

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. 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 Hoovler, Bob Pharris, Cindy Powell, Battalion Chief Ecleberry and Captain Dudley.

Visitor present was Mike Durik.

Board Member Dave Ferguson arrived at 7:12pm

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Olmstead requested an Executive Session. Resolution 191002B3 was added.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Rybski made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$390,828.49.

Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 19100201)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to adjourn into executive session 7:03 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) for dismissal. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye

Mr. Zappitelli, Mr. Collins and Mrs. Powell also attended the Executive Session.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to close out of executive session at 7:09 p.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye

CITY LIASON - MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik reported that in the Council meeting last night, a new Motorola system was approved for the New Albany Police Department. They also approved land for a Water Booster station on the NE corner of Jug Street and Beech Road and for Joe Stefanov to work with CAPA for a potential management contract on an amphitheater should an amphitheater be approved. He said everyone was pleased with Oktoberfest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Olmstead - Aye. Mr. Rybski abstained. (Resolution 19100202)

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins gave an update on the HRA reimbursements year-to-date. The Township is still trending higher than 2018. Mr. Collins reported that our Form Fire account updates should be completed by the end of the week. He does not expect to receive initial offers until the end of the month. Our current carrier will provide a renewal offer the 4th week of October. Mr. Collins will work with our broker to look at other healthcare options. Mr. Olmstead inquired about renewal rates. Mr. Collins reported that small groups are seeing upper single digit increases, larger groups are 5-6% and some individual markets are seeing reductions at the state level.

Mr. Collins made an update on the technology review. There are three computers that are a priority to replace soon. With the upcoming software conversion, the computers need to be able to run Windows 10. Mr. Olmstead would like to understand the recommendations from PSEE Solutions.

Mr. Rybski recommended Jackson Township trustee, Jim Rauck, to the SWACO Board of Trustees.

Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 191002A1. A Resolution approving the nomination of Jim Rauck as the representative of the Franklin County Townships on the SWACO Board of Trustees.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended Substitute H.B. 592, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ratified the establishment of SWACO; and

WHEREAS, Section 343.011 of the Ohio Revised Code sets forth the makeup of the Board of Trustees of SWACO; and

WHEREAS, as per Section 343.011 of the ORC, one member of the SWACO Board of Trustees must be a "member representing the townships" in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, ORC Section 343.011 also requires that the township representative must be a representative that is chosen by a majority of the Boards of Trustees.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the following Resolution be, and it hereby, is adopted:

1. Township official Jim Rauck of Jackson Township is hereby approved by this Board of Trustees to serve as a member of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Board of Trustees and represent Franklin County townships for a two-year term.
2. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of enactment.

Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

CEMETERY

Mr. Collins discussed the cemetery master plan review. It included a new maintenance layout. Although the Township has seen an increase in General Fund receipts of about \$37,000, it would take several hundred thousand dollars to complete the master plan. There is still significant life left in the cemetery. Mr. Collins thinks the Columbarium is still a good idea to conserve space and prolong the useful life, but it's contingent on funding. Mr. Rybski asked if it's possible to phase in the cemetery master plan, to do the Columbarium first and then the garden second. Mr. Olmstead asked where the Township stands on a General Fund perspective. Mrs. Powell is concerned about the cost to operate the pool in 2020 and the funds that may need to be transferred from the General Fund for pool operating expenses. Pool operating revenue versus operating expenses in 2019 was in the black. Mr. Ferguson does not think it makes sense to do the Columbarium without having the landscaping/garden at the same time. Mr. Collins is concerned about the Township's future commitments, \$200,000 for the amphitheater and another \$200,000 for the Cemetery, plus our annual 5% deficit. Mr. Zappitelli reported that the General Fund continues to run at a negative on an annual basis. He is projecting a \$40,000 loss on the year. Mr. Ferguson suggested looking at the current tax abatements to see if any will be ending soon.

ZONING

Mr. Olmstead asked if Mr. Collins attended the Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord meeting. Mr. Collins reported that he was unable to attend. There is concern about the density of 21 units per acre versus the standard 12 units per acre.

ROADS/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Olmstead asked Mr. Pharris about his concern with the engine in the John Deere. Mr. Pharris said that the current quote is for a 310L which has the appropriate engine. Mr. Collins reported he and Mrs. Powell have been discussing the appropriate breakdown between funds and that a resolution will be submitted at the next Board of Trustee meeting.

Mr. Collins reported that the Bevelhymer Road maintenance is occurring right now.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Hoovler said there were 133 fire and EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting. That is 188 runs ahead of last year. The fire department continues to stay busy.

Mr. Ferguson commented on the Chief's report of 37 line-of-duty deaths which is below 2018 statistics. Mr. Ferguson is impressed with the de-contamination processes that they have in place now. Chief Hoovler said that Chris Pabst and Jim Carney continue to be influences with that.

Chief Hoovler said that the fire department has been working hard to get ready for the Open House on Sunday, October 6th. AEP and Life Link will be at the Open House. Parking will be at Marburn Academy and the City of New Albany is letting the Township use their bus to shuttle people across SR 62.

Chief Hoovler thanked Battalion Chief Ecleberry and Captain Dudley for their work on the specification to get ready to refurbish Engine Rescue 121. Battalion Chief Ecleberry reported that the Engine-Rescue is 10 years old. It is experiencing mechanical issues with the pump and the truck is experiencing a significant amount of corrosion in the paint. The longer the fire department delays, it will be a larger and more expensive project. Battalion Chief Ecleberry said that the department is trying to get on a replacement schedule for all the vehicles.

There was discussion about the roof report from Prime AE. Mr. Rybski suggested we share the report with the vendors that have given us estimates to replace the roof. The Trustees would like further discussion on the needed repairs between the Board, Prime AE and the roof contractor.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 191002F1. Be it Resolved, by the Plain Township Board of Trustees to contribute \$9,600 to the Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium Regional Council of Governments for 2019, to be paid from fund 10-A-150 (Fire – Other Expenses). Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 191002F2. Be it resolved to pay Heritage Fire Equipment. The amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to rehab the 2010 Sutphen Engine-Rescue121 out of fund 21-A-02. (Capital Equipment-Fire-Fire Equipment)

**Heritage Fire Equipment
2162 Cloverleaf Street East
Columbus, OH 43232**

Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Collins reported that the school district report cards are out and New Albany Plain Local Schools received another A. NAPLS moved up to #17 in the state.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to table Resolution 191002B1-A Resolution to Pay PSEE Solutions. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 191002B2. Be it resolved: To increase Accounting Assistant Courtney Rogers' pay rate to \$21.00 per hour starting on the pay period beginning October 5, 2019. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 191002B3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Township Trustees of Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio ("Board"), hereby accepts the resignation of Accounting Assistant Diane Lewis and authorizes a Separation Agreement and Release and Waiver ("Agreement") with Diane Lewis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement shall be in the form submitted to the Board and indicated to have been executed by Diane Lewis and submitted on September 30 and shall be effective on September 30, 2019. A copy of the form is attached hereto and the contents of which are specifically incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

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


NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Olmstead reported that Superintendent Michael Sawyers received an inquiry from a resident expressing concern over the slow speed of the elevator at the McCoy Center for the Arts.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. **Vote: All Aye**


BOARD OF TRUSTEES:



David Ferguson, Trustee



Dave Olmstead, Trustee



Thomas Rybski, Trustee



Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer