

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:15 a.m. at the Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054.

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

Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Ferguson, Tom Rybski and Dave Olmstead. Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer, was present. Others present: Jack Rupp, Ben Collins, Bobby Pharris, Mike Durik, and Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Kerri Mollard.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Olmstead requested an Executive Session regarding employment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the September 1, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. Mr. Ferguson abstained. (Resolution 21102001)

Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the October 6, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. Mr. Olmstead abstained. (Resolution 21102002)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$440,178.10. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21102003)

CITY LIASION – MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik indicated that New Albany City Council met the previous evening. The Architectural Review Board met the previous Sunday regarding the construction of the new Presbyterian Church at Harlem Road and Dublin Granville. The church is requesting various waivers regarding coverings and trees around the parking lot. Quite a few residents were present and raised concerns over the design of the church. The church requested that the review be postponed until the November meeting.

The Woodhaven subdivision at Walnut Street and Bevelhymer Road had 60 lots approved. Pulte Homes was approved for Phase 2 of their Nottingham Trace development off of State Route 605. Also approved was a large warehouse East of Beech Road. Mr. Olmstead requested that we work together with the City of New Albany on improvements on Bevelhymer Road.

TOWNSHIP RECORDS COMMISSION

Mr. Collins reviewed the process for destruction of stored documents and requested approval from the Board. After some discussion, the Board approved the destruction list as presented.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins indicated that there is a resolution for the appointment of a new representative for SWACO Board of Trustees.

Mr. Collins thanked all the staff for completing the Form Fire updates in a timely manner.

Next, Mr. Collins indicated that our HRA reimbursements continue to trend down over 2020, noting that we are down 32% over last year. The Township should start to receive quotes for 2022 at the end of October.

Mr. Collins and Board members discussed the Fire station parking lot and driveway and how to resolve the issues with deterioration.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 211020A1.

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 Ron Grossman 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. Rybski seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Rybski made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 211020A2. Be it resolved, that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby appoints Gunnar Gode to serve as a Plain Township appointee to the McCoy Center for the Arts Board of Directors for a term of three years beginning January 1, 2022. Mr. Olmstead seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

ZONING

Mr. Collins indicated that a variance was approved for 7675 Schleppi Road.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Collins reported that there was a leak discovered and a claim has been made to OTARMA to see if they will cover that cost. He indicated that we are still looking for additional leaks.

Mr. Olmstead made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 211020M1. Be it resolved, to authorize an increase in the amount to pay AJ Asphalt & Concrete, 2210 McKinley Ave, Columbus, OH 43204, from \$50,000.00 to \$50,113.00 to repave the parking lot at the township offices, out of fund 1000-120-55020 (Twp - Buildings and Additions). Mr. Ferguson seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp discussed the upcoming four Resolutions with the Board members. With regard to F1, Chief Rupp indicated that while they are currently short one vehicle, due to needed repair, Inspector Woody Hoffer's last day is Friday and they will have the vehicle he currently uses after his retirement.

With regard to F3, Mr. Ferguson inquired as to whether requirements could be waived if applicants did not have all of the certifications needed to meet the listed requirements on the job

description. After some discussion, it was determined that some requirements could be waived but it would be a case-by-case basis.

Lastly, Chief Rupp indicated that one of the firefighters has tested positive for Covid and will be out longer than the originally estimated 14 days.

Mr. Rybski made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 211020F1. Be it resolved to pay Coughlin Ford \$30,405 to replace the fire inspector vehicle with a 2022 Chevy Colorado 4WD Crew Cab work truck out of fund 4910-220-55000 (Capital Equipment-Fire – Fire Equipment). The new vehicle will be on state term pricing.

**Coughlin Ford
9800 Worthington RD
Pataskala, OH 43062**

Mr. Olmstead seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Olmstead made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 211020F2. Be it resolved to approve out of state travel for Fire Captain Chris Pabst to attend County Fire Tactics Officer Development Program. The amount is not to exceed \$2,750 for conference expenses including registration fees, meals, lodging, and travel. The program will be held in Pensacola, Florida on January 10-14, 2022. Costs to be paid out of fund 2111-220-58018 (Fire District-Other Expenses-Training). Mr. Rybski seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 211020F3. Be it Resolved: To adopt the Job Description for the position of Battalion Chief and Captain within the Township Fire Department. Mr. Rybski seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Olmstead made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 211020F4. Be it resolved that Lieutenant Brian Reasoner is promoted to the rank of Fire Captain and DFFIC Mark Powell is promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. And in accordance with Township Policy, each will serve a six-month probationary period.

Be it further resolved that Captain Travis Dudley will be assigned to the interim position of Acting Battalion Chief, Lieutenant Todd Moore will be assigned to the interim position of Acting Fire Captain, and DFFIC Joseph Herren will be assigned to the interim position of Acting Fire Lieutenant until such time as a new promotional process can be completed.

Now, therefore be it resolved that these promotions and interim assignments will take effect on October 30th, 2021. Mr. Ferguson seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mr. Zappitelli indicated that all was going well in the Fiscal Office and that the only matter before the Board tonight was the pending warrants which had already been approved.

TRUSTEES

Mr. Rybski indicated that they had had a pre-construction meeting for the upcoming roof project at the fire station. Mr. Collins stated that, according to the contractor, they were still on track to complete the project by the end of the year.

Mr. Collins indicated that they were coordinating with the City of New Albany to make sure we have emergency access out of the fire station.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:54 a.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) for appointment, employment, promotion or compensation, demotion or dismissal. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Collins, Mr. Zappitelli, and Chief Rupp attended the Executive Session.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to close out of executive session at 8:02 a.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 a.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