RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session by video/teleconference at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Ferguson and Tom Rybski. Dave Olmstead was not present. Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer was present. Other people present were Ben Collins, Chief Rupp, Captain Dudley, Chief Sponaugle, John Hoovler, Mary Fee and Courtney Rogers. Mike Durik arrived late.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Collins removed two Zoning Resolutions from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the July 7, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 20080401)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of $441,871.28. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 20080402)

Mr. Rybski inquired about the Trugreen invoice. Mr. Collins reported that it was for the scheduled treatment at the Cemetery. Mr. Rybski also inquired about Clean Air Concepts invoice. Chief Sponaugle reported that it is for the maintenance of the diesel exhaust extraction system.

CITY OF NEW ALBANY LIAISON -MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik reported that the City of New Albany provided signs to all the local retailers, as well as masks if they should need them. Mr. Durik said that the retailers are to require masks be worn by employees and customers. If a customer refuses, the retailer should ask the customer to leave. If the customer refuses, then the New Albany Police would be called and it would be handled as trespassing. He reported that there have not been any incidents in New Albany. Mr. Zappitelli inquired about Facebook halting construction. Mr. Durik did not have any information.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins highlighted the information in his report. There is an update on the HRA reimbursements, as well as Covid-19, in the report.

The Township received an update from the County Treasurer. Property taxes are coming in a little behind previous year, this is mostly attributable to the due date.

The Township received an estimate from the Franklin County Engineer's office for concrete and asphalt work at the Fire Station. The estimate seemed higher than expected. The Engineer's office is willing to do the plan and design. Mr. Collins suggests waiting until the January 2021 receipts come in before starting work. The Administrator's report also includes updated cost estimates for the Cemetery Master Plan. The MECC Regional Council of Government met last week. The COG has integrated the dispatching and EMS coordination into the RCOG. The next step is to integrate the technological agreements.

Mr. Collins had an opportunity to look at leave policies of other entities. It appears as though less than 10 city or local governments have a stand-alone parental leave policy. Typically, local governments are relying on the FMLA or sick leave policy to provide for parental leave. The Township is consistent with typical injury leave allowances.

Mr. Collins reported that Mr. Pharris met with city officials to look at opportunities for security cameras in the Swickard Woods area. The City of New Albany may need the assistance of the Township (for electricity or our Spectrum line).

Mr. Zappitelli inquired about the ineligible expenses reported by Chard Snyder. Mr. Collins reported that he is reviewing this with Assured Partners and have requested that they audit this account.

There was a discussion regarding the request for a rent deferral and reduction at 45 Second Street. The tenant is asking for a 50% reduction in the August 2020 rent and a deferral of the September and October 2020 rent to the end of the lease term. Mr. Rybski noted that he would like to work with the tenant. It would be hard in the current climate to find a new tenant for the space. Mr. Zappitelli inquired as to whether the tenant applied for or received any of the government help for small businesses. Mr. Collins reported that the tenant did not. Mr. Ferguson asked if they are seeing customers and operating. Mr. Collins reported that they were able to retain some of their clients by offering virtual lessons. The business used to have 400 in-person lessons per week and they are currently down to 40 in-person lessons per week. It was decided that the Board would lower the August 2020 rent to $1,400 and they would discuss September and October 2020 rent at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 200804A1. WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 510.707 authorizes a board of township trustees to appropriate from the township general revenue fund moneys not appropriated for any other purpose to an organization that the board determines serves a community purpose and that is exempt from federal taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended; and
WHEREAS, Plain Township has entered into the Second Amended and Restated Joint Operating Agreement for the New Albany Community Arts Center (hereinafter referred to as the "Operating Agreement"), which provide in Section 8.3 that each Owner shall annually deposit in the same proportion as their ownership provided in Section 3.2 the

dollar amount necessary to fund the Capital Repair and Replacement Fund of the McCoy Center for the Arts; and
WHEREAS, Section 8.3 of the Operating Agreement provides that the Capital Repairs and Replacements funding from each owner will be deposited into a separate Capital Repair and Replacement Account maintained and managed by the New Albany Community Foundation; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6.6 of the Operating Agreement, the Board of Education of the New Albany - Plain Local School District has, in cooperation and consultation with the City, the Township, the community Foundation and the Board of Directors, prepared a Five-Year Capital Repairs, Replacements, and Improvement Plan, which includes, by category, budgeting for Capital Repairs/Replacements and for Capital Additions or Improvements; and
WHEREAS, the Owners have reviewed and approved the Five-Year Capital Repairs, Replacements, and Improvement Plan as presented.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:
Section 1. That the New Albany Community Foundation is determined to be an organization that serves a community purpose and is exempt from federal taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
Section 2. That the funds contributed to the New Albany Community Foundation for the Capital Repairs/Replacements of the McCoy Center for the Arts will serve a community purpose; and
Section 3. That the amount of $24,885.00 be set aside and paid to the New Albany Community Foundation from fund 1000-610-58003 (NA Comm Fdn-Perf.Arts-Capital Fund Donation), for the purpose of funding Plain Township's proportionate share of the McCoy Center for the Arts Capital Repairs and Replacements according to Section 8.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Joint Operating Agreement for the New Albany Community Arts Center.
Section 4. That this Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Board, all in compliance with Ohio law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
Section 5. That this Resolution is declared to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.
Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson moved to reduce the August lease payment by 50% ($1,400) for the property at 45 Second Street. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye
(Resolution 20080403)

CEMETERY

Mr. Collins reviewed the Cemetery Master Plