

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

Held Fire Station 7:00 p.m.

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Plain Township Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany, Ohio.

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order. Mr. Olmstead led the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Ferguson, Dave Olmstead and Tom Rybski. Other people present were Ben Collins, Chief Rupp, Captain Dudley, and Courtney Rogers. Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer, and Battalion Chief Kevin Sponaugle, attended virtually. Visitors present: Debra Lowery.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Olmstead requested an executive session for purposes of employment and compensation. Mr. Collins added Resolution 210706Z1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the June 16, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21070601)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$290,137.57. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21070602)

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported that the pool is doing very well. The pool has surpassed the highest previous total for membership sales. Mr. Collins went on to say that typically after June, membership sales decline and we tend to focus on Daily Admission rates.

Mr. Collins indicated that we continue to monitor the water loss at the pool. American Leak Detection is scheduled to come out to inspect the pool for leaks in September after the pool closes. Columbus Pool Management used a diver previously and will be sending another one out

in the near future. Right now, the main focus is on trying to mitigate water loss until the pool closes for the season. One of the water features may be turned off to keep from losing that water.

Mr. Collins further indicated that the American Rescue Plan has become available and the Office of Budget and Management has communicated that there are some initial steps in place to register for the funding. There will be two payments of approximately \$100,000 for Plain Township this year and next year.

Mr. Collins made note of the fact that the State has not renewed the virtual meeting authorization for public bodies. Elected Officials do have to be present at the meetings to count for attendance. Additionally, June 19th has been officially recognized as a holiday.

Mr. Collins also reviewed the waste collection bid received from Rumpke for Plain Township. He indicated that he was looking into other options for recycling for the Township offices.

Lastly, Mr. Collins indicated that there have been some inquiries regarding the intersection at State Route 605 and Walnut Street related to traffic.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210706A1. 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 the August pool management payment in the amount of \$43,995 from fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts) according to the attached schedule.

Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported that the Township has received a Zoning Application to expand the New Albany Self Storage complex at Tippet Road. They currently have a 5-acre lot but would like to expand to a 20-acre lot directly attached. The addition would be twice as large as what currently exists. There are two small areas that would be left undisturbed.

Currently, the Zoning Commission is looking for a 5th Zoning Commission member.

Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210706Z1.

WHEREAS reasonable attempts have been made to contact Vincent A Russo, the record owner of Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001505 and located at 10696 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH, regarding overgrown weeds and vegetation; and

WHEREAS the overgrown weeds and vegetation located at Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001505 and located at 10696 Johnstown Road, New Albany, Ohio 43054 constitute a nuisance that is present and ongoing;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby orders Vincent A. Russo to abate, control, or remove said overgrown weeds and vegetation that are a present and ongoing nuisance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if said overgrown weeds and vegetation are not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provision for its abatement, control or removal is not made within seven (7) days, the Plain Township Board of Trustees shall provide for the abatement, control or removal of said nuisance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any expenses incurred by the Plain Township Board of Trustees in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of said nuisance shall be paid out of the township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees shall make a written report to the county auditor identifying the premises and all expenses incurred in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of said nuisance. Any expenses incurred shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

The Board members expressed their appreciation to the maintenance team and stated that the pool area and cemetery look outstanding and very well taken care of.

Mr. Collins indicated that the Township had Float and Fireworks this year and that the maintenance staff moved 100 more pieces of pool furniture out to the pool deck.

Additionally, Mr. Collins indicated that we have seen an increase in cemetery lot sales in the last 12 months.

Lastly, Mr. Collins indicated that Mr. Pharris has been monitoring storm water run-off.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp reported that there were 67 Fire runs and 106 EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting. Chief Rupp indicated that we are still about 200 runs below what we were in 2019.

Chief Rupp indicated that he and Mr. Collins recently reviewed the bids for the roof improvement that is needed at the Fire Station. Chief indicated that the Township received three bids. The bid from Reverse Roofing Construction had a base bid of \$324,000 and they were the only one at the pre-bid conference. The second bid came from ACI Advance Concept Co. and they were at \$298,800. The third bid was from E. Lee Construction and their bid was \$313,960. Other bids that were submitted for painting varied widely. Alternate bidding to disassemble the brick veneer and reassemble it varied from \$18,000 to \$70,000. To paint all of the trusses, and SIP panels to match varied from \$22,000 to \$53,000. Availability of the SIP panels are currently the biggest delay in the project.

Mr. Collins indicated that authorization will be needed to transfer money to the Buildings and Additions line. The bids need to be honored for 60 days. Chief Rupp did not recommend waiting to repair as the number of repairs needed would likely increase. Mr. Collins indicated that he will review the bids with the consultants and review at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210706F1. Be it resolved to appoint FF/Paramedic Daniel Gilmore to the position of full-time Fire Inspector at a Non-Exempt rate of 6% above top FF/EMTP pay rate. Effective July 16, 2021. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210706F2. Be it resolved to offer conditional employment to Joshua Kemmerer as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic through a lateral transfer at pay step 3 according to the Lateral Transfer Policy for 11 years of service pending results from the background check. Start date to be determined. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210706F3. Be it resolved to approve out of state travel for Fire Captain Travis Dudley to include:

FDIC 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$720.00 for conference expenses including registration fees and meals – with housing and travel costs previously approved to be shared. The conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 2-7, 2021, out of fund 2111-220-58018 (Fire District-Other Expenses-Training).

Also be it resolved to approve out of state travel for Fire Captain Travis Dudley to attend Fire Rescue International IAFC Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina on July 28-30, 2021. Cost not to exceed \$1,850.00 including registration fee, lodging and meals out of fund

2111-220-58018 (Fire District-Other Expenses-Training). Employee to provide own travel in conjunction with a personal trip. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210706F4. Be it resolved to pay Phoenix Safety Services \$8,170.00 for cleaning, repair, and inspection contract for turn out gear for one year. This contract includes 38 sets at a cost of \$215.00 per set, out of fund 2111-220-53023 (Fire – Repair-Maintenance Agreements). Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

Lastly, Chief Rupp indicated that there have been a few repairs on the equipment recently. Medic 3 had some difficulties that have been resolved.

FISCAL OFFICE

Ms. Rogers presented the 2022 tax budget for approval.

In the review of the credit card statements, there was some discussion on obtaining a more detailed description on the expenses paid.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210706B1. Be it Resolved: To accept the attached 2022 Tax Budget and submit it to the Franklin County Auditor's Office. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210706B2. Be it Resolved: To transfer \$445,000 from the Fire District Fund Transfer-out line (2111-220-59010) to Fund 21 – Capital Equipment – Fire Fund Transfers-in line (4910-000-49031). Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Rybski made a motion to table Resolution No. 210706B3 until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

OLD BUSINESS

There was great attendance at the Independence Day parade. Mr. Rybski indicated that he attended the parade and rode with Captain Dudley but that they were diverted on a run to a retirement center, making for an unexpected and eventful morning.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Olmstead indicated that he will be on vacation the week of the scheduled October 6th meeting.

Mr. Ferguson indicated that the Amphitheater will be opening in August.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:20 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) for appointment, employment, promotion or compensation, demotion or dismissal. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Collins and Chief Rupp attended the Executive Session.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to close out of executive session at 9:47 p.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ADJOURNMENT


Mr. Olmstead made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

David Ferguson, Trustee



Dave Olmstead, Trustee



Thomas Rybski, Trustee



Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer