

**BEAVERCREEK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Special Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Trustees Chair Debborah Wallace called the special meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Trustee and Chair of the Board Debborah Wallace, Trustee and Vice Chair of the Board Jessica Dean, Trustee Tom Kretz, Fiscal Officer Ryan A. Rushing, Township Administrator Alex Zaharieff, Fire Chief David VandenBos, Fire Marshall Randy Grogean, Mary Beth Lehman of M Path PR, and Legal Advisor Dawn Frick.

House Bill 172 was presented by Fire Marshal Grogean which allows local jurisdictions to opt out of the permitted holidays outlined in Ohio House Bill 172 so residents could not discharge legal fireworks during the prescribed holidays in House Bill 172. Fire Marshal Grogean and Chief VandenBos both highlighted this is a law enforcement matter and not a Fire Department enforcement or compliance issue. It was stressed that illegal fireworks are still illegal.

Opting out of House Bill 172 was discussed. Topics brought up were the feasibility of law enforcement policing if the Township opted out; concerns and care for domestic and farm animals; veterans and others who may experience sensitivity to explosions or other loud ordinances; and personal responsibility of providing due care if using legal fireworks. There was no consensus. The Township Administrator will not be bring forward a resolution to opt out of House Bill 172.

Mary Beth Lehman from M Path PR spoke about current communications in the Township and presented a drafted communication plan and its findings. The information presented was discussed. General topics include portraying the Township and its staff more naturally; distinguishing the Township and the City of Beaver Creek and provide constant information that is directed. The Board will send in any changes before it is adopted.

**20220411-Admin-G:** Trustee Dean made a **MOTION** to adjourn the special meeting, seconded by Trustee Kretz. Fiscal Officer Rushing called the roll: Trustee Dean, yes; Trustee Kretz, yes; Trustee Wallace, yes. Motion adopted.

APPROVED:

  
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Debborah L. Wallace, Chair

ATTESTED:

  
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Ryan A. Rushing, Fiscal Officer

4-25-2022  
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Date