management Plan and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines. The Plan also describes strategies and programs that will be implemented to meet or exceed the minimum state waste reduction goals and objectives. The Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District ("District") completed the draft amended Solid Waste Management Plan ("Plan") and submitted it to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for review and comment on January 28, 2022, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency provided comments in a non-binding advisory opinion on March 15, 2022. The District's Policy Committee has reviewed the non-binding advisory opinion received

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from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and taken these comments into consideration and incorporated

changes into the amended Plan as appropriate. The District has conducted a 30-day comment period from August 1, 2022, to August 30, 2022, and a public hearing was held on September 2, 2022, to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the Plan

Budget Impact: The Plan provides for a fee schedule that generates the required revenue to cover the costs of implementing the strategies and programs designed to meet or exceed the minimum state waste reduction goals and objectives. Statutory Authority/ORC: 3734.50.

Dearing made the motion for the following resolution: WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethlehem Township, located within the jurisdiction of the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District, that:

Section 1. These Members hereby acknowledge receipt of the amended draft plan.

Section 2. The Bethlehem Township either (please indicate):

- a. YES approves the District Solid Waste Management Plan; or
- b. _____ disapproves the District Solid Waste Management Plan

Section 3. The Clerk is hereby directed to send the District a copy of this resolution to the attention of Ms. Rachel Rothacher, Administrative Director, Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District, 9918 Wilkshire Blvd., Bolivar, Ohio 44612.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Sections 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Urbach seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

DEARING YES

VESELENAK YES

- 3) Veselenak contacted Rich Shetler to see if he was interested in volunteering to help with plowing this winter season. Shetler said yes. Veselenak also asked if we were putting Nathan Simmons on the payroll also to help this winter season.

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RESOLUTION #2022-33

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to hire Nathan Simmons on an as needed basis to help with snowplowing during the 2022-2023 winter season. The day of hire will be the first day he is called out to help. Urbach seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

DEARING YES

VESELENAK YES

- 4) Veselenak asked if the elected officials would be interested in riding in the Christmas in the Village Parade on November 12th. Everyone said yes. Details to be worked out at the next meeting.

DEARING REPORT

- 1) Dearing stated that Northstar has completed the 2022 paving projects. Lawndale berming has been done and the butt joint of Lawndale and Woodland has been repaired.
- 2) Dearing will get a quote from Pileggi for crack sealing of Riverland and Shetler from Hensel to State Route 212.
- 3) Dearing brought up roads that he thought could use tree trimming: Lawndale from the railroad tracks west to the township line and Seeman. Dearing asked Strubel to see what his thought were.
- 4) Dearing reported that Bill Glick has completed the 2022 culvert projects. Veselenak asked if the rip rap on the east side of the catch basin at the north entrance of the park was completed. Dearing said yes, that the east end of the culvert needs to have some area open and should not be filled in all the way with rip rap.
- 5) Dearing spoke with Brian Cole, Stark County Traffic Engineer, concerning the solar signs. Dearing presented all the board members with a quote from Osburn Associates, Inc. with a cost of \$1,776.53 per sign. Dearing also stated that if the sign was not in an open area, you would go through batteries at a cost of approximately \$100.00 each.

RESOLUTION #2022-31

Dearing made the motion for the resolution:

WHEREAS natural, and technological hazards can affect Bethlehem Township; and

WHEREAS significant structural, historical, and economic losses could result from an occurrence of a natural, or technological hazard event; and

WHEREAS undertaking mitigation projects during pre-disaster periods could decrease the total losses Bethlehem incurs as a result of said hazard occurrences.

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AND WHEREAS the Bethlehem Township Trustees have a strong interest in reducing losses from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS the hazard mitigation plan is a federal and state requirement to maintain eligibility for hazard mitigation funding, and, by that requirement, must be updated a minimum of every five years; and

WHEREAS a cooperative, joint effort is a proven, efficient way to plan for and reduce hazard susceptibility in all government jurisdictions in Stark County, Ohio.

THEREFORE the Bethlehem Township Trustees have partnered with the county to update the existing Stark County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in an effort to further identify, define, and characterize the hazards affecting the township as well as to continue identifying and prioritizing projects that could lessen hazard vulnerability.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bethlehem Township Trustees hereby adopt the updated Stark County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan this 17th day of October, 2022. Urbach seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

DEARING YES

VESELENAK YES

URBACH REPORT

1) Urbach reported that the golf outing went well and he would have the figures for it at a future date.

RESOLUTION # 2022-30

Urbach made the motion for the resolution:

WHEREAS, This board of Trustees in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2023 and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Stark County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; there be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Bethlehem Township, Stark County, Ohio that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted: and be it further

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RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said (Township) the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten-mill limitation as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 mill <u>Limitation</u>	Amount Approved By Budget Commission		County Auditor's Estimate of Tax <u>Rate to be Levied</u>	
		Inside 10 mill <u>Limitation</u>		Inside	Outside
General		110,763		0.05	
Road and Bridge		360,867		2.00	
Fire	0				
Road District	222,154				1.50
Total	222,154	471,630		2.50	1.50

Veselenak seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call the Result Was:

URBACH YES DEARING YES VESELENAK YES

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- 1) Matics informed the Trustees that Art Deininger, with Buckeye Energy, was checking into the streetlighting with Ohio Edison, who have opened up being able to shop for retail generation service with a certified Competitive Retail Electric Service. Deininger is our Electric Aggregation contact. Hopefully Matics will have information for the next meeting.
- 2) Matics asked if any of the Trustees saw the "Clean Drive Rural" article in the Bargain Hunter. The seminar is at Kent State Tusc. Branch on Wednesday November 3rd. They are to have alternative fueled vehicles there also. This program has the possibility for entities to be a part of a survey for using these vehicles in the year 2023. Veselenak stated she was interested in going.
- 3) Mail received: Community Salutes Awards and Stark Health quarterly report.
- 4) Emails forwarded to the Trustees: SCRIP, Stark Soil and Water update on Beth Mobile Park plans and OTA legislative alert.
- 5) Emails received: OBM monthly report, NEFCO meeting information, Ohio Deferred Comp quarterly statement and notice from Molly Lehman, Village Council Member, of Coffee with Village Council on Saturday, November 05, 2022 from 9:00 to 11:00.

Urbach said the next meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Veselenak made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dearing. All in Favor: YES

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The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

James J. Urbach - President

Mark Dearing- Vice President

T. Renee' Veselenak – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer