

## 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Olmstead and Tom Rybski. Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer, was present. Other people present were Ben Collins, Chief Rupp, Deputy Upton, and Michal Armstrong. Visitors present: John Hoovler. Mr. Ferguson was absent.

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Olmstead requested an executive session for purposes of appointment. Mr. Collins indicated that there is a need to discuss the pool operations during the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the May 5, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21060101)**

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to approve the May 19, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21060102)**

### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$293,929.32  
Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 21060103)**

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF – DEPUTY UPTON**

Deputy Upton reported that there have been some concerns expressed regarding speeding and increased traffic on Bevelhymer Road with games and tournaments during the spring and summer months. Deputy Upton also updated the Board on the background of a firearm discharge near the corner of Babbitt Road and Morse Road. Nothing was hit, and further investigation is continuing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:20 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.**

**Roll Call Vote: All Aye**

**Mr. Zappitelli and Mr. Collins attended the Executive Session.**

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to close out of executive session at 7:27 p.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Collins indicated that due to unseasonably cool weather, Plain Township delayed opening our pool by one day from Saturday to Sunday. Additionally, surrounding pools are opening without restrictions based upon the Governor's lifting of the Covid mandates. We have some things in place that will continue to help with social distancing. Currently, there is a separate entrance and exit, and limited pool furniture on pool deck. Mr. Olmstead suggested that we put up necessary signs indicating the guidelines. Mr. Rybski agreed and suggested that we follow Ohio Health guidelines, but open as normal. Currently, membership sales are at approximately \$90,000, whereas we are typically at \$150,000. Mr. Collins indicated that we are at about 75% of our membership sales. Regarding the passbook sales, the Board indicated that they would support selling the passbooks to increase revenue to offset the costs.

Mr. Collins indicated that a pool leak continues to be investigated. There is a substantial amount of water loss every day but so far, leak investigation has produced no results.

Mr. Collins specified that HRA expenditures are on target as planned. They are less than a \$25,000 increase over the prior year.

Mr. Collins indicated that the Ohio Senate is discussing continued virtual meetings, but may not come to a resolution until after the deadline passes. Therefore, meetings in July may need to be held in person.

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210601A1. Be it resolved that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby appoints Abbey Sonneberg Brooks, a resident of Plain Township, to serve as a trustee of the New Albany Plain Local Joint Parks District Board of Trustees, for an unexpired three-year term ending December 31, 2023.**

**Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye**

**Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210601A2. 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 July 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 stated that there is a request for a variance for an additional structure of a ground mounted solar array being requested on a home on Schleppe Road. The resident moved the requested structure behind the home and it will not be visible from the road. The second variance request is a modification for the Estates at New Albany Acres on Walnut Street. The variance is only for one lot, not all the lots, and currently the one lot does not meet our zoning requirements so it is being sent back to Franklin County. The Metro Parks system has indicated that they are agreeable to connecting to the neighborhood. Chief Rupp indicated some concern over the road width and getting the ladder truck through.

### **ROAD/MAINTENANCE**

**Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210601M1. Be it Resolved: To pay the Franklin County Engineer's Office, an amount not to exceed, \$11,856.85 for maintenance and repairs of Tippet Road, to be paid out of 2021-330-53060 Gasoline Tax – Contracts. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Rupp reported that there were 41 Fire runs and 60 EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting. Chief Rupp indicated that runs are not yet back to pre-pandemic numbers but special events are starting back up again (i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Pelotonia).

Chief Rupp indicated that the fire alarm is being installed, but that the fire alarm panel is still missing and is on backorder due to the pandemic.

Chief Rupp reported that the department was awarded an OTARMA grant for \$1,000 that is being used to replace the AED at the fire station.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Mr. Zappitelli noted that there was nothing additional to add, but thanked the staff for getting the credit card statements in on Friday so the Board had time to review.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Olmstead indicated that there is a conceptual design regarding land to be used as a park on Kitzmiller Road. Mr. Olmstead talked to Joe Stefanov and it is an initial design study, there is no funding at this point, and it is not something that will happen in the next year. There will be more opportunity for community input.

Former Chief John Hoovler commented that Chief Rupp is doing an excellent job but suggested that an assistant Chief would be highly recommended.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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David Ferguson, Trustee

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