

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054.

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

Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Olmstead and Tom Rybski. Dave Ferguson was absent. Others present included: Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer, Ben Collins, Bobby Pharris, Chief Rupp and Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Grant Reader, Seth Kovach, Kerri Mollard, Ohio Representative Mary Lightbody, and Deb Lowery.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Collins added Resolution 210901M1 for discussion under Maintenance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21090101)

Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21090102)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$264,146.37.

Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21090103)

OHIO REPRESENTATIVE MARY LIGHTBODY

Mary Lightbody was present and expressed gratitude for all the hard work done by the Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:05 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. Olmstead made a motion to close out of executive session at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported that the pool has one weekend left. He indicated that we have averaged just under \$2,000 a day for daily admissions. Additionally, Mr. Collins reported that the Leak Detection company will be back to pressure test the pipes after the pool has been drained.

Mr. Collins indicated that we are waiting to hear if SWACO will fund the recycling containers for the pool deck.

With regard to insurance, Mr. Collins indicated that our HRA reimbursements are continuing to trend down. Currently we are 26% below the prior year.

Mr. Collins further reported that our office awning has been removed and is in the process of being recovered.

Mr. Collins concluded by indicating that we remain at an elevated level for Covid. Franklin County Public Health has resumed their weekly community updates.

Mr. Rybski commended the staff for pool operations this year.

ZONING

Mr. Collins indicated that we have a Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing on September 14th, and a Zoning Commission meeting on September 9th regarding the New Albany Self Storage. It will come back to the Board of Trustees at the October 6th meeting.

There was a Zoning compliance issue on Walnut Street, East of Schott Rd. We partnered with Franklin County Public Health, and the owner has made significant improvements.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris indicated that he has received a price quote on repaving the office parking lot. This would include grinding down what is presently there and putting down new blacktop. Once they remove what's there, they will inspect the base and determine whether that also needs to be replaced.

Mr. Olmstead asked about splitting the cost of the parking lot cost between the General fund and the Fire fund. It was recommended to proceed with the Resolution as drafted and then possibly transfer between funds after further review.

Mr. Pharris then thanked the Fire Department for assisting him when he was short-handed.

Patterson Pools will be coming back out once we get the pool drained to investigate the leak. Mr. Rybski and Mr. Pharris also discussed a water leak at the pavilion near the pool. Mr. Pharris indicated that it was not related to the pool leak, but that it was a significant leak.

Mr. Collins indicated that once a year we review the cemetery sales and its projected use. Currently, Mr. Collins indicated that we currently have over 100 years of useful life still available. In addition, we could potentially re-purchase plots that were sold before 1965 but remain unused, which would give us a potential additional 24 years.

Mr. Olmstead asked about an update on the Columbarium. Since the previous company closed down, he inquired if there is another that could take over care of the Columbarium.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210901M1. Be it resolved, to authorize and pay AJ Asphalt & Concrete, 2210 McKinley Ave, Columbus, OH 43204, an amount up to \$50,000 to repave the parking lot at the township offices, out of fund 1000-120-55020 (Twp - Buildings and Additions).

Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp indicated that there have been 38 Fire runs and 71 EMS runs since the last meeting.

Chief Rupp indicated that two offers of employment were before the Board tonight as well as a review of the notice for Assistant Fire Chief.

Chief Rupp indicated that there was a desire to have an Open House, but entirely outside, and a more scaled down version of previous events. If things continue as they are right now, it would also be possible to turn the event into a drive-thru event. The event is scheduled for October 3rd.

Chief Rupp also indicated that the Fire Department had entered a photo contest with a picture taken by Nick and Abigail Yutzy. Chief indicated that it was on Facebook and he encouraged everyone to get online and vote for us.

Chief Rupp also indicated that the dinner supporting Chief Hoover's retirement will be outside under tents so we can space accordingly at the event on the 27th of September.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210901F1. Be it resolved to offer conditional employment to Grant Reader as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic through a lateral transfer at pay step 2 according to the Lateral Transfer Policy for 3 years of service pending results from the background check. Start date to be determined. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210901F2. Be it resolved to offer conditional employment to Seth Kovach as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic through a lateral transfer at pay step 3 according to the Lateral Transfer Policy for 5 years of service pending results from the background check. Start date to be determined. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

FISCAL OFFICE

**Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210901B1. Be it resolved to increase Fund 2171 – Pool – Receipts – by \$65,000 2171-000-49031 (Pool -Transfers-In) and Appropriations – by \$65,000 (Pool-Other Expenses).
Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.**

**Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210901B2. Be it resolved to increase Appropriations by \$2,142.86 to Fund 2111-220-59010 (Fire-Transfers-Out).
Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.**

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Olmstead inquired about the air conditioning unit at the McCoy Center, but there was no update.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rybski indicated that the Township had a pre-construction meeting regarding the roof project. That will be starting October 4th so as to not interfere in the scheduled Open House.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Representative Lightbody indicated that the unintended consequences of Senate Bill 22 could be brought to her for revision. She asked that someone let her know if that is something that needs attention.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 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