# AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP AND OHIO CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 Collective Bargaining Agreement

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# PREAMBLE

This Agreement, entered into by Weathersfield Township, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, Local 11, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union or the Exclusive Bargaining Agent, has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

# **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this agreement to:

- a. Identify the parties and define their respective roles and responsibilities with regard to employment relations in the subject agency.
- b. State the policies, procedures and methods that will hereafter govern the working relationship between the Employer and the Association.
- c. Indicate the nature of the subject matter of mutual concern.
- d. Contribute to the effective conduct of public business by insuring employee participation in the formulation and implementation of employment relations policies and procedures.
- e. Promote systematic employer-employee cooperation on appropriate subject.
- f. Provide for the highest degree of efficiency and responsibility in the accomplishment of the duties and functions assigned to the agency, and
- g. Reduce the number of employment relations disputes and employee grievances, and facilitate their adjustment after they have arisen.

# **ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION AND DESCRIPTION**

The Employer recognizes the Association as the exclusive negotiating agent and representative of all employees in the Weathersfield Road Department, but excluding therefrom the Supervisors, and the Association accepts the responsibility of representing the interests of all said employees in the aforesaid departments, whether or not they are members of the Association, with respect to matters concerning their employment relations with their employer.

# Section A:

The management of the Township, the control of the premises, and the direction of the working forces are vested exclusively with the Township, which reserves its rights under Ohio Revised Code 4117.08(C) including, but not limited to, the right to hire, transfer,

promote, suspend or discharge for just cause, and lay off or terminate employees for economic reasons; to schedule vacation; to determine the shifts and the number of hours to be worked by employees; to assign duties to employees in accordance with the needs and requirements determined by the township; to determine or change the methods and means by which its operations are to be carried on; and to carry out the ordinary and customary functions of management, subject only to such restrictions and regulations governing the exercise of these rights as are expressly specified in this agreement.

#### Section B:

The Association, on behalf of the employees, agrees to cooperate with the Township to attain and maintain full efficiency and maximum service to the people of Weathersfield Township, and the Township agrees to receive and consider constructive suggestions submitted by the Association toward these objectives, but the Township is not obligated to implement any such suggestions.

# **ARTICLE 3 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

#### Section A:

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# **ARTICLE 4 - RESTRICTIONS OF LAW AND REGULATION**

It is understood and agreed by the parties that this agreement is subject to all applicable existing or future laws or regulations of the State of Ohio. This agreement does not delegate, surrender or abridge any of the statutory rights of the Employer or the employee, including without limitation the rights and duties of the Township under Ohio Revised Code 4117.08(C).

#### **ARTICLE 5- SUBJECT FOR CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT**

It is understood and agreed that matters appropriate for consultation, negotiation and agreement between the parties, policies and procedures related to employment relations shall be those as defined in 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code, excluding those items in Ohio Revised Code 4117.08(C).

# **ARTICLE 6- CONSULTATION, NOTICE AND LAYOFF POLICY**

#### Section A: Consultation and Notice

The parties agree to consult and negotiate in good faith on appropriate subjects with the intention of reaching agreement, reducing such agreement to writing and making such writing enforceable as a contract.

To this end they agree to meet, personally or through representatives authorized to take effective action, at reasonable intervals and at reasonable times and places, at the request of either party.

Any party proposing a matter for negotiation shall give written notice to the other party, describing in detail the subject desired to be discussed, at least ten (10) days before the matter, except in case of emergency or on waiver of notice by the other party.

#### Section B: Layoff Policy

Any layoffs will be made in order of least seniority as an employee of the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees within each affected job classification. An employee with more seniority may bump an employee with less seniority in a lower paid job classification if the employee with more seniority is in a job classification affected by the layoffs and he is able to perform the work in the lower paid classification.

A laid-off employee may be called back to work only in the order of most seniority among all laid-off employees of the Weathersfield Township Board of Trustees within each affected job classification.

Should any laid-off employee, upon receiving notice of being called back to work, fail to report to work as specified, such action will be considered to be a voluntary resignation from employment.

The Weathersfield Township Board of trustees will continue to provide Life and Health Insurance to any laid-off for the remainder of the month in which the employee is laid-off, and throughout the following two (2) calendar months. All benefit already earned (such as vacation and accrued compensatory time) will remain in force.

# **ARTICLE 7- REPRESENTATION**

#### Section A:

It is recognized that the right of exclusive representation of employees by the Association, previously referred to in this agreement, implies that the Employer will not enter into any agreements regarding employment relations matters with any other organization or individual purporting to represent any group of employees in the negotiating agency, and shall not engage in any type of conduct which would imply recognition of any group other than the Association as a representative of the employees in the negotiation agency.

#### Section B:

Reference to the "Association" as representative of the employee means the state organization of the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association. Negotiation with the Employer shall be carried on by staff personnel or members of the Association designated by its Executive Director to represent it, and person so designated shall be recognized by the Employer.

#### Section C:

An aggrieved employee may be represented by the Association, or by himself.

#### Section D:

Participation by the Association in a grievance proceeding in which it is not representing the aggrieved employee shall be limited to observing the proceeding and submitting to the Employer or its representative a statement, oral at the time of the meeting or written, of its opinion of the merits or demerits of the grievance complaint and the effect of proposed solutions on the employment relations of other employees in the agency.

# **ARTICLE 8 - DISCIPLINE**

#### Section A: Standard

Disciplinary action shall not be imposed upon an employee except for just cause. The Employer has the burden of proof to establish just cause for any disciplinary action.

#### Section B: Progressive Discipline

The Employer will follow the principles of progressive discipline. Disciplinary action shall include:

1. Verbal reprimand (with appropriate notation in employee's file)

- 2. Written reprimand
- 3. Suspension
- 4. Termination

Disciplinary action shall be initiated as soon as reasonably possible consistent with the requirements of other provisions of this Article. An arbitrator deciding a discipline grievance must consider the timeliness of the employer's decision to begin the disciplinary process.

#### Section C: Supervisory Intimidation

An Employer representative shall not use the knowledge of an event giving rise to the imposition of discipline to intimidate, harass or coerce an employee.

In those instances where an employee believes this section has been violated, he/she may file a grievance, including an anonymous grievance filed by and processed by the Union in which the employee's name shall not be disclosed to the Employer representative allegedly violating this section, unless the employer determines that the Employer representative is to be disciplined.

The Employer reserves the right to reassign or discipline employer representatives who violate this section.

#### Section D: Pre-Discipline

An employee shall be entitled to the presence of a union steward at an investigatory interview upon request and if he/she has reasonable grounds to believe that the interview may be used to support disciplinary action against him/her.

An employee has the right to a meeting prior to the imposition of a suspension or termination. Prior to the meeting, the employee and his/her representative shall be informed in writing of the reasons for the contemplated discipline and the possible form of discipline. No later than at the meeting, the Employer will provide a list of witnesses to the event or act known at that time and documents known at that time used to support the possible disciplinary action. If the Employer becomes aware of additional witnesses or documents that will be relied upon in imposing discipline, they shall also be provided to the Union and the employee. The employer representative recommending discipline shall be present at the meeting unless inappropriate or if he/she is legitimately unable to attend.

The Township's designee shall conduct the meeting. The Union and/or the employee shall be given the opportunity to comment, refute or rebut.

# Section E: Imposition of Discipline

The Trustees shall make a final decision of the recommended disciplinary action as soon as reasonably possible but no more than ten (10) days after the conclusion of the prediscipline meeting.

If a final decision is made to impose discipline, the employee and Union shall be notified in writing. Once the employee has received written notification of the final decision to impose discipline, the disciplinary action shall not be increased.

Disciplinary measures imposed shall be reasonable and commensurate with the offense and shall not be used solely for punishment.

The Employer will not impose discipline in the presence of other employees, or the public except in extraordinary situations which pose a serious, immediate threat to the safety, health or well-being of others.

#### Section F: Prior Disciplinary Actions

All records relating to oral and/or written reprimands will cease to have any force and effect and will be removed from an employee's personnel file twelve (12) months after the date of the oral and/or written reprimand if there has been no other discipline imposed during the past twelve (12) months.

Records of other disciplinary action will be removed from an employee's file under the same conditions as oral/written reprimand after twenty four (24) months if there has been no other discipline imposed during the past twenty four (24) months.

This provision shall be applied to records placed in an employee's file prior to the effective date of this agreement.

# Section G: Polygraph Tests

No employee shall be required to take a polygraph, voice stress or psychological stress examination as a condition of retaining employment, nor shall an employee be subject to discipline for the refusal to take such a test. The Township may require drug testing as provided under the Drug Free Workplace Policy, attached as Appendix A, and as provided by law or required to maintain any license or policy of insurance.

# **ARTICLE 9- GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE- DISPUTES OR GRIEVANCES**

A grievance may be defined as any question concerning the interpretation or application of the work agreement provisions, or any dispute arising out of employment between the member and employer under laws of the State of Ohio. The time limitations for the grievance procedure provided herein may not be extended, unless mutually agreed to by both parties. A grievance not resolved within any step by failure of the employee to meet the prescribed time limits shall be ruled in favor of the employer. A grievance not resolved within any step by failure of the Township to meet the prescribed time limits shall be ruled in favor of the employee. All grievances shall be processed in the following manner:

<u>Step 1:</u> The aggrieved employee shall present the grievance in writing, on a form mutually agreed upon by OCSEA and the Township furnished by the Township. The statement of the

grievance shall set forth the facts involved, the approximate time of their occurrence and/or when the employee first had knowledge of the occurrence; the relief requested and shall be signed and dated by the employee. Grievances shall be submitted to the Administrator within seven (7) calendar days after the employee had knowledge of the event. The Administrator shall give the answer in writing to the employee and OCSEA within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the grievance.

<u>Step 2:</u> If the grievance is not adjusted in Step 1, the employee may appeal the grievance in writing to the Trustees within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the Superintendents answer in Step 1. The parties shall meet at a mutually convenient time, but at least within seven (7) calendar days after the employee has appealed the grievance. The Trustees shall give the answer in writing to the employee and OCSEA within seven (7) calendar days after the grievance meeting has been held.

<u>Step 3:</u> If the grievance is not adjusted in Step 2, the union may appeal the grievance in the following manner:

a) The Steward shall notify the Trustees and the Executive director of the Union within fifteen (15) working days of the receipt of the Step Two answer of his desire to seek arbitration. The determination of whether to seek arbitration rests with the union. Within fifteen (15) days of such notification, the parties shall meet to select an arbitrator pursuant to the voluntary labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. Any question of arbitrability shall be determined by an arbitrator. Costs of the arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties. The decision of the arbitrator shall be in writing and shall be final and binding on the parties in matters of contract interpretation and discipline only.

Either party to this agreement shall be permitted to call witnesses and present any relevant evidence at any step of the grievance procedure. No limit shall be placed on the number of witnesses, but there may be OCSEA representatives present at each step of the procedure. The employee may present his grievance on township time (except for Step 3, which the parties will attempt to schedule to satisfy the schedules of all parties) but the use of township time for this purpose shall not be excessive. When a group of employees desires to file a grievance involving a situation affecting each employee in the same manner, one employee selected by such group may process the grievance as the designated representative of the group.

# **ARTICLE 10 - COMMUNICATIONS**

There shall be established and maintained for the duration of this agreement, an OCSEA bulletin board on the service department premises. It will be available to authorized OCSEA representatives to post notices of general and business nature for OCSEA membership and other employees who may have an interest.

# **ARTICLE 11 - PERSONNEL FILES**

#### Section A: Authority

It is recognized by the parties that the township may prescribe regulations for custody, use and preservation of records, papers, books, documents and property pertaining to the employee, however, every member shall be allowed to review his personnel file at any reasonable time upon request. If any member involved in a dispute regarding which matters in his personnel file may be material, any OCSEA representative will also be granted access to the members file at reasonable times such access is authorized, by the member.

#### Section B: Inaccuracies

For the duration of the agreement and any extension thereof, if a member, upon examining his personnel file has reason to believe that there are inaccuracies in those documents to which he has access, the member may write a memorandum to the Administrator or his representative sustain the allegations, he shall do one of the following:

- a) The members memorandum shall be attached to the material in question and files with it, and the Administrator or his representative may note thereon his concurrence, or disagreement, or
- b) The Administrator or his representative shall remove the inaccurate material from the personnel file if he feels that the inaccuracies warrant such removal.

#### Section C: Clarification

For the duration of this agreement and any extension thereof, any new material placed in the members file, after effective date of the agreement may be reviewed. If such material is not inaccurate but the member feels that clarification if necessary, the member may submit to the Administrator or his representative a written clarification of the circumstances. Such memorandum shall not contain any derogatory or scurrilous remarks regarding the administration or other employees. The Administrator or his representative will immediately arrange to have such memorandum attached to the material to which it is directed and placed in the member's files.

# Section D: Privacy

Except as otherwise provided in this proposal, and except for the Trustees and the Administrator and their legal counsel, such files, shall not be available to anyone without the prior written authorization for such by the employee whose file of information therein is requested, unless required by law. Further, no information in an employee's personnel file will be shared with anyone outside the Township except the name, place of employment, date of employment and job classification, without prior, written authorization of employee involved, unless required by law.

# **ARTICLE 12 - LEAVE**

## Section A: Sick Leave

All bargaining unit employees shall earn sick leave at a rate of ten (10) hours per calendar month. Employees shall use sick leave for injury or illness for themselves. In an emergency situation, the employees may use sick leave for injury or illness to their spouses, children, or parents living in their household, after first using forty (40) hours from any paid source.

#### Section B: Accrued Sick Leave

Sick leave earned but unused during any period shall accumulate from year to year and upon death or retirement from the department, said employee or next of kin shall be entitled to one hundred (100) percent of the accumulated but unused sick leave in pay up to a maximum sixty days (60). This section applies only to sick leave that was earned from employment with Weathersfield Township. At the time of retirement from active services, an employee, in order to receive payment for unused sick leave, must have been employed by the Township for three (3) full years.

#### Section C: Personal Days

Each employee shall be provided with three(3) personal days per year, which may be taken off work with pay in the same manner as holidays. Personal days must be scheduled with the Administrator at least one (1) week ahead of time, except in the event of an emergency, in which case the Administrator may waive the one week notice. Personal days are considered to be earned on July 1 of each year and must be taken within a year or they are forfeited.

# **ARTICLE 13 - SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY**

# Section A:

All members shall be entitled to pay at the Workers' Compensation rate for a service connected injury or disability sustained during the performance of his duties, subject to the obligation of the employee to reimburse the Township as described below. It is the intention of the parties that the employee receives payment from the Township only until such time as the employee starts to receive regular payments from Workers' Compensation. If the Township disputes in good faith a claim of service connected injury or disability, or the claim is denied, the Township will have no obligations under this Article. Said pay shall not be deducted from accumulated sick leave, but an employee shall have the right to supplement the amount he receives from the township or Workers' Compensation by taking a portion of his sick leave, at his election. Any employee who avails himself of injury leave shall apply for and turn over to the Township the Workers' Compensation Benefits received for the period of time the employee is off work and paid by

the Township at the Workers' Compensation rate. Once an employee starts to receive Workers' Compensation benefits, the Township shall cease to pay the employee. The Township's payment to the employee will be made by general checks, not payroll checks.

#### Section B:

Any time an employee is required to be absent from work, due to the work incurred injury, shall not be deducted from his accumulated sick time for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

Whenever an employee is required to stop working because of a service connected injury or disability, he/she shall be paid for the remaining hours of that workday and such time shall not be charged against leave of any kind.

If an employee on injury leave is capable of performing light duties, the Township may reasonably request that employee to return from injury leave and perform such light duties.

# **ARTICLE 14 - SPECIAL LEAVE**

#### Section A: Jury Duty

Any employee serving upon a jury or subpoenaed to be a witness in any court of law will be paid his regular wages for each workday that he/she is so serving less whatever such member may otherwise receive as compensation for jury or witness duty. Time so served shall be deemed active and continuous service for all purposes.

#### Section B: Military Leave

Employees who are members of the Ohio National Guard or any military reserve unit shall be granted military leave with pay when ordered to military training exercises not to exceed thirty-one (31) days per year. Military leave pay shall be the difference between the employees regular pay and service pay.

An employee shall be granted a leave of absence without pay to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of any branch thereof. Such leave shall last only for the initial enlistment or induction period. Employees on military leave without pay shall continue to accrue seniority and if the employee requests reinstatement within thirty one (31) days of his discharge from military service, the Township shall reinstate the employee at the same classification as when he left, with full credit for prior seniority. The Township may require the employee to establish that his physical and mental condition have not been impaired as to render him incompetent to perform the duties of his position.

