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 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members Present Dave Ferguson, Dave Olmstead and Tom Rybski. Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer, was present. Other people present were Chief Hoovler, Mary Fee and Cindy Powell.

Visitors Present: Sarah Choops, Maggie Cipriano, Deb Forsthoefel, Ron Forsthoefel, Jessica Kilger, Jen LaCount, Neal and Diana Miller, Ron and Jo Essick, Chris Basetti and David and Deborah Haegele.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Olmstead added Resolution 180801A2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the July 18, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 18080101)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of $107,134.58. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 18080102)

FIRE DEPARTMENT - NEW FIREFIGHTER RESOLUTIONS AND SWEARING IN

Chief Hoovler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chief Hoovler read the following resolutions.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 180801F1. Be it resolved to hire Derek Choops as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic on the peak-time schedule, at step one at the rate of $19.87 per hour, with an anticipated start date on or after August 4, 2018 and granting unpaid leave for a previously scheduled vacation to occur within the first two months of employment. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye
Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 180801F2. Be it resolved to hire Brad Essick as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic on the peak-time schedule, at the rate of $22.50 per hour, with an anticipated start date on or after August 4, 2018 and granting unpaid leave for a previously scheduled vacation to occur within the first two months of employment. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 180801F3. Be it resolved to hire Nathan Forsthoevel as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic on the peak-time schedule, at step two at the rate of $22.50 per hour, with an anticipated start date on or after August 4, 2018. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 180801F4. Be it resolved to revise prior Resolution 180110F2 to increase the tuition reimbursement authorized for Chris Pabst from $1,200.00 to $1,288.43 for classes taken at Columbus State Community College that are required for his fire science degree, out of fund 01-C-09 (Fire-Other expenses). The required books for the course cost more than estimated.
Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Chief Rupp gave a recorded speech to the group on the interactive display. Ms. Barnett read brief biographies for Derek Choops, Brad Essick and Nathan Forsthoevel. Mr. Ferguson swore in each of the new firefighters and family members or friends pinned on the new firefighter badges. Firefighter Choops, Firefighter Essick and Firefighter Forsthoevel introduced their family and friends. Chief Hoovler thanked everyone for attending.

Chief Hoovler introduced Battalion Chief Ecleberry and said that he is the general manager and coach of 12 and under little league All State Ohio State Little League Champions. Chief Hoovler said they will be going to Indianapolis to play in the regionals. Chief Hoovler wished him the best of luck and congratulations.

Mr. Ferguson said on behalf of the Trustees we would like to thank you very much for attending. We are very proud of our fire department in Plain Township and the community has a special heart for them, for all the men and women who serve in the fire department. They do a great job and we know that we have three great additions to the fire department.

**SHERIFF DEPUTY UPTON**

Sheriff Deputy Upton gave a brief report. He said in the month of July 2018 we had 61 calls in Plain Township. Mr. Olmstead asked if that was high for out here. Sheriff Deputy Upton said no. The calls could be backing up the fire department, auto accidents and thefts like fraud. He said that Blacklick has had a problem this summer with thefts out of vehicles. He said New Albany does a great job but he was proud of the Sheriff's department because they caught three people out of calls that they had from people breaking into the vehicles.

Sheriff Deputy Upton said that the liaison unit recently purchased a speed trailer. He said they have to share it between the different jurisdictions but he can try and move it up here if there is an area that needs it. There was a brief discussion concerning areas that the speed trailer could be used. Mr. Ferguson said that he really appreciates the Sheriff Department and his efforts in Plain Township. He said they really do a great job.
ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Olmstead asked about a pool refund request. There was a brief discussion concerning the pool refund request policy. Mr. Ferguson said that he thought the Township Administrator should be given the authority, up to a certain dollar amount, by the trustees to make these decisions. Mr. Olmstead said that they had gotten a recommendation from him not to approve this and after seeing his reasoning he agrees with it. Mr. Ferguson said on a follow up I think the trustees support Mr. Collins’ recommendation. He said we need to ask him for an update to the policy that the Township Administrator can act on these and we can empower him to do so. Mr. Ferguson said if the Fiscal Office needs to review that policy please make sure they see it. Mr. Zappitelli said that Mrs. Powell and I don’t have an issue with it.

