

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 and Kerri Mollard. Trustee Dave Olmstead was absent. Others present: Ben Collins, Chief Rupp, Assistant Chief Connor, Bobby Pharris, Mike Durik, and Courtney Rogers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mollard made a motion to approve the April 6, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22042001)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$332,258.77. Mrs. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22042002)

CITY LIAISON – MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik reported that the New Albany City Council approved the minimum square foot zoning change for office buildings on State Route 62, North of State Route 161.

City Council had the first reading for ordinances to expedite the annexation of the land being developed for Intel Technologies. There were no objections from residents. It is expected that City Council will approve it at the next meeting.

The City of New Albany is reissuing approximately \$7 Million in bonds. It will save the city about \$400,000 in interest. The bonds will be reissued with the same expiration dates.

Council also adopted the strategic plan standards for the City of New Albany to the annexed land for Intel Technologies. There are some enhanced standards with roadways and paths, as well as screening standards.

Mr. Durik discussed the concerns of the Clouse Road residents with City Council. New Albany does not have plans to connect any roads for the Intel project.

Mr. Ferguson asked about any updates regarding the pickleball courts at Swickard Woods. Mr. Durik had previously reported back to City Council the Township's concern over the location of the planned pickleball courts. Ms. Mollard indicated that she would draft a letter to the Council stating the Township's concern over the location of the courts. Mr. Durik agreed that it would be beneficial to have the Township's concern on record at a meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins thanked the Board of Trustees for allowing him to attend the Ohio Economic Development Association training.

Mr. Collins reported that he had a conversation with the Franklin County Engineer's office regarding the drainage problems on Clouse Road. He asked them to refresh the cost estimate they provided to the Township previously. The Engineer's office indicated that any improvements to the North side of the road would likely impact trees. Ms. Mollard referenced an email that Deputy Upton sent the board regarding a similar situation in Gahanna. Mr. Collins indicated that the situation in Gahanna had been explored for over a decade, affected many more homes, and it was a Federal and State EPA funded project.

Mr. Collins then reported that a cemetery in Mifflin Township was vandalized. To help prevent this from happening at Maplewood Cemetery, the Township is going to start locking the gates at closing time. The Fire Department will be responsible for locking the gates at night and the Maintenance Department will open them in the morning.

Mr. Collins also received landscape proposals for the cemetery. They ranged from \$40,000-\$50,000. Mr. Collins would like to review the plans with the New Albany arborist.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution 220420A1.

Whereas, the Plain Township Board of Trustees has approved a pool management contract, including opening and closing, with SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. for the 2022 pool season, according to the bid submitted in the amount of \$189,885 out of fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts).

Be it resolved, to set aside and pay the May pool management payment in the amount of \$28,482.75 from fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts) according to the attached schedule. Mr. Ferguson seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

ZONING

Mr. Collins indicated that Mary Fee attended the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting last week. The variance request for a second home on a single property was denied.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris reported that staff is behind on preparing the pool for opening because of the cold and wet weather. In order to caulk and paint the pool, we need two consecutive days of dry weather above 50 degrees. The filling of the pool is likely to be delayed.

SwimSafe cleaned the pool last week.

Mr. Pharris has not received any applications for the seasonal work position. Ms. Mollard suggested opening the position up to part-time applicants.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp indicated that there has been 25 Fire and 74 EMS runs since the last meeting.

Chief Rupp discussed a letter that was received from Sergeant Namath regarding an auto accident with an entrapment. Chief Connor was able to respond to this accident. The Fire Department does not have an update on the injured individual.

Assistant Chief Connor is working with Fitch & Associates on Standards of Coverage.

Chief Rupp is investigating the availability of a new Medic. There is a shortage of chassis'. Chief Rupp does not expect to be able to take delivery in 2023 as planned. The order to delivery lead time could be significant.

Lt. Powell is now working 6 hours per day. He continues to improve. The department is meeting with the Westerville FD to review all of the audio tapes from the incident.

Ms. Mollard inquired about the increase in the number of runs for 2022 over 2021. Chief Rupp explained that the runs in 2021 were artificially low because people were working from home because of Covid-19. Ms. Mollard also asked about the commendation that Chief Rupp received from Representative Mary Lightbody. Trustee Mollard also thanked the Fire Department for their care in responding to an accident that her son was involved in earlier in the month.

FISCAL OFFICE

The March 2022 Bank Reconciliation and Month End reports were presented.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220420B1.

Be it Resolved: To transfer \$9,483.10 from the General Fund Transfer-Out line (1000-110-59010) to the General Bond Retirement - Pool Fund Transfer-In line (3101-000-49031).

And be it resolved: To pay Chase for the Pool Bond Payment in the amount of \$9,483.10 out of General Bond Retirement-Pool-Interest (3101-610-56030).

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mollard indicated that Franklin County Public Health had reached out about doing interviews and after-action report on Covid. She inquired about whether Mr. Collins or the Fire Department would like to join her in the interview at 9am today.

Ms. Mollard spoke with Angela Douglas at Healthy New Albany and would like to collaborate on an article regarding safe driving with summer coming up. She thought it should be a collaborative effort between the Township, Fire Department, New Albany Police Department and the Sheriff's Department.

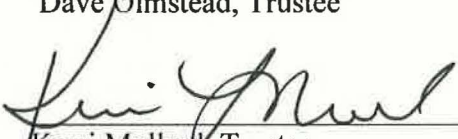
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 a.m. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


David Ferguson, Trustee

Dave Olmstead, Trustee


Kerri Mollard, Trustee


Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer