

**City of Worthington**  
**and**  
**Sharon Township**

**Joint Meeting Minutes**

Monday, May 4, 2015 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Worthington Municipal Building  
The John P. Coleman Council Chamber  
6550 North High Street  
Worthington, Ohio 43085

**Worthington City Council**

*Bonnie D. Michael, President*  
*Robert F. Chosy, President Pro-Tem*  
*Rachael Dorothy*  
*Scott Myers*  
*David M. Norstrom*  
*Douglas Smith*  
*Michael C. Troper*

*D. Kay Thress, Clerk of Council*

**Sharon Township Trustees**

*Lori Gerald, Chairman*  
*John Oberle*  
*Phillip Smith*

**CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance:**

Worthington City Council met in Joint Session on Monday, May 4, 2015, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of City Hall, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. President Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 P.M.

**City Council Members Present:** Robert F. Chosy, Rachael R. Dorothy, Scott Myers, David Norstrom, Douglas K. Smith, Michael C. Troper, and Bonnie D. Michael

**Sharon Township Trustees Present:** John Oberle, Phillip Smith and Lori Gerald

**Member(s) Absent:**

**Also present:** Clerk of Council Kay Thress, City Manager Matthew Greeson, Director of Law Pamela Fox, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Finance Molly Roberts, Director of Parks and Recreation Darren Hurley, Director of Service and Engineering William Watterson, Director of Planning and Building Lee Brown, Chief of Police James Mosaic, and Chief of Fire Scott Highley

There were fifteen visitors present.

*President Michael invited those in attendance to stand and join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**NEW LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED**

*Ms. Michael acknowledged there being a revised Resolution No. 12-2015 at members places this evening. She reported the difference between the two is the statement that the City of Worthington is entirely within Sharon Township. That statement is not correct. It should read that the City of Worthington is primarily within Sharon Township*

**Resolution No. 12-2015**

Levying Tax for the Maintenance of Union Cemetery dba Walnut Grove and Flint Road Cemetery for the Tax Collection Year 2016.

**Introduced by Mr. Oberle.**

**Motion**

A motion was made by Dr. Chosy to adopt Resolution No. 12-2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Myers.

*Mr. Greeson welcomed the Sharon Township Trustees to the meeting. He believes Mr. Chapman may have a few remarks. He welcomed him to the podium.*

*Mr. Chapman shared that he chairs the Trustees for the Flint and Walnut Grove Cemeteries. The Trustees are here once again to ask for a continuance of the one half of one mill for 2016.*

*Mr. Chapman shared a PowerPoint presentation. He commented that the trustees are pleased to be a part of the Worthington Library's Worthington Memory. The cemeteries are now fully integrated into the program. He encouraged members to check out the program which is designed to provide information on individuals who are buried in the cemeteries. The file may contain a picture of the individual, a picture of the headstone and/or a copy of the obituary. The program shows the plats at the Flint cemetery. A plat can be selected and the burial information associated with that plat obtained. He sees that as a great thing for the city.*

*Mr. Chapman shared that last year staff did an extensive assessment of all the trees in Walnut Grove and Flint cemeteries. Those trees that had a hazard rating of 9 or 10 were removed. The trees that were rated 7 or 8 will be addressed this year. Members of the advisory committee will go out and reassess each tree before determining the best method for taking care of it.*

*Mr. Chapman shared that the Flint Cremation Niche and Prairie Scattering Garden are now available for use. Several of the niches were sold last year. Ultimately the scattering garden will be as a prairie and will be a great place for folks to scatter if they choose.*

*Mr. Chapman commented that for the first time the Meditation garden will have a place for natural cremation burials. Natural burials are often called "Green burials". The remains does not have to be in a container to be placed in the ground at that location, which will always remain a very green space. For those who wish to have the name of the person someplace, it can be inscribed on the back of the memorial.*

*Mr. Chapman then invited all council members and trustees to the Memorial Day service that is held each year at Walnut Grove cemetery after the parade. The main purpose of the service is to honor our service personnel from all of the wars they have been in. He shared that Dr. Chosy was instrumental in getting the location of the service straightened up and looking nice. While he doesn't know the exact year the Memorial Day services began, he believes we are approaching 100 years for the event. For many years the Memorial Day parade ended at the Memorial Day service. We have had some marvelous speakers at the service over the years. Lately the parade has ended further north on High St. and the crowd has not been as great. He again encouraged members to attend the service.*

*Mr. Chapman thanked everyone for all of the support for both cemeteries. Again they are asking for a continuation of one half of one mill.*

*Ms. Michael thanked the Board as well as the cemetery staff for all of their efforts on these two beautiful cemeteries.*

*Mr. Chapman added that Tom Kayati begins badgering the Board in February so he can begin grooming the cemeteries beautifully for Memorial Day. So it is not something that just kind of happens. It is something that is very much on purpose and Mr. Kayati deserves much of the credit due to his persistence.*

*Ms. Dorothy asked how much does one half of one mill equate to. Ms. Russell replied that it fluctuates but the cemetery receives around \$320,000. The funds are received from all residences of Sharon Township.*

*Ms. Michael read Resolution No. 12-2015 in its entirety.*

*Dr. Chosy shared that he has served on the Board of Trustees as Council's representative for many years. Nobody seems to know about these people but they are good and the things that are being done at the cemeteries are remarkable. The volunteers work tirelessly for no money. It is a gem hidden away. They do a wonderful job.*

**There being no additional comments, the motion carried unanimously and Resolution No. 12-2015 is recorded in full in the appropriate record book.**

## **OTHER**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** Ms. Gerard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chosy.

**The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.**

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress  
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2015.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael  
President of Council