#### Section C: Bereavement

Bereavement pay shall be allowed for working days off (not to exceed 5 days) except in the case of travel or for personal business resulting from the death. The five days shall not be

deducted from accumulated sick leave. Said allowance shall apply in the case of the death of the employee's spouse, sibling, children, parents or the employee's spouse's parents, siblings or children.

Bereavement pay shall be allowed for working days off (not to exceed 3 days) for the following: employee's spouse's grandparents, step-parent, step-child, half-brother, half-sister, grandchild or in-law. Said allowance shall apply only in the event that the employee attends the funeral of the deceased relative.

In the event an employee needs additional time off, the employee may use sick leave, compensatory time, personal days, or vacation time. This will be the only exception in which vacation time shall be used by the day if one week's vacation has already been used by the day.

# Section D: Leave Without Pay

The Township may grant temporary leave without pay for a period not exceed sixty (60) days per calendar year upon request, in writing, of an employee, and for good cause shown, and such requests will not be unreasonably denied.

An employee who is unable to work due to a sickness, injury or illness, who has exhausted all available leave, may be granted leave without pay for up to one (1) year if requested in writing. Any member granted leave as set for therein without pay shall be reinstated to his former classification without loss of seniority, accrued to the date leave without pay was taken, if physically and mentally competent to perform his duties.

# Section E: Combined Leave

An employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, but who is otherwise entitled to sick leave, shall be entitled to take vacation time prior to taking leave without pay.

# Section F: Family Medical Leave Act

Upon request, an employee may take a family leave of absence (FMLA) of up to twelve (12) weeks during a twelve (12) month period to begin the date of his/her first leave of absence. Intermittent leave, as defined by the FMLA, will be approved upon request. Pregnancy Leave will be provided in addition to the leave provided in the FMLA Policy, but instead Pregnancy Leave will run concurrently with FMLA Leave.

# **ARTICLE 15- HOSPITALIZATION AND INSURANCE**

# Section A: Life, Dental and Optical Insurance

# 1. Life Insurance

The Employer shall provide life insurance for each employee of the Bargaining Unit in the

amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), the premiums for which shall be paid entirely by the Employer.

# 1. Dental Care

The Employer will pay the cost of a dental care program, the same as, or substantially similar to the one presently in effect, for the term of this Agreement, for the employee or any member of the employee's family.

# 2. Eye Care

The Employer will pay the cost of an eye care program, the same as, or substantially similar to the one presently in effect for the term of this Agreement, for the employee or any member of the employee's family.

# Section B: Hospitalization/Health Care

# 1. <u>Health Care Plan</u>

All employees shall be offered Hospitalization/Health Care Insurance. The current Hospitalization/Health Care Insurance Plan provides the coverage as shown on Appendix B ("Current Plan"). The Township will pay 100% of the employee's premium. For dependent coverage, the Township will pay 90% of the premium with the employee paying 10%.

# 2. <u>Changes to Current Plan</u>

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Union agrees that the Township may change insurance carriers, self-insure in part, and/or modify the Hospitalization/Health Care Insurance Plan during the term of this Agreement. The Union agrees that the Employer may provide Hospitalization/Health Care Insurance through a high-deductible insurance policy supplemented by a program of self-insurance. The terms and conditions of any change shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, provided that the co-payments, deductibles and out-of pocket expenses paid by the employee do not increase from the Current Plan, and the coverage provided is substantially similar to the Current Plan.

# Section C: Health Care Review Committee

The Employer has created a "Health Insurance Committee" which consists of the following: One (1) Representative, chosen by the Board of Trustees; One (1) member from the OPBA chosen by the OPBA membership; One (1) member from the OCSEA chosen by the OCSEA membership; and One (1) non-bargaining unit employee member of the office staff chosen by those employees, excluding the Board of Trustees. The purpose of this committee is to review proposed changes in insurance plan designs and/or policies that may provide a savings in health insurance costs. The OCSEA recognizes that the Employer needs flexibility in investigating and implementing health insurance cost savings proposals. Health insurance cost savings proposals may be implemented by the Employer only if the Employer presents the proposed change to the Health Insurance Committee at a meeting at least twenty (20) days prior to implementing the proposed change. A three (3) day written notice prior to the meeting shall be given by the fiscal officer as to the date, time and location of the meeting. The Health Care Insurance Committee

shall make recommendations to the Township Trustees concerning any proposed plan design and/or policy changes.

If the Health Insurance Committee is formed and a representative does not participate as outlined herein, said committee will continue and function and make its recommendations without the input from the missing representative(s).

#### Section D: Insurance Premium Buy-out

Any employee may opt-out of the Hospitalization/Health Care Insurance provided by the Township if the employee is covered under another health insurance plan. Any employee who opts out will receive 35% of the individual employee premium cost paid out monthly. The employee may re-enter the health insurance program upon written notice, during the next open enrollment period.

# **ARTICLE 16- VACATION**

Employees in the bargaining unit shall be entitled to vacations according to the following schedule:

#### Section A:

Years of Service	Amount of Vacation Accrued
One year but less than three years	Two weeks
Three years but less than eight years	Three weeks
Eight years but less than fifteen years	Four weeks
Fifteen years but less than twenty-three years	Five weeks
Twenty-three years or more	Six weeks

#### Section B:

Employees may take vacation leave to which they are entitled beginning with the first full pay period following the date they complete the required years of service and may be taken at any time during the calendar year.

Years of service shall be computed in the same manner as is seniority and shall include credit for active military service, provided that such service is after the onset of employment with Weathersfield Township.

<u>Section C:</u> An employee may request, prior to April 1 of each year, that he be paid for eighty (80) hours of his vacation time, in which case he will be paid therefore on the first pay date in April of that year.

Section D: Employees shall be permitted to carry over two (2) weeks (80 hours)

vacation into the following year, but must use or cash out in said subsequent year.

# **ARTICLE 17- PAID HOLIDAYS**

# Section A: Holidays

The following holidays are designated as paid holidays for employees:

New Years Day Martin Luther King Day Presidents Day Good Friday Memorial Day Fourth of July Labor Day Columbus Day Thanksgiving Day Day after Thanksgiving Christmas Day Birthday

<u>Section B: Holiday Schedule</u> The following holidays may have funerals scheduled:

- 1. Martin Luther King Day
- 2. Presidents Day
- 3. Columbus Day
- 4. Day after Thanksgiving Day

Employees who work on a holiday shall be paid regular pay plus one and one half  $(1 \frac{1}{2})$  times regular pay.

If any of the above holidays fall on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be considered the holiday, and if any of the above holidays fall on a Saturday, the prior Friday shall be considered the holiday.

Employees shall be permitted to observe their birthday as a personal day. Advance notice of a minimum of two weeks of a birthday should be given by the employee to his/her administrator. If the birthday falls on a holiday or a day in which the Employee is normally in non-work status, or if the Employee is unable to take the day off because of the operational needs of the employer, an employee may take a day off other than their birthday, within the same calendar year. Employees may request to take their birthday as a personal day on a day other than their birthday and this shall be approved on the same basis as other personal day requests.

No employee may be granted any other day as a holiday in lieu of the above listed holidays.

# **ARTICLE 18 - CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

The Township shall provide each service department employee the following items of protective clothing for use in work on township projects requiring same. Protective clothing shall remain stored in lockers provided by the Township when not in use.

- 1. Rain suit, including jacket and pants
- 2. Rubber Boots
- 3. Reflective Vest
- 4. Gloves
- 5. Hard Hat
- 6. Coveralls

Due to safety consciousness of Weathersfield Township, the members of the Road Crew of said Township, will be given yearly, for the purchase of work clothes, specifically steel toed work shoes which must be worn, the following:

\$275.00 for July 1, 2014 \$300.00 for July 1, 2015 \$300.00 for July 1, 2016

# **ARTICLE 19 -WAGES**

Section A: Basic Wage

The basic wage to be paid to each employee during the life of this agreement shall be as follows:

Title	<b>January 1, 2014</b>
Mechanic	\$18.18
Cemetery Sexton	\$17.77
Truck Driver Class #1	\$17.27
Truck Driver Class #2	\$15.47

The above wage rates do not include an hourly wage increase. In lieu of an hourly wage increase, each employee shall receive a three percent (3%) annual signing bonus (compounded) in the second pay period of January 2014, 2015, and 2016. The payments shall be as follows:

	2014	2015	2016
Mechanic:	\$1,134.40	\$1,168.46	\$1,203.52
Cemetery Sexton:	\$1,108.85	\$1,142.11	\$1,176.38
Truck Driver Class #1:	\$1,077.65	\$1,109.98	\$1,143.28
Truck Driver Class #2:	\$ 965.33	\$ 994.29	\$1,024.12

New Employees as of July 1, 2011

All new employees of the Road department will start at the 'Truck Driver Class #2" and will stay in this class for the first 3 years before moving to Class #1.

All new employees will not be part of the "Fringe Benefit Plan" with the OPERS.

Road Department Foreman will be appointed by Trustees. The rate for this job will be fifty cents (.50) above the highest pay rate. The Road Foreman will do his normal duties and also direct the work force as needed.

If an employee works in a lower paid classification on a temporary assignment other than resulting from a layoff or bumping, the employee will be entitled to be paid his regular job classification pay rate for the temporary assignment.

#### Section B: Fair Share

Effective July 1, 1991, and in accordance with Section 4117.09 of Ohio's Collective Bargaining Law for Public Employees, each employee who is not a member of the OCSEA and who has been employed for at least sixty (60) days shall, as a condition of employment pay to OCSEA a fair share fee as determined by OCSEA, but which shall not exceed the amount of dues paid by regular OCSEA members and which shall be deducted by the Township from the regular pay of the employee without requirement of written authorization. The fair share fee shall be certified to the Township by OCSEA.

## Section C: Work Schedule

The regular work week shall consist of five consecutive eight hour days followed by a sixteen hour break. The Road Superintendent shall have complete discretion as to scheduling within these guidelines. Employees shall be granted a five (5) minute grace period at the start of the day.

Any time that an employee is called out to work at a time which is not his scheduled shift, he shall be paid for at least two hours, providing that it does not run into regular time.

The opportunity to work overtime shall be provided to all employees equally, whenever possible.

The Township shall pay 150% of the employees' wage for every hour worked over forty (40) actually worked in one week. Sick time shall not be considered as hours worked, But vacations, holidays and other paid absences will be considered as hours worked. Employees working Saturday or Sunday in the cemetery for burials will be paid one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the employee's wage rate for the hours actually worked on these days, even if the employee does not have in excess of forty (40) hours actually worked that week.

Compensatory time may be taken in lieu of overtime payment by a timely election by the individual employee(s).

# Section D: Compensatory Time

Employees shall accrue compensatory time off in lieu of cash overtime payment for hours actually worked in excess of forty (40) hours in any calendar week. Compensatory time off will be earned on a time and one-half  $(1 \frac{1}{2})$  basis. The maximum accrual of compensatory time shall be forty (40) hours. When the maximum hours of compensatory time accrual is rendered, payment for overtime work shall be made. Any employee who has accrued compensatory time off and requests use of this compensatory time shall be permitted to use such time off within a reasonable period after making the request or, if such use is denied, the compensatory time requested shall be paid to the employee at his/her option.

Upon termination of employment, an employee shall be paid for unused compensatory time at a rate which is the higher of:

- 1. The final regular rate received by the employee; or
- 2. The average regular rate received by the employee during the last three years of employment.

In the event of a members' death, all accumulated compensatory time shall be paid to the descendant's beneficiary.

# Section E: Stand-by Pay

An employee is entitled to stand-by pay if he/she is required by the Township to stand-by for a possible call out. An employee entitled to stand-by pay shall receive five dollars (\$5.00) per day.

# SECTION 20- RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY PENSIONS

# Section A:

The employer shall provide for all bargaining unit members continued membership in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

# Section B:

The employer shall continue to pay the employee's portion of the public employee's retirement system (PERS) contribution via the fringe benefit pension pick-up method for those employees hired prior to April 1, 2011. Should the retirement system change the employee's contribution percentage, either party may reopen this article pursuant to the terms of ORC 4117.

# Section C:

If the township is required by a change in the Ohio Revised Code or Ohio Administrative

Code to discontinue the fringe benefit pension pick-up plan, they shall also increase the top pay step by 8.8 percent (8.8%).

## **ARTICLE 21 - PROMOTIONS**

Whenever an employee works in a higher job classification than his regular job classification, he shall be paid the higher job classification's wage for two hours or for actual hours worked, whichever is greater.

An employee may be promoted to a higher job classification through the following procedure:

- 1. An interested employee may apply to the Administrator for a promotion to a specified job classification.
- 2. The Administrator shall then determine whether the employee has demonstrated proficiency in all aspects of the higher job classification, and whether his work record justifies the requested promotion.
- 3. The Administrator shall submit his recommendation to the Board of Township Trustees, who shall consider the requested promotion on the grounds of proficiency in all aspects of the job classification, overall work record, and seniority.
- 4. In the granting of any promotion or any hiring, the Township Trustees may set a probationary period, during which any promotion or hiring may be rescinded by the Township Trustees for unsatisfactory work performance. Should a promotion be so rescinded, the affected employee would return to his prior job classification.

# **ARTICLE 22 - ROAD DEPARTMENT FOREMAN**

The Road Department Foreman will carry out his normal duties and directly supervises three employees in the Road Department. Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable law. Responsibilities include training employees, planning, assigning, and directing work, addressing complaints and resolving problems.

# **ARTICLE 23 -CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

For the purpose of effective contract administration, a designated member of the bargaining unit shall be permitted to use a reasonable amount of work time as necessary, to address matters pertaining to this agreement as it affects other employees in the unit.

# **ARTICLE 24- SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement is the total agreement between the Township and its Employees and all previous agreements are hereby invalidated.

# **ARTICLE 25- LONGEVITY**

All full time employees of Weathersfield Township Road Dept. shall be entitled to longevity pay after 5 years of service. This will be an annual lump sum payment in separate checks and will be paid on the first pay in December.

Longevity payments will be made as follows:

Seniority	Amount
Five (5) Years	\$400
Six (6) Years	\$400
Seven (7) Years	\$400
Eight (8) Years	\$400
Nine (9) Years	\$400
Ten (10) Years	\$500
Eleven (11) Years	\$500
Twelve (12) Years	\$500
Thirteen (13) Years	\$500
Fourteen (14) Years	\$500
Fifteen (5) Years	\$700
Sixteen (16) Years	\$700
Seventeen (17) Years	\$700
Eighteen (18) Years	\$700
Nineteen (19) Years	\$700
Twenty (20) Years	\$900
Twenty-One (21) Years	\$900
Twenty-Two (22) Years	\$900
Twenty-Three (23) Years	\$900
Twenty-Four (24) Years	\$900
Twenty-Five (25) Years	\$1,200

# **ARTICLE 26 - PERIOD OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall continue in force and effect for three (3) years from its effective date of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 and shall constitute the entire agreement between the Township and its employees.

This agreement concludes the collective bargaining for its term, subject only to a desire by both parties to agree mutually to amend or supplement it at any time.

# Appendix A

# **Drug-Free Workplace Policy**

# **Purpose and Goal**

Weathersfield Township is committed to protecting the safety, health and well-being of all employees and other individuals in our workplace. We recognize that alcohol abuse and drug use pose a significant threat to our goals. We have established a drug-free workplace program that balances our respect for individuals with the need to maintain an alcohol and drug-free environment. Weathersfield Township encourages employees to voluntarily seek help with drug and alcohol problems.

# **Covered Workers**

Any individual, who conducts business for the Weathersfield Township, is applying for a position or is conducting Weathersfield Township\_business on Weathersfield Township's property is covered by our drug-free workplace policy. Our policy includes, but is not limited to managers, supervisors, full-time employees and part-time employees.

# **Applicability**

Our drug-free workplace policy is intended to apply whenever anyone is representing or conducting business for Weathersfield Township. Therefore, this policy applies during all working hours, whenever conducting business or representing Weathersfield Township.

# **Prohibited Behavior**

It is a violation of our drug-free workplace policy to use, possess, sell, trade, and/or offer for sale alcohol, illegal drugs or intoxicants.

Prescription and over-the-counter drugs are not prohibited when taken in standard dosage and/or according to a physician's prescription. Any employee taking prescribed or over-thecounter medications will be responsible for consulting the prescribing physician and/or pharmacist to ascertain whether the medication may interfere with safe performance of his/her job. If the use of a medication could compromise the safety of the employee, fellow employees or the public, it is the employee's responsibility to use appropriate personnel procedures (e.g., call in sick, use leave, request change of duty, notify supervisor) to avoid unsafe workplace practices.

The illegal or unauthorized use of prescription drugs is prohibited. It is a violation of our drugfree workplace policy to intentionally misuse and/or abuse prescription medications. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken if job performance deterioration and/or other accidents occur.

# **Notification of Convictions**

Any employee who is convicted of a criminal drug violation must notify Weathersfield Township in writing within five calendar days of the conviction. Weathersfield Township will take appropriate action within 30 days of notification. Federal contracting agencies will be notified when appropriate.

# **Searches**

Entering Weathersfield Township's property when going to work constitutes consent to searches and inspections. If an individual is suspected of violating the drug-free workplace policy, he or she may be asked to submit to a search or inspection at any time. Searches can be conducted of lockers, desks and work stations and vehicles and equipment.

# **Drug Testing**

To ensure the accuracy and fairness of our testing program, all testing will be conducted according to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) guidelines where applicable and will include a screening test; a confirmation test; the opportunity for a split sample; review by a Medical Review Officer, including the opportunity for employees who test positive to provide a legitimate medical explanation, such as a physician's prescription, for the positive result; and a documented chain of custody.

All drug-testing information will be maintained in separate confidential records.

Each employee, as a condition of employment, will be required to participate in preemployment, post-accident, reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty and follow-up testing. An Alcohol reading of 0.04 or less is not considered positive test.

The substances that will be tested for are: Amphetamines, Cannabinoids (THC), Cocaine, Opiates and Phencyclidine (PCP).

Testing for the presence of the metabolites of drugs will be conducted by the analysis of urine. Any employee who tests positive will be subject to a disciplinary hearing\_immediately. An employee will be subject to the same consequences of a positive test if he/she refuses the

screening or the test, adulterates or dilutes the specimen, substitutes the specimen with that from another person or sends an imposter, will not sign the required forms or refuses to cooperate in the testing process in such a way that prevents completion of the test.

# **Consequences**

One of the goals of our drug-free workplace program is to encourage employees to voluntarily seek help with alcohol and/or drug problems. If, however, an individual violates the policy, the consequences are serious.

In the case of applicants, if he or she violates the drug-free workplace policy, the offer of employment can be withdrawn. The applicant may not reapply.

If an employee violates the policy, he or she will be disciplined severely.

# Assistance

Weathersfield Township recognizes that alcohol and drug abuse and addiction are treatable illnesses. We also realize that early intervention and support improve the success of rehabilitation. To support our employees, our drug-free workplace policy:

• Encourages employees to seek help if they are concerned that they or their family members may have a drug and/or alcohol problem.

• Encourages employees to utilize the services of qualified professionals in the community to assess the seriousness of suspected drug or alcohol problems and identify appropriate sources of help.

Treatment for alcoholism and/or other drug use disorders will be covered by the employee benefit plan. However, the ultimate financial responsibility for recommended treatment belongs to the employee once the insurance limits are reached.

# Confidentiality

All information received by the Weathersfield Township through the drug-free workplace program is a confidential communication. Access to this information is limited to those who have a legitimate need to know in compliance with relevant laws and management policies.

# **Shared Responsibility**

A safe and productive drug-free workplace is achieved through cooperation and shared responsibility. Both employees and management have important roles to play.

All employees are required to not report to work or be subject to duty while their ability to

perform job duties is impaired due to on- or off-duty use of alcohol or other drugs.

In addition, employees are encouraged to:

- Be concerned about working in a safe environment.
- Support fellow workers in seeking help.
- Report dangerous behavior to their supervisor.

It is the supervisor's responsibility to:

- Inform employees of the drug-free workplace policy.
- Observe employee performance.
- Investigate reports of dangerous practices.

# **Communication**

Communicating our drug-free workplace policy to both supervisors and employees is critical to our success. To ensure all employees are aware of their role in supporting our drug-free workplace program, all employees will receive a written copy of the policy. In addition, all will receive annual training.

# Appendix B

# Weathersfield Township

**Current Plan** 

Effective Date: 01/01/2013

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Health Insurance offered by Community Insurance Company

Blue Access Option 52 with Rx Option 8			
	Network	Non-Network	
Calendar Year Deductible (individual/family)	\$500 / \$1,500	\$1,000 / \$3,000	
Annual Out-Of-Pocket Maximum (individual/family)	\$2,500 / \$5,000	\$6,000 / \$12,000	
Physician Home and Office Services(per visit)(PCP/SCP)	\$20 / \$40	50%	
Allergy injections	\$5	50%	
Emergency Room Services: Facility/Other Covered Services	\$250/30%	\$250/30%	
Urgent Care Center	\$75	50%	
Inpatient/Outpatient Professional Services	30%	50%	
Inpatient Facility Services (per admission)	30%	50%	
Outpatient Hospital/Alternative Care Fac: Surgery (per visit)	30%	50%	
Outpatient Services: Other (per visit)	30%	50%	
Ambulance Services	30%	30%	
Hospice Services	No Cost Share	No Cost Share	

(PCP) means Primary Care Physician. (SCP) means Specialty Care Physician, Flat dollar copayments are excluded from the Out-of-pocket limits. Also Prescription Drug deductibles/copayments/coinsurance and Non-network Human Organ and Tissue Transplants are excluded from the Out-of-pocket limits. Network and Nonnetwork deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximums are separate and do not accumulate toward each other. Deductible(s) apply only to covered medical services listed with a percentage (%) coinsurance. However, the deductible does not apply to Emergency Room Services @ Hospital where a copayment & (%) coinsurance applies. No Cost Share means no deductible/copayment/coinsurance up to the maximum allowable amount. 0% coinsurance means no coinsurance up to the

#### **Other Network Services:**

Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, and Prosthetics Outpatient Therapies

- Physical Therapy: 20 visit limit
- Occupational Therapy: 20 visit limit
- Manipulation Therapy: 12 visit limit
- Speech Therapy: 20 visit limit
- Cardiac Rehabilitation: 36 visit limit
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation: 20 visit limit
- Accidental Dental: \$3,000 limit

Human Organ / Tissue Transplants

No Cost Share

Non Biologically Based Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

- Inpatient: 30 days
- Outpatient: 30 visits
- IP & OP S/A Rehab: 1 per benefit period
- Biologically based mental illnesses are paid same as any other illness

#### Home Care Services

- 100 visits excludes Private Duty Nursing and IV Therapy Private Duty Nursing

- \$50,000 annual/\$100,000 Lifetime Maximum
- Prescription Drugs (Network Pharmacy)
  - Retail (30-day Supply)
  - \$10 / \$35 / \$70 / 25% \$200 max up to \$2,500
  - Home Delivery (90-day Supply)
  - \$10 / \$88 / \$175 / 25% \$200 max up to \$2,500
  - 4th Tier per script max 30 day supply. Specialty medications are limited to a 30 day supply regardless of whether they are retail or home delivery.
  - Member may be responsible for additional cost when
  - not selecting the available generic drug.
  - Specialty Medications must be obtained via our Specialty
  - Pharmacy network in order to receive network level benefits - For groups size 100+ - refill by mail, if requested, requires
  - special pricing from Underwriting.

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# Blue View Vision Option26

Plan Type: Full Service

Exam Copayment: \$10.00

Prescription Lenses (Pair) Copayment: \$20.00

No Cost Share (NCS) means no deductible, copayment or coinsurance up to the maximum allowable amount. However, a member may be responsible for any balance due after the plan payment, including, but not limited to, benefits that reflect No Cost Share.

Frequency Limits (Exam, Lenses and Frame or Contact Lenses): Exam-12 months/ Lenses-12 months/ Frames-24 months/ Contacts-12 months

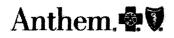
Frame Allowance: \$130 Retail Value Contact Allowance: \$130

The following Non-Network Reimbursement Schedule applies:

Exam up to \$42 Single vision lenses up to \$40 Bifocal lenses up to \$60 Trifocal lenses up to \$80 Elective contacts up to \$105 Non-elective contact lenses up to \$210 Frame up to \$45

Vision Contribution should match the medical. However, when it doesn't, it must be at least 25 percent of the total, but not less than 50 percent of the single rate. A minimum of 2 must be enrolled as well as at least 75% of net eligible. Refer to your sales brochure(s) for benefit details and limitations

**Optional Dental Coverage** 



Account Name: Weathersfield Township Group No: 00087416-0000 Effective Date: 01/01/2013

SIC Code: 9111 ZIP Code: 44440 Broker: Association Group Insurance Agency Account Executive: Nancy Kuzenko Association: Youngstown Chamber

Anthem Classic Dental Plan		
SERVICE AND DESCRIPTION	COVERA	GE LEVEL <sup>1</sup>
SERVICE AND DESCRIPTION	In Network	Out-of-Network
Diagnostic and Preventive Services (No Waiting Period) Oral exams, x-rays, dental cleanings, topical fluoride application, sealants	100%	80%
Basic Services (No Waiting Period) Amalgam and composite restorations <sup>2</sup> , space maintainers, emergency treatment for the relief of pain, basic extractions, brush biopsy	80%	60%
Endodontic, Periodontal and Oral Surgery (No Waiting Period) Endodontic Services Root canals, pulpal therapy, pulpotomy Periodontal Services Periodontal maintenance, periodontal scaling and root planing, osseous surgery Oral Surgery Surgical extractions, general anesthesia or intravenous sedation	50%	50%.
Complex and Major Services (No Waiting Period) Restorative Services Permanent crowns or onlays, inlays <sup>2</sup> Prosthetic Services <sup>3</sup> Removable prosthetic services (dentures and partials), fixed prosthetic services (bridges), removable and fixed prosthetic repairs.	50%	50%
Deductible Per person/family (calendar year) No deductible for diagnostic and preventive services or orthodontic services	\$50/\$150	
Calendar Year Plan Maximum Per Person	\$1,000	
Orthodontic Services (No Waiting Period) Covered dependent children 10 employee minimum enrollment	None	

<sup>1</sup>Claim payments are based on the amount charged by the dentist or our Allowable Charge, whichever is less. If an out-of-network dentist charges more than our Allowable Charge, the patient is responsible for the difference. Dentists in our network agree not to charge more than their contractual agreement with us.

<sup>2</sup>Optional Treatment: Plan member receives the benefit for the least costly, commonly performed course of treatment. The plan member is responsible for the balance of the treatment cost.

<sup>3</sup>24-month missing tooth exclusion applies to all prosthetic services

Rates are proposed for an effective date of 01/01/2013. Rerate is required after this date. Final rates will be based on the actual effective date. Rates are based upon SIC #9111, located primarily in the 44440 zip code area. Final rates will be based upon the actual location, enrolled census, final benefits selected, and the underwriting rules in effect upon acceptance by Community Insurance Company and Anthem Life. This proposal is subject to underwriting approval by Community Insurance Company and Anthem Life. This proposal is subject to underwriting approval by Community Insurance Company and Anthem Life. This proposal is subject to underwriting the concel your coverage until the application has been approved in writing. This benefit description is intended to be a brief outline of coverage. The entire provisions of benefits and exclusions are contained in the group contract. In the event of a conflict between the Group Contract and this description, the terms of the Group Contract will prevail.

#### SIGNATURE PAGE

Signed and dated at Weathersfield Township, Ohio, on this 26th day of November, 2013. David Rouan. Administrator Christopher A Mabe Weathersfield Township **OCSEA** President Unkes H-Gilson Blair, Trustee Chairman SEA Staff Representative Weathersfield Township 'n MCB an. Donald Tenney Marvin McBride, Trustee Weathersfield Township Negotiating Team Member  $\Lambda \Lambda \Lambda$ Steven Gerberry. Trustee Weathersfield Township