Mr. Rybski congratulated Mrs. Fee on her selection to be part of the Charter Review Commission for the City of New Albany. He said if there is anything through the process that the Township could weigh in on please let us know. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Olmstead also congratulated Mrs. Fee.

Mr. Olmstead said that Mr. Collins attended the COG and McCoy meeting for him. He said the McCoy Board is looking at the needs around the community. The Arts Council was dissolved and they are looking at possibly a new group to do some of the things that the Arts Council used to do and sort of being a facilitator. There was a brief discussion concerning the McCoy funds, donations, future expenditures and events.

Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 180801A1. Be it resolved, to set aside and pay Columbus Pool Management, Inc., 8852 Whitney Dr., Lewis Center, OH 43035, $10,324.00 to cover the September contract payment from fund 14-A-07 (Pool – Contracts). Remit to: Columbus Pool Management, Inc. 4495 Keheley Drive Marietta, GA 30066 Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 180801A2. Be it resolved, to buy back five (5) grave lots at Maplewood Cemetery from Susan E. & Jonah B. Lake, for Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00), from line 05-A-12 (Cemetery – Other), which reflects the original purchase price of $600 each. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ZONING

Mr. Olmstead said that crews were observed working on the Johnstown Road house.

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Olmstead said the Maintenance Department painted the doors at the fire house and they look really nice.
FISCAL OFFICE

Mr. Zapitelli said that he did not have anything to add this evening. Mr. Ferguson asked Mrs. Powell how the accounting system was doing. Mrs. Powell said it was doing well. She also said that we should be receiving second half property tax distribution from Franklin County on August 2nd.

Mr. Olmstead said there has been some discussion with Mrs. Powell and some other people about replacing the existing accounting system. He said if that is something that is on the horizon we need to start talking about it soon because from what he has heard from Nancy at Mifflin Township the best time to change systems is at the beginning of the year. So if we are thinking about that we need to start planning for it. Mrs. Powell said she has met twice with a vendor about VIP Software which is the same accounting software that Mifflin Township and some other people use. She said that she will be scheduling some time to see how some other systems work and on the reporting that they can do. She said that Pataskala does a lot of reporting from VIP Software. It is time consuming to extract the data but there is so much more data available then we have with our current system. She said we are looking at that but I don’t think it would be a good time to start a new system next year because it is our audit cycle which takes a lot of time.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

David and Deborah Haegerle are lifelong residents of Plain Township. Mr. Haegerle said that he has been approached by the Mr. Barker from the City of New Albany for an easement. He has talked to neighbors across the street that are in Jefferson Township. He said that he asks and no one seems to know anything about it and they keep getting different and varying stories from Mr. Barker so they are here to go on record to see if they can find out some more on what is going on.

Mr. Olmstead said the simple answer is that the project is in process and I know they are moving ahead. He thinks they are in final stages. There was a brief discussion concerning the project and what the County has said. Mr. Olmstead said it is a City of New Albany project so the Township has not been involved with it. They are using a public right-of-way and the County to do that. He said it would loop in and tie into water and sewer over in the business campus. He said they intend on taking it to the east and go far enough down to hook into some land going up to the north and the Beech Road project. There was a brief discussion concerning some possible road closures and the easement requests. Mr. Ferguson said that he does not know about this project either. He said Mr. Collins can follow up with him and asked Mrs. Fee to give Mr. Collins the information. Mr. Olmstead suggested that Mr. Haegerle contact Mr. Stefanov at the City of New Albany.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:55 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 also attended the Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to close out of executive session at 8:39 p.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

[Signatures]

David Ferguson, Trustee

Dave Olmstead, Trustee

Thomas Rybski, Trustee

Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer