

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session by video/teleconference at 7:15 a.m.

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Ferguson, Dave Olmstead and Tom Rybski. Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer, was present. Other people present were Ben Collins, Chief Rupp, Bob Pharris, Mary Fee and Courtney Rogers.

Mr. Olmstead left the meeting at 7:51 am and rejoined at 8:00 am.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the December 16, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21012001)

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the January 6, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21012002)

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to approve the January 13, 2021 Special Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21012003)

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the January 15, 2021 Special Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21012004)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$371,081.84. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 21012005)

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported a 22% increase over 2019 for HRA.

Discussions are proceeding regarding the solid waste bidding. The attempt is to make the bidding as open as possible. There is now the possibility of updating language so they don't have to offer the same bid per neighborhood. Plain Township residents are the only residents paying for recycling directly. The Board decided to keep the current SWACO plan.

Tenants at 45 Second Street are nearly moved out. There was discussion regarding potential uses for rental properties. The Board encouraged the maintenance department to move forward with repairs to prepare for rental inquiries.

With regard to the fire station roof, over 80 sub-panels have been identified as needing replaced. The Board recommends obtaining further opinions.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210120A1. Be it resolved, to authorize payment to Columbus Pool Management, Inc., 8852 Whitney Dr. Lewis Center, OH 43035, according to the 2019 three-year contract entered into by way of Resolution 190306A2 in the amount of \$219,975 for the 2021 season.

Be it resolved, to set aside and pay 1% due on the initial payment in the amount of \$2,200.00 from fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts) according to the attached schedule.

Remit to:

Columbus Pool Management, Inc.

4495 Keheley Drive

Marietta, GA 30066

Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210120A2.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 510.707 authorizes a board of township trustees to appropriate from the township general revenue fund moneys not appropriated for any other purpose to an organization that the board determines serves a community purpose and that is exempt from federal taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the New Albany Community Foundation is an organization that serves a community purpose and is exempt from federal taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Charleen and Charles Hinson Amphitheater is proposed as a publicly owned outdoor community facility for the community performing arts to serve New Albany and Plain Township; and

WHEREAS, the New Albany Community Foundation will facilitate funding for the design and construction of the Charleen and Charles Hinson Amphitheater, and fund the project from the endowment known as the C. Charleen Hinson Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1. That the New Albany Community Foundation is determined to be an organization that serves a community purpose and is exempt from federal taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

Section 2. That the funds contributed to the New Albany Community Foundation for the Charleen and Charles Hinson Amphitheater will serve a community purpose; and

Section 3. That the amount of \$50,000 is approved to be paid in 2021 to the New Albany Community Foundation, for deposit into the C. Charleen Hinson Amphitheater fund, from fund 1000-610-58001 (NA Comm Fdn-Hinson Amphitheater Fund Donation) for the purpose of funding the construction and/or design of the Charleen and Charles Hinson Amphitheater.

Section 4. That this Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Board, all in compliance with Ohio law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That this Resolution is declared to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ZONING

Mr. Collins indicated that Franklin County denied a variance for cul-de-sac length for the subdivision on Walnut Street. It is his belief that they are attempting to force the land to be rezoned. Mr. Collins believes that are sticking closely to the land use plan. Mr. Collins has spoken with the Planning Commission and indicated that we are in support of the lower density subdivision plan.

Ms. Fee indicated that the Board of Zoning Appeals met January 12, 2021. They approved a variance on a side yard setback on Bevelhymer Road. Additionally, the Zoning Board also accepted an application for an accessory structure on Harlem Road that exceeded the maximum square footage. There will be a Hearing on that variance on February 9th. Further, the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals discussed having a training session to go over general zoning practices which hasn't happened since 2013.

Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210120Z1. Be it resolved, that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby appoints Greg Kovacs, a resident of the unincorporated territory of Plain Township, to replace Greg Eller and serve as a regular member of the Zoning Commission for a term ending on December 31, 2022.

Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Rybski-Aye. Mr. Olmstead was not present to vote.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris indicated that there have been a few snow and ice events. He also indicated that one of the trucks is in the shop for an issue with the hydraulics. Further, one of the 10-ton floor jacks in the shop died.

Mr. Pharris indicated that there is a full-time mechanic for the City of New Albany that would charge \$75 an hour to do vehicle repairs for the Township. He is going to reach out regarding possible future repairs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp said there were 92 fire and EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting.

Chief Rupp reported the equipment for the hot water system has been delivered. The company installing has had some delays because of quarantined employees. They were scheduled to start but we are waiting for their quarantine to end so that they can hopefully get started on the replacement next week.

Chief Rupp indicated that there are currently no firefighters who are testing positive and no one in quarantine right now. Approximately 27 or 28 firefighters have been vaccinated.

Chief Rupp also stated that there had been a Zoom meeting regarding training. Training was difficult to obtain last year with all the COVID cancellations and requirements. He has been looking for training outside of the department. Trainings would be approved for those who had received both vaccinations. Chief Rupp further stated that he wants to bring in Fire Officer 3 training but would need a minimum of 15 people participating to proceed. There are a couple of potential options that he is still looking into, but would like to host the training if a plan can be put together. Prior to offering to host, there would need to be a plan to deal with meals, social distancing and masks.

Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210120F1. Be it resolved to pay the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium Regional Council of Governments \$161,503.00 for Plain Township Fire Department's share of dispatching services for 2021, out of fund 2111-220-53019 (Fire District – Dispatching).

**Nancy White
MECC Regional Council of Governments
155 Olde Ridenour Road
Gahanna, OH 43230**

Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Rybski-Aye. Mr. Olmstead was not present to vote.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mr. Zapatelli indicated that the new assistant put in her two week notice the previous Friday and the anticipation is that she will be able to start in approximately 10 days.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It was indicated that the Board had received a text message from Tim Sokol who will not be able to continue as our Board appointee for the Parks Board. Scott Dodson will be replacing Mr. Sokol.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 a.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

DocuSigned by:

David Ferguson

David Ferguson, Trustee

DocuSigned by:

Dave Olmstead

Dave Olmstead, Trustee

DocuSigned by:

Tom Rybski

Thomas Rybski, Trustee

DocuSigned by:

Bud Zappitelli

Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer