

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. 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, Dave Olmstead, and Kerri Mollard. Others present: Ben Collins, Bud Zappitelli, Chief Rupp, Assistant Chief Connor, Mike Durik, Mary Fee, Deputy Ken Upton, Retired Chief Hoovler, Bobby Pharris, Firefighter Cantrell, Battalion Chief Dudley, Firefighter Yutzy, Firefighter Noble, Firefighter Zierk, Fire Inspector Gilmore, Debra Lowery, Courtney Rogers, and many residents of Clouse Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mollard made a motion to approve the March 16, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Trustee Olmstead abstained. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22040601)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$348,832.56. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22040602)

CITY LIAISON – MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik indicated that the Planning Commission met and approved the zoning changes for the Intel project. There were many residents in attendance, but their questions were focused on the impact on their properties, rather than objections to Intel.

Mr. Durik indicated that the New Albany girls swim team was recognized at the Council meeting as State Champs two years in a row.

Mr. Durik reported that City Council approved for Mr. Stefanov to bid out pricing for two new stoplights at Smiths Mill Road and Forest Drive and Harlem Road and Old Dublin Granville Road.

Mr. Durik stated that a zoning change to eliminate a minimum square foot requirement has been requested for a property near the Turkey Hill on State Route 62.

Lastly, Mr. Durik reported that City Council approved the purchase of salt for 2023.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins started off the Administrators report with the background on Clouse Road water issues and indicated where the Township stands from a legal perspective. Many residents were in attendance and extensive discussion ensued regarding how the Township could help them with ongoing water issues.

Mr. Collins discussed the pool rental policy. Options include setting a minimum age requirement, having a resident sponsor, and/or reserving the right to require a special duty officer depending on the size of the event. The Trustees discussed the possibility of requiring the renters to be residents versus having an officer on property, or at least the option of having an officer dependent upon the size of the event.

Mr. Olmstead asked about pool donations. After some discussion, the Trustees indicated that it is open to 501(C)3's, capped at 5 donations a year, and donations will be 20 guest passes.

Mr. Collins indicated that Plan Township will supply portable sanitation for Founders Day. The cost is estimated at \$970.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Collins for his research and presentation on the Clouse Road water situation.

Mr. Olmstead made a Motion to pass Resolution 220406A1. Be it Resolved, to pay Aqua-Seal Resurfacing, 7681 Tim Avenue, North Canton, Ohio 44720, up to \$6,680 to supply all labor, equipment, and materials to repair existing safety surfacing in the interactive pool with the granulated Water Flecks porous safety surfacing, and to replace all pool caulk to be paid out of fund 2171-610-58023 (Pool – Repairs). Mr. Ferguson seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

DEPUTY KEN UPTON – COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Deputy Upton attended to update the Trustees on the March statistics. Additionally, he indicated that they are still dealing with catalytic converter theft in the area.

ZONING

Mr. Collins indicated that there had been no applications for zoning.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris reported that he requested a quote from Martin to spot pain the pool and they came back with \$17,000 to paint the entire pool because they don't spot paint.

Mr. Pharris indicated that he has a resolution for cemetery footers.

The maintenance crew installed grates to keep leaves and debris out of the tiles in hopes of preventing clogging.

The Board expressed their thanks for the hard work done recently by the maintenance crew.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution 220406M1. Be it resolved pay to pay Jason Piper to pour footers at Maplewood Cemetery up to \$10,000.00 out of fund 2041-410-58099 (Cemetery-Other Expenses). Mr. Olmstead seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp indicated that there has been 44 Fire and 93 EMS runs since the last meeting.

Chief Rupp discussed purchasing a new engine with the Trustees. There is a two year wait at the moment for receiving the engine. Chief Rupp also indicated that a new medic will be needed in another year or two.

Chief Rupp and Chief Connor spoke highly of Captain Dudley and indicated that they feel comfortable with his promotion to Battalion Chief. Retired Chief Hoovler stated his high regard for Captain Dudley and congratulated him on his promotion.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220406F1. WHEREAS, the Plain Township Fire Department is in need of a new fire-fighting apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio, (the "Township") may, pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 505.37, purchase any fire apparatus that seems advisable to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township is a member of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program ("ODAS"); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enter into a "Purchase Agreement for Sutphen Fire Apparatus" (the "Purchase Agreement") with Sutphen Corporation for the purchase

of a fire apparatus consistent with the provisions of ODAS Ohio State Term Schedule Contract No. 800814; and

WHEREAS, the financial obligations of the Township outlined in the Purchase Agreement will not be due and owing this calendar year, and will not be appropriated for the purpose of fulfilling the Township's obligations under the provisions of the Purchase Agreement until calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to enter into and purchase a fire apparatus pursuant to the provisions of the attached Purchase Agreement, and the purchase of the desired apparatus is advisable to the Board.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts and approves the form of the "Purchase Agreement for Sutphen Fire Apparatus" attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference ("Purchase Agreement").

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes, empowers and appoints Ben Collins, Plain Township Administrator, on behalf of the Board and the Township, to execute said Purchase Agreement and such other necessary documents associated with the purchase of the desired fire apparatus, and take such actions as the Township Administrator may deem necessary or desirable in fulfilling the obligations of the Board and Township under the terms of the Purchase Agreement.

RESOLVED, that the financial obligations of the Township under the Purchase Agreement are expressly subject to future resolutions of the Board appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of such funds as are necessary to meet the Township's financial obligations. Those obligations are also subject to the certification of the Township Fiscal Officer under Section 5705.41 of the Ohio Revised Code.

RESOLVED, that the specifications of the fire apparatus are subject to review by the Franklin County Prosecutor pursuant to section 505.37 of the Ohio Revised Code.

RESOLVED, that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in

compliance with all legal requirements, including, but not limited to, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220406F2. Be it resolved that Acting Battalion Chief Travis Dudley is hereby promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief, and in accordance with the Plain Township Personnel Manual, will serve a six-month probationary period.

Now, therefore be it resolved that this promotion shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption. Mr. Olmstead seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

FISCAL OFFICE

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220406B1. Whereas, Plain Township passed Resolution 210804B1 to establish the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and to accept American Rescue Plan Act funds for non-entitlement units of local government; and

Be it Resolved to certify an increase in receipts in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (4903-000-00000) - Receipts by \$402.51.

Mr. Ferguson seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Olmstead made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220406B2. Be it Resolved: To authorize the Plain Township Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Julian & Grube, Inc for a one-year engagement at \$2,400 out of Fund 1000-110-53060 (General – Contractual Services) to compile our financial statements on the cash-basis of accounting for the year ending 2021. The Township's financial statements will be prepared in a format that substantially conforms to the reporting model prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34. "Basic Financial Statement – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments" (GASB No. 34).

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mollard indicated that she had spoken with three New Albany Council members and Dave Wharton regarding the pickleball courts. The City Council requested to hear from Fire and to receive an official letter from the Township. Mr. Ferguson also indicated that he had spoken with Mayor Spalding and Councilman Shull.

Mr. Olmstead indicated that Joe Stefanov was recognized at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Stefanov received an award for career achievement.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS


Debra Lowery congratulated Battalion Chief Dudley on his promotion, and then inquired as to how the Fire Department is moving forward with backfilling other roles within the Department.

Retired Chief Hoovler indicated that the Intel project has started. He wanted to affirm to the Board that this project will have a significant impact to this community.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


David Ferguson, Trustee
Dave Olmstead, Trustee
Kerri Mollard, Trustee
Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer