

Meeting Minutes of the Miami Township Board of Trustees  
*Regular Meeting*  
March 15, 2022

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee President Terry Posey, Jr. called the Miami Township Board of Trustees Regular meeting to order on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:00PM and led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was as follows:

<b><u>Elected Officials:</u></b>		Present	Absent
Terry Posey, Jr.	Trustee President	X	
John Morris	Trustee Vice-President		X
Don Culp	Trustee	X	
Aaron Newell	Fiscal Officer		X
<b><u>Township Staff:</u></b>			
Ron Hess	Township Administrator	X	
Dan Mayberry	Public Works Director	X	
Clay McCord	Finance Director	X	
Chris Snyder	Assistant Township Administrator	X	
Charles Stieglmeyer	Police Chief	X	
Alex Carlson	Deputy Director of Community Development	X	

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**RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDER CASUALTIES**

Chief Stieglmeyer read the First Responders Casualties for March 2 – March 15, 2022.

- **Senior Police Officer Robert Duran**, Santa Fe Police Department, NM
- **K9 Ciro**, Humphreys County Sheriff's Office, TN
- **Trooper Tamar Bucci**, Massachusetts State Police, MA
- **Corporal Benjamin Cooper**, Joplin Police Department, MO
- **Chief John Pridemore**, Clayton Fire Company, DE
- **K9 Dash**, Shepherdsville Police Department, KY
- **Police Officer Jake Reed**, Joplin Police Department, MO

In recognition of these individuals, Mr. Posey Jr. asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

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**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Mr. Posey, Jr. welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and then introduced Chief Stieglmeyer for the evening's recognition ceremonies.

**Administration of Oath of Office – New Police Officers**

Chief Stieglmeyer explained the significance of the two badges that every officer wears. The badge on their hat reminds them to make good, clear, unbiased decisions, and the badge worn

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over the heart is to guide them to have compassion for those they serve every day. Chief Stiegelmeier introduced each of the five new Miami Township Police Officers recapping each officer's career.

- **Officer Kurtis Green** is in his seventh year of working in law enforcement with experience working for two law enforcement agencies. Officer Green became a police officer to follow in the footsteps of his father who worked for the Huber Heights Police Department for 24 years. Officer Green graduated from the Clark State police academy in 2015 and has an associate degree in criminal justice and law enforcement.
- **Officer Nick Peters** grew up in Vandalia, OH where he graduated from Butler High School. After high school, Nick attended the Ohio University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sociology/Criminology. A 2017 graduate of the Sinclair Community College Police Academy and has prior police service with the Middletown Division of Police and the Sinclair Community College Police Department.
- **Officer Liam Foley** graduated from Springboro High School in 2017 and a 2021 graduate of the Butler Tech Police Academy. This is Officer Foley's full-time police officer job.
- **Officer McKenzie Pierce** is a recent graduate of the Clark State Police Academy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice/Criminology from Marshall University. She plans on returning to school to obtain a Master's degree in homicide investigation and forensics. This is McKenzie's first full-time Police Officer job.
- **Officer Dakota Cox** is a 2020 graduate of the Greene County Police Academy. Officer Cox worked for Perry Township Police Department as a police officer for over a year before accepting the position with Miami Township.

Mr. McCord administered the Oath of Office to the Officers.

**Retirement: Detective Comer**

After the administration of the Oath of Office, Chief Stiegelmeier informed the Trustees that Detective Todd Comer was retiring from the department effective Friday, March 18, 2022. Chief Stiegelmeier shared the following highlights of Detective Comer's career with the Trustees:

Detective Comer began his career with the Miami Township Police Department, as a Reserve Police Officer on September 14, 1988. He was promoted to full-time police officer on March 4, 1990. Detective Comer has been assigned to the Detective bureau since May 17, 1993.

During his tenure with the department, Detective Comer received over 30 letters of commendation; the 2021 Miami Township Police Officer of the Year, the 2021 Douglas L. Knight Humanitarian Award, the 2021 Mark Losey Service Award, and the the 2019 Miami Township Police Chief's Award.

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Chief Stiegelmeier noted that Detective Comer’s leadership, experience and comradery would be missed. He then asked all past and present members of the Miami Township Police Department present to stand and join in congratulating Detective Comer for a job well done.

Detective Comer thanked everyone for their support throughout his career.

Ron Hess, Township Administrator congratulated Detective Comer on his retirement and thanked Detective Comer for the assistance he was given when he became the Miami Township Police Chief in 2013.

Trustees Posey, Jr. and Culp then presented Detective Comer with a Proclamation thanking him for his exceptional and uncompromised services to the citizens of Miami Township, and to wish him a healthy, happy and prosperous retirement.

Mr. Posey, Jr. then invited anyone who wished to leave the meeting to attend the reception for Detective Comer being held in the Community Room downstairs. After a brief pause to allow audience members to file out of the chamber, Mr. Posey resumed the meeting.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board of Trustees to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any Trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request, and a second is no required to remove an item. Removed items will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- A. Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2022
- B. Purchase Orders through 2022000404
- C. Payments totaling \$576,279.36 comprised of
  - Checks #75653 - #75697; and
  - Electronic Transfers: 2021-172 – 2021-177 and 2022-001 – 2022-012
- D. Payroll #05, Check Date: March 11, 2022, totaling \$209,986.05

Mr. Posey, Jr. motioned, and Mr. Culp seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda items.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Posey, Jr.	X			
Mr. Morris				X
Mr. Culp	X			

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Ronald Hess, Township Administrator presented the following item:

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**Resolution 030-2022** to sell property to a retiring employee

Mr. Hess stated that Miami Township Police Detective Todd Comer was retiring from the Miami Township Police Department effective March 18, 2022. Detective Comer has requested to purchase his service weapon pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement. Chief Stiegelmeyer is recommending approval of the resolution.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Posey, Jr. opened the floor for public comments and asked if anyone wished to come forward to speak, however no one came forward.

**Resolution #030-2022**

Mr. Posey, Jr. motioned, and Mr. Culp seconded the motion to approve Resolution #030-2022 to sell property to a retiring employee.

Mr. Posey, Jr. called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. McCord called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Posey, Jr.	x			
Mr. Morris				x
Mr. Culp	x			

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Miami Township Comprehensive Plan**

To review the recommendation of the Miami Township Zoning Commission to review updates to the Miami Township Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Posey, Jr. motioned, and Mr. Culp seconded the motion to open public hearing to review updates to the Miami Township Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Posey, Jr. called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. McCord called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Posey, Jr.	x			
Mr. Morris				x
Mr. Culp	x			

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Mr. Posey, Jr. described the public hearing process and asked Deputy Director of Community Development, Alex Carlson if the legal requirements for the public hearing had been met. Mr. Carlson replied

Mr. Carlson provided a summary of the public participation process that was utilized throughout the drafting of the comprehensive plan. He stated that a steering committee provided input on the document, public meetings and surveys were utilized to gather public opinion, and The Plan was reviewed for adoption in public hearings.

Mr. Carlson discussed the means in which The Plan, if adopted, will be implemented. First, by using the land use map and development guide to inform development and future land use decisions. Second, by referring to the goals and initiatives within each foundational planning chapter of the document. Third, by amending the zoning resolution to codify the comprehensive plan review and amendment process. And fourth, by utilizing data and studies found in the appendix of The Plan.

Mr. Carlson noted that the Zoning Commission recommended, in a 5 – 0 vote, adopting the revised Comprehensive Plan as revised.

Mr. Posey, Jr. opened the floor for Proponents of the case to step forward and speak, however no one came forward to speak.

Mr. Posey, Jr. opened the floor for Opponents of the case to step forward and speak, however no one came forward to speak.

Mr. Posey, Jr. motioned, and Mr. Culp seconded the motion to close public hearing for updates to the Miami Township Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Posey, Jr. called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. McCord called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Posey, Jr.	X			
Mr. Morris				X
Mr. Culp	X			

Mr. Posey, Jr. motioned, and Mr. Culp seconded the motion to approve Resolution #031-2022 to **APPROVE** the updates to the Miami Township Comprehensive Plan and **UPHOLD** the Zoning Commission recommendation.

Mr. Posey, Jr. called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. McCord called the roll and recorded the vote.

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	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Posey, Jr.	x			
Mr. Morris				x
Mr. Culp	x			

**Code Enforcement Case #21-000621**

To determine the existence of a nuisance as described in Miami Township Code Enforcement Case #21-000621, concerning inoperable vehicles located at 5562 South Union Road, Miamisburg, OH 45342.

Mr. Posey, Jr. motioned, and Mr. Culp seconded the motion to open a public hearing for Code Enforcement Case #21-000621 concerning inoperable vehicles located at 5562 South Union Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342.

Mr. Posey, Jr. called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. McCord called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Posey, Jr.	x			
Mr. Morris				x
Mr. Culp	x			

Mr. Posey, Jr. described the nuisance abatement hearing process and asked if anyone present desired to testify in the case. Andrew Rice, Miami Township Planner/Technician was the only person to come forward to testify. Mr. Posey, Jr. then swore in Mr. Rice.

Mr. Posey, Jr. asked if the legal requirements for the hearing had been met. Mr. Rice replied affirmatively and provided a recap of the process used to identify and rectify the conditions noted at the subject property.

Mr. Posey, Jr. opened the floor for Proponents of the case to step forward and speak, however no one came forward to speak.

Mr. Posey, Jr. opened the floor for Opponents of the case to step forward and speak, however no one came forward to speak.

Mr. Posey, Jr. motioned, and Mr. Culp seconded the motion to close public hearing Code Enforcement Case #21-000621 concerning inoperable vehicles located at 5562 South Union Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342.

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	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Posey, Jr.	x			
Mr. Morris				x
Mr. Culp	x			

Mr. Posey, Jr. motioned, and Mr. Culp seconded the motion to approve Resolution #032-2022 that instructs the owners and/or lien holders to abate the nuisance described in Code Enforcement Case #21-000621 within fourteen days of the date of mailing the resolution to the owner and/or lien holder. If the nuisance is not abated within the 14-day timeframe, Resolution #032-2022 authorizes township staff to contract the abatement of the nuisance and assess the costs to the property tax duplicate.

Mr. Posey, Jr. called for any additional discussion. With none being brought forth, Mr. McCord called the roll and recorded the vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Posey, Jr.	x			
Mr. Morris				x
Mr. Culp	x			

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Miami Valley Fire District Fire Chief Brandon Barnet informed the Trustees that the district had received a donation of several carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed on first-come, first-served basis. He also noted that some inoperable equipment had recently been disposed. Trustee Posey, Jr. thanked the Chief for the monthly updates.

Chris Snyder thanked this staff and everyone who participated in compiling and preparing the Comprehensive Plan presented earlier this evening. Mr. Snyder then informed the Board of a new Planner, Max Merritt, who started with the Township on Monday. Mr. Merritt has a degree in Planning from the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Snyder also informed that Trustees that he and Mr. McCord had attended the Montgomery County Tax Incentive Review Council meeting to provide an update on tax incentives in the Township. He noted that the current incentive was in year 10 of a ten-year abatement and had successfully met their obligations under the incentive program. The company committed to creating 10 jobs and had in fact created 39 total jobs, 18 of which were new jobs.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Terry Posey, Jr. welcomed the First Four competition back to Dayton and the competitors and attendees who were staying in the Township.

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**WORK SESSION**

None scheduled.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None scheduled.

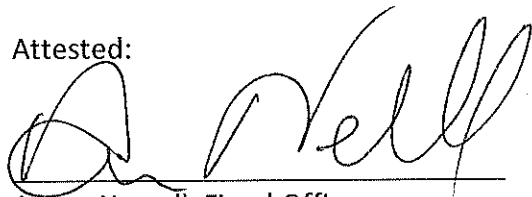
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Posey Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:44PM.

  
Terry W. Posey, Jr. Trustee President

Attested:



Aaron Newell, Fiscal Officer

April 5, 2022