***Pleasant Township Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights***

**Date \_\_April 12, 2022 Next Resolution No.\_\_ 29-----4-12-2022\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* **Call to Order**
* **Please stand for moment of silence. --Pledge of Allegiance-----Roll Call**
* **Minutes to approve**- Are there any corrections, deletions, or additions to minutes from Jan. 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. a Special Reorganizational Meeting, and regular meetings for January 12 & 26, Special meetings February 2 & 3, Regular meetings February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27 all 2021. If there are no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes stand approved.
* **Financial Reports** – Motion to pay expenditures.
* **Visitors** *– (Hannah Poling with the Messenger via WebX)*
  + Anyone else in attendance via WebX
* ***Department Reports***
* **Franklin County Sheriff’s Report- Deputy Hamilton**
  + Total calls for service for 3-22-22 to 4-12-22 were 128
  + Total reports – 8
  + Arrest – 0
  + Burglary/B & E’s – 0
  + Thefts – 2
  + Accidents – 14
  + Suspicious Activity – 8
  + Alarm Drops – 8
  + Traffic Stops – 19
  + Disabled vehicles – 12
  + Notes: 2 thefts with 1 theft report ongoing. We are doing traffic enforcement saturation patrol on 4-14-22 in the morning around Darbydale area. House Bill 408 will put stricter penalties for theft of catalytic converters.
* **Road Department- Superintendent, Robert Bausch** 
  + **Reminder:** Spring Cleanup will be Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. – having trouble finding a tire dumpster.
  + Seaman Rd. tile at Mr. Millers-found a tile that runs about 12’ beyond the catch basin and it was not lined up. Will fix that and see what happens.
* Old Harrisburg pike ditch issues-the bank at the edge of the road is wearing away will check with concrete recyclers for rock to fill. Ed suggested getting ahold of Kokosing since they are working right there. Will do the fill a little at a time.
* Potholes 2nd round
* Cemetery cleaned up for mowing
* Street signs Timberlake-almost done needed more brackets
* Switching into summer operations

**Fire Dept. – Chief Taylor** **is on vacation. Lt. Kuno will attend**

* 98 runs for March
* 312 for the year
* T231 has an air leak that we are still hunting down
* M232 had check engine light. Is a bad ERG valve, being replaced at ELW.
* Cleaned up the medic bays with shelving
* Smoke Alarm Drive held in Timberlake on Saturday. Installed 70 smoke alarms, must go back for a few streets.
* Crews had standby at FCSO training academy for their hand-to-hand tactics training and testing.
* Prairie had borrowed Medic 1 for several days, it’s back.
* Met with Fire Marine Inc. to get a quote on modifications to engine for new extrication equipment. Waiting on the quote.
* Flower Sale will be this coming weekend.
* Power cot, Med vault and radio were taken to Braun for the new medic. Completion is expected in July.
* Burleson completed water rescue portion of the Rescue Tech.
* **Old Business-**
  + Ed and Nancy attended a Franklin County Farm Bureau lunch meeting last week at Schmidts. Many government officials and judges were there. Very good discussion.
  + Health Insurance options. (If we choose one tonight and it is the renewal with an “estimated” percentage change of 4%, I think we should state no more than a 4% increase)

Motion made to renew the current health care plan with the 4% increase. Motion passed

* **New Business –**
* Franklin County Township Association 2022 Annual Meeting

Hollywood Casino, 200 Georgesville Road, Columbus, OH 43228

Thursday, April 28, 2022 -6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. RSVP by April 15th

* **Below is a copy of an email from Public Health----**

As I’m sure you are aware, Franklin County Public Health has extended its service contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management into 2022. With longer days and sunnier skies, it won’t be long until the mosquitoes return as well. I wanted to reach out to provide a brief update and primer for the upcoming mosquito and tick season.

**Service Requests**

Our usual rain, and a few days with temperatures above 70 degrees has got mosquitoes on the minds of Franklin County residents, and we have already begun to receive requests for mosquito control services. *If any of your residents reach out to you with mosquito complaints, please direct them to submit a service request to us, either by filling out our online form or by calling the BITE line at (614) 525-BITE (2483).* If they call during regular business hours, a member of Clarke’s customer care team will answer the phone to receive their request. After the response, a green door hanger will be left to summarize what actions were taken by our field staff.

**Trap Locations**

Thanks to the excited participation of many of our residents, we have already selected locations for roughly half of our traps for the coming season! Before our regular surveillance begins in May, we will be going door-to-door in some areas to find willing houses. We may also reach out to some jurisdictions individually if we are struggling to secure trap locations.

**Field Inspections**

Clarke staff began mosquito breeding site inspections last week and will continue through October. Controlling mosquito breeding is the single most effective method of controlling the mosquito population, so if you know of any standing water or flooded areas in your jurisdiction, please let us know!

**Surveillance Start**

Regular surveillance will begin the week of May 15th. The trap schedule remains unchanged from last year: Gravid traps for Culex mosquitoes will be set Sunday evenings, then counted, identified, and tested for West Nile Virus on Mondays. We should have results each Monday by 3:00 p.m., at which point I will be reaching out to any jurisdictions with positive tests to schedule a spray event. Please keep an eye out for this communication and reply to confirm the scheduled spray as quickly as possible! CDC Light traps will be set on Tuesday evenings in the west, and Thursday evenings in the eastern half of the county. If your jurisdiction participates in our nuisance mosquito control program, these traps may also trigger a spray event. This schedule may shift slightly on holiday weeks.

**Hub**

To improve our data reporting and access, we are building a brand-new site just for you! This site will include all the information currently provided on our website (surveillance, test results, spray schedule) as well as our service request dashboard, trap locations, and larval control applications. It is not quite ready yet, but we aim to have it up and running before the season gets going in early May. Keep an eye out for updates!

**Event Sprays**

If you know of any community events in your jurisdiction for which you would like to schedule a special event spray, it’s never too early to get that scheduled. Please be advised that this service is intended for large, community-wide events like festivals and fireworks displays. We will not be scheduling any regularly recurring mosquito spraying.

**Tires**

Each year, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency funds a Mosquito Control Grant. In the past, this grant has funded our tire turn-in program, which has proved very successful. Unfortunately, we were not selected to receive funding for this highly competitive grant for 2022. We do have some limited funding available for a scaled-back version of this program, and we will be partnering with the City of Columbus to host and staff tire take-back events which will be open to all residents, regardless of jurisdiction. The events will be centrally located to best leverage our shared resources, in areas with known tire issues.

**Ticks**

Ticks continue to present a growing issue in our area, and May is peak season for adult American Dog ticks, Lone Star ticks, and nymphal Blacklegged ticks (the ones most likely to transmit Lyme Disease). This year, we are fully implementing our active tick surveillance program. Because our contract with Clarke only covers mosquito-related services, the work for this program will be done by me and a few very motivated MPH students from The Ohio State University. We are not sure yet if we will be able to have the ticks we collect tested for pathogens but will update you when we know. In any case, there will be no cost to you for tick surveillance, so please, take advantage of this service! You can reach out to me directly to discuss tick surveillance in your area, or you can fill out our tick collection permit.

If you would like to learn more about tick populations in your parks, please let me know. Additionally, please feel free to pass my contact information on to any parks staff within your jurisdiction and consider filling out a short questionnaire to help us craft the further development of our tick management program.

* In an email from Franklin County Economic and Development:

David Smith, has been hired as a new zoning enforcement officer. Patrick Young will be transitioning out of zoning enforcement and into a building inspector role. Patrick will still be engaged with enforcement issues that were initiated while he was in the position and David will be taking on new complaints that arise. We are still working to fill our second enforcement officer position. Once that position is filled, we’ll determine which officer is handling which Townships. In the meantime, please submit complaints to David at david.smith@franklincountyohio.gov ***and ask your residents to do the same***.

* **Clerk Updates- Paula**

Resolution\_\_\_29\_\_ to renew the Sedgwick contract for $3,260 for 2023

* **Adjourned** at 7:25 p.m.