



# BUTLER TOWNSHIP BRIEFLY

January 31, 2023

Below is a brief recap of the latest activities by the Butler Township Trustees in support of township residents and businesses...

## **Update on Recent Police Incident**

At the request of the Butler Township Police Department, the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) has taken over the criminal investigation and review of the incident that occurred on January 16, 2023, in the parking lot of McDonald's, located at 3411 York Commons Blvd. in Butler Township. The township is continuing its own investigation as well, and the involved officer will continue to remain on administrative leave until the investigations are complete. Until that time, the township is unable to share additional information.

## **Trustees Move to Reduce Speed Limit on Jackson Road**

A dramatic increase in warehouse development, and a roadway widening project on the City of Union's section of Jackson Road, have created concerns with speed on the rural portion of Jackson Road in Butler Township. In order to improve both vehicle and pedestrian safety, a speed study was conducted which led trustees to pass a resolution requesting Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to reduce the speed limit on Jackson Road to 35 MPH. The timetable for a decision by ODOT is unknown at this time.

## **Fee Increases for Zoning Permits, Grave Sites, and Burials**

After careful study, township trustees have passed resolutions to implement modest fee increases for new zoning permits and grave sites and burials at Polk Grove Cemetery. Cemetery rates have stayed the same since 2011, and the 25% increase will help offset costs for excavation, headstone bases, and general maintenance, to keep the cemetery clean and attractive. The zoning permit increases include adjustments in some, but not all permits, and were necessary to keep Butler Township fees in line with surrounding jurisdictions.

## **Water Testing Complete**

Last July, Montgomery County entered into a contract with environmental consulting firm, Bennett and Williams, Inc., to provide a free program for residents within the Recommended Well Sampling Area, as defined by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio EPA, to test private wells for the presence of PFAS contaminants. That testing is now complete, and a summary of the results will be shared at an upcoming community meeting. Visit [butlertownship.com/administration/township-videos/water-contamination-issue/](https://butlertownship.com/administration/township-videos/water-contamination-issue/) for additional information and updates.

## **Fire Department Adds Staff and Expertise**

Two Butler Township Fire Department employees, who were recently hired full-time, became certified State of Ohio paramedics, a third employee received Fire Officer I and II certifications, and the entire department participated in EMS training in pediatric airway and respiratory illnesses. Due to the extreme freezing temperatures in December, fire crews responded to twenty broken water lines in the township, which included commercial sprinkler and domestic water lines. They also responded mutual aid to another nine broken lines.

### **Koorsen to Occupy Vacant Building on North Dixie**

The former Progressive building on North Dixie Drive, that has been vacant since 2020, will soon be home to Koorsen Fire and Security, which is moving from a location at Dayton International Airport.

### **Zorro Officially Retires from Police Service**

In December, our beloved K9 Zorro officially retired from police service. Township trustees passed a proclamation in honor of his service and transferred ownership of Zorro to his handler, Sgt. Amy Carr and her family. Officer Colton Streck was selected as the new handler and he will select the new K9 for Butler Township in March, 2023.

In December, the Police Department took 97 case reports, responded to 22 automobile crashes, and made 55 arrests as a result of case investigations. The department has hired two new officers, and another officer retired from full-time and moved to auxiliary status. Also, during the months of December and January, the department provided updated training on robbery response for local banks and businesses.

**Goodbye January, Welcome February!**

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