

Record of Proceedings: June 9, 2026

West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: Chairperson Becker convened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Ortiz responded. Mr. Wong was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

MOTION made at 4:30 p.m. by Mrs. Becker to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session with legal counsel for the purpose of: (1) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property by competitive bid, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit- for-use property, in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code, as premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. O.R.C. 121.22(G)(2); (2) conference with an attorney for the Township concerning disputes involving the Township that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. O.R.C. 121.22(G)(3); (3) consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance or negotiating with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance. The information to be discussed is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided under any of the Revised Code provisions set forth in O.R.C. 121.22(G)(8)(a), or involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

Mrs. Becker said because of (G)(8) they need to vote to determine that executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with economic development.

MOTION by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to recess to Executive Session on economic development grounds. **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to recess to Executive Session with the above grounds.

Mrs. Becker declared the meeting in recess.

Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

MOTION made at 5:39 p.m. by Mrs. Becker to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the June 6, 2026. Regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz. **Motion carried.**

Citizen's Comments

Tiniqua Mathias, (Fiscal Officer Note: Chairperson waived address requirement), stated she was fearful for her safety given a conflict she's having with another person, and complained that the West Chester Police Department was not treating her fairly in their investigation of the matter.

Joel Herzog, 7769 Whitehall Circle East, commented in support of the West Chester Police Department, asserting it's fair and professional.

Presentations

Dan Deters, Aggregation Specialist with Energy Alliances, gave a natural gas aggregation update. He said the recent agreement his company has with the township included no specified costs because the cost is so volatile that it would change by the time the Board addressed the agreement.

Certificate of Recognition was presented Jamie Durhan Green for being declared the USA Karate Para Athlete of the Year.

Personnel Items

Ms. Brown introduced the Personnel Items consisting of, (1) creating the position of part-time Community Risk Reduction Specialist and, hiring David Doerger effective June 8, 2026 at the hourly rate of \$27.03; (2) hiring Christian Hunley to the position of Police Officer effective June 10, 2026, at the bi-weekly salary of \$2,962.58. These were identified on the agenda as Personnel Items 3 and 4.

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, to approve Personnel Items 3 and 4 seconded by Mrs. Ortiz. Discussion: Mrs. Ortiz noted Mr. Hundley's relationship to the department and their support. The Trustees each expressed praise for the West Chester Police Department and the service performed by police officers. **Motion carried.**

Thereupon Fiscal officer Jones administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hundley, accompanied by Chief Rebholz Chief Prinz and Assistant Police Chief Bruce Hoffbauer.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve payment of bills – May 16, 2026 through May 29, 2026. Discussion: None. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2026. Discussion: None. **Motion carried.**

Requisitions – Greater than \$7,500.00

Ms. Brown submitted the following requisitions greater than \$7,500:

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| 7. Adm | \$81,206.69 | FBT Gibbons LLP - Legal services through April 30, 2026 (various departments) |
| 8. CIT | \$15,182.40 | The Ohio State University - Renew annual VMware license and support |
| 9. Fire | \$72,995.93 | Stryker Sales LLC - Purchase power cot and power loader with accessories for vehicle 123 (CIP 1793) |
| 10. Fire | \$23,460.00 | Butler Tech & Career Dev Schools - Purchase paramedic school tuition to complete tuition payments for nine Firefighters |
| 11. Fire | \$13,572.30 | Lion First Responder PPE, Inc. - Purchase one Bullex fire extinguisher training simulator (CIP 2086) |
| 12. Services | \$27,060.00 | Walton Signage LTD - Update West Chester pilon sign (CIP 2106) |
| 13. Services | \$23,850.00 | Rarestep, Inc. - Renew fleet management software agreement |

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve payment of requisitions 7 through 13. Discussion: In response to Mrs. Ortiz's question, Fire Chief Prinz said the fire extinguisher training simulator is used to train the businesses and the general public. The training will to be scheduled upon request. He also said the new Community Risk Reduction Specialist will work with data to identify areas that require exceptional service from fire and EMS personnel. In response to Mrs. Becker's question, Services Director Mike Huxsoll said the township has an MOU with IKEA, the signage was updated with the new logo, though not backlit, and it's time to upgrade. **Motion carried.**

Business Items

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve agreement between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. for 2027 Bureau of Worker's Compensation third party administrator services; and, authorize Township Administrator to make non-substantive changes with Law Director approval and execute said agreement. Discussion: Ms. Brown provided the cost, Sedgwick's role, and noted it is about the only large TPA remaining. Mrs. Becker said she doesn't like the lack of competition. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker that, having reviewed the staff report and affidavit, we declare the properties listed on The West Chester Board of Trustees meeting agenda dated June 9, 2026 to be a public nuisance as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code.

Staff is directed to cause removal of the nuisances identified, and monitor this property for 90 days to require continued compliance. An administrative charge of 25% shall be added to the contractor fee for the property. Motion seconded by Mrs. Ortiz. (Fiscal Officer asserted a point of order requesting the subject addresses as they were on supporting documentation, but not the agenda.) Discussion: None. **Motion carried.**

(Fiscal Officer Note: the listed properties were 8155 Highland Pointe Drive, 7708 Parktown Drive, 7959 Second Street.)

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve Statutory Resolution 17-2026 declaring 2009 Ford Explorer is not needed and unfit for public use and authorizing the sale of said vehicle by public action. Discussion: None. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to dispose of three abandoned vehicles by auction or through a salvage dealer Discussion: It was noted these vehicles were abandoned and/or crashed vehicles, and usually unusable. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to accept dedication of streets in Westfall Preserve Section 5 (Section 11, Town 2, Range 2) journalized at 25 mph, with provision that all decorative signage and landscaping be maintained by the HOA Discussion: None. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to accept dedication of streets in Bel Haven Section 4 (Section 5, Town 2, Range 2) journalized at 25 mph, with provision that all

decorative signage and landscaping be maintained by the HOA. Discussion: Motion seconded by Mrs. Ortiz. Discussion: None. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to accept proposal and approve contract between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and PCS Security Solutions for 2026 security system upgrade project not to exceed \$18,480.00; and, authorize Township Administrator to execute all other documents necessary to effectuate the project with Law Director approval (CIP 2117). Discussion: In response to Mrs. Becker's question, Services Director Mike Huxsoll, accompanied by PCS Security Solutions President Mike Deryel, said they'll be working on the first two phases through fall, at which time they should be able to prepare installation costs for the next budget cycle. Mr. Deryel explained the process for the first two phases adding they'll then develop a plan for the design-build phase. **Motion carried.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve service agreement between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and Verdantas Architecture, Inc. for Tylersville Road sidewalk project between Pepper Pike and Chesterwood Village. Discussion: In response to Mrs. Becker's question, Ms. Brown said this item pertains to the design phase, and if the grant is awarded, it should be received by October, thereby enabling sidewalk installation. Mrs. Ortiz observed that this is when the traffic light is to be installed at the Pepper Pike/Tylersville intersection. Mrs. Becker asked that people notify the township if there's a piece of sidewalk missing in their neighborhood, that should be installed in order to connect them to a nearby commercial area. **Motion carried.**

Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

Resolutions, Emergency Readings

There were no such resolutions or emergency readings.

Discussion Items & Elected Trustee and Administrator Comments

Mrs. Ortiz noted construction near her neighborhood and thanked our police for their traffic control in that area. She noted the unusual number of accidents in the area, adding that improvements will soon be completed.

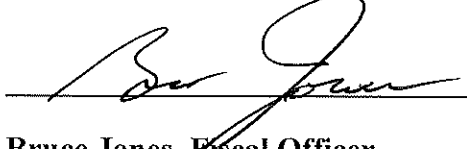
Mrs. Becker noted recent and future community events. She was pleased with the completed Square configuration. Reflecting on an earlier citizen comment, she said she recognizes the difficulty of our police's work and was appreciative of their service.

Ms. Brown acknowledged construction activity in Mrs. Ortiz's area and that there's increased traffic control as a result.

Adjournment

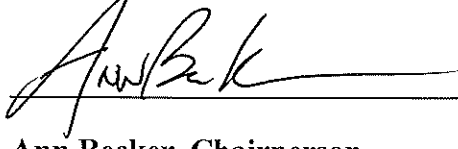
MOTION made at 6:22 p.m. by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to adjourn the June 6, 2026 Regular meeting. Discussion: Done. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Ann Becker, Chairperson