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Township Board meets, receives good news in recycling and financial report

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (May 26, 2023) – The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, and received successes in recycling and financial data, supported a proposal for the TxDOT SH 242/Harper’s Landing Pathway system, honored State Champions and conducted other business.

On the Regular Agenda, the board reviewed a presentation that highlighted 2022/2023 Waste Management services and trends in the community. In 2022, Waste Management provided curbside waste, recycling, bulk and green waste collection to 35,661 homes each week and performs over 5 million personal touches per year. Last year, Waste Management collected over 30,860 solid waste tons. According to these numbers, each household produces approximately over a ton of solid waste per year. The report also revealed an astonishing 93% of The Woodlands residents recycle, proving that our community is exceptionally environmentally focused. [View Waste Management Presentation](#)

Waste Management presented the board with a check in the amount of \$75,194.71 to enhance environmental education. The Township’s contract with Waste Management for waste collection and recycling services includes an educational component that provides for a defined amount for environmental education programs, services and projects equal to 1% of the amount spent on all solid waste services in the previous calendar year. Projects will be determined by the Township’s Environmental Services and include past projects such as: The Township’s Recycle Right Program, recycling equipment and supplies for use in parks and at events, and various ads and publications.

The Board reviewed the three-month Financial Report ending in April 2023 presented by Kellen Shaw, Director of Finance. The report revealed The Township’s positive financial standing with a favorable variance of \$7 million in revenue. The main source of the variance was from approximately \$4.3 million in Tax revenue. Sales Tax collected had a variance of approximately \$3.5 million that is 11% higher than the same period last year and is also 11% higher than the budgeted year-to-date amount for 2023. Also trending upward is revenue from events admission taxes and Township events and recreational programs. The Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) also reported an increase in hotel occupancy tax revenue with an actual year to date total of approximately 2.8 million. That is 14% higher than the same period last year and 20% higher than the budgeted year-to-date amount for 2023. [View The Woodlands Township April Financial Report](#)

The board approved the Resolution No. 006-23 grant proposal for the Texas Department of Transportation’s (TxDOT) 2023 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects (SH 242/Harper’s Landing



Pathway). Residents were informed of the plans to expand SH 242 from Interstate 45 to FM 1488, which includes a side path connecting Harper's Landing community to the pathway system. Due to public comment, the project was modified to only include turn lane improvements and lane enhancements from I-45 to Gosling. On March 29, 2023, the board approved an agreement with Quiddity (formerly Jones and Carter), the firm that drafted The Township's Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, to assist with the development of the grant application and initial engineering of the pathway. An Open House for the grant application was held earlier in the month to give residents the opportunity to provide feedback. Funds of up to \$100,000 were allocated for the preparation and development of the grant application. If awarded, the grant would require The Woodlands Township to match at least 20%. Over the course of the past month, staff and the consultants have been working diligently on the grant application to submit by June 5, 2023, for the targeted grant award date of October 2023. View [TxDot Grant Resolution Presentation](#)

The board discussed the Montgomery Central Appraisal District election process. The Woodlands Township is treated as a conservation and reclamation district for the purpose of participating in the Montgomery Central Appraisal District (MCAD) election process. The election is held every two years. While there are five board positions to be filled in this election, the Township can only participate in the election for the Special District candidate. The 2023 MCAD election process has been initiated and consists of three phases.

The board accepted the report from Evergreen Solutions, LLC, regarding the 2023 Compensation and Classification Study and will discuss the results further before determining a course of action. [View 2023 Compensation & Classification Study](#)

Treasurer Richard Franks delivered the first update from The Village Presidents' Council meeting on May 8. The Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Township Town Hall.

On the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the bid for 2023-2025 fleet maintenance services to Firestone Complete Auto Care, approved the one-year renewal of the 2021 Pathway Stencil and Crosswalks Services Agreement.

The Board of Directors also recognized several groups with proclamations in commemoration of their achievements and services to the community.

- The John Cooper School Southwest Preparatory Conference Champion athletes were honored for their athletic achievements which include: the John Cooper School boys' tennis team winning championship for the second consecutive year, and Individual titles won in diving, high jump, 100-meter breaststroke, tennis, diving and pole vault. [View the proclamation.](#)
- The Woodlands Christian Academy Boys Golf Team State Champions were honored for receiving the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A State Championship title. [View the proclamation.](#)



Members of the public were able to address the Board at the start of the meeting.

The Woodlands Township Board Meetings may be attended in person, watched live online, or viewed later via recording at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/meetingvideos. The agenda and attachments may be viewed at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/991/Agendas-Minutes-and-More.



PHOTO: The Woodlands Township Board of Directors issued a proclamation recognizing The John Cooper School Southwest Preparatory Conference Champion athletes. Pictured, from left, Township Director Bob Milner, Coach Sara Bany, Coach Jeremy Eddington, Coach Jill DelRio, Theo Nemeth, Andrew Burchfiel, Township Chairman Dr. Ann K. Snyder, Parker Gregory, Morgan Robson, Mahir Khurana, Danny Justice, Township Treasurer Richard Franks, Luke Smith, Nico Signorelli, Diego Burgos, Milla Signorelli, Gus Feinberg, Cooper Director of Athletics John Hoye, Township Director Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, Vice Chairman Kyle Watson, Secretary Linda Nelson, Director Brad Bailey.



PHOTO: The Woodlands Township Board of Directors issued a proclamation recognizing The Woodlands Christian Academy Boys Golf Team State Champions. Pictured, from left, Township Director Bob Milner, Coordinator of Sports Information Tanner Field, Alex Malanga, Jack Usner, Township Director Brad Bailey, Aaron Pounds, Township Chairman Dr. Ann K. Snyder, Sam McClure, Jake Maggert, Matthew Reese, Township Treasurer Richard Franks, Secretary Linda Nelson, Director Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, Vice Chairman Kyle Watson.

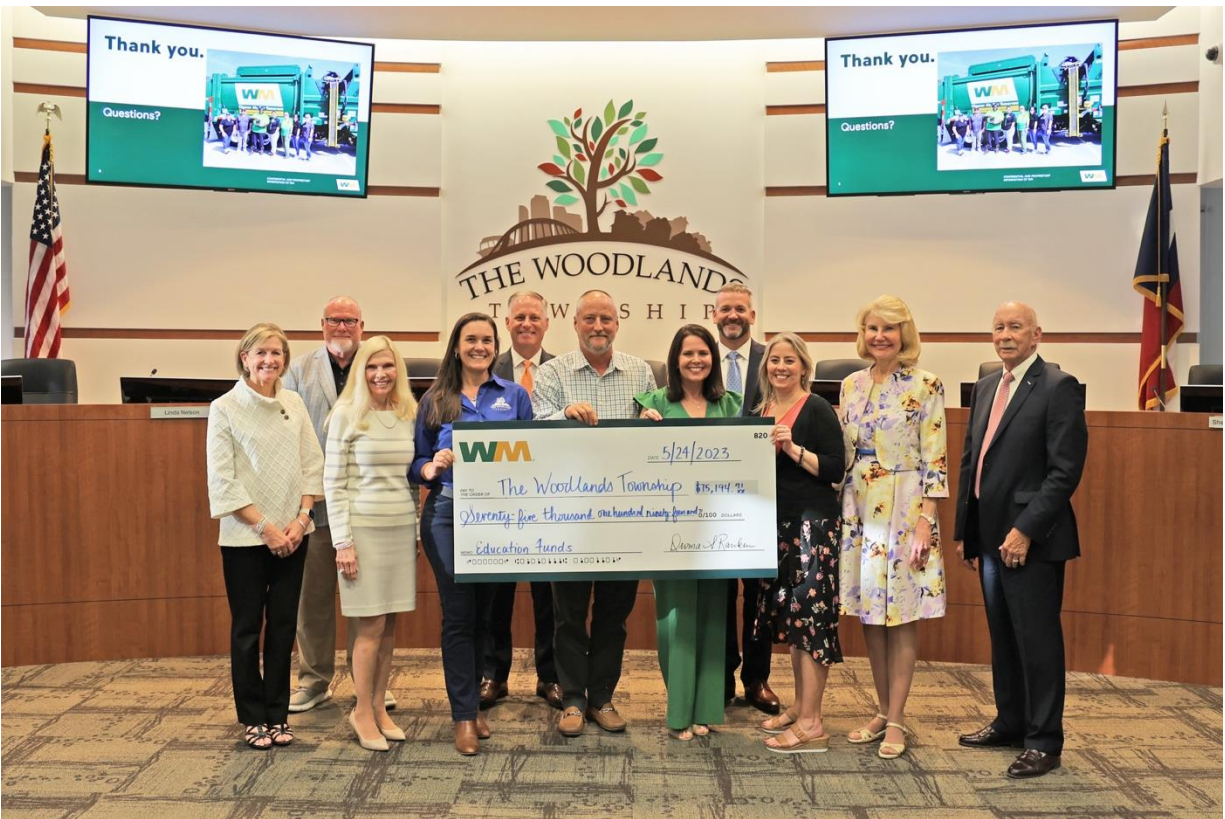


PHOTO: *The Woodlands Township Board of Directors is presented with a check from Waste Management in the amount of \$75,194.71 to enhance environmental education. Pictured, from left, Secretary Linda Nelson, Director Bob Milner, Chairman Dr. Ann K. Snyder, Environmental Services Director Megan McNairn, Director Brad Bailey, District Manager of Waste Management Keith Reynolds, Waste Management Manager Public Sector Solutions Shannon Lopez, Vice Chairman Kyle Watson, Director of Customer Services Angel Nicks, Director Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, Treasurer Richard Franks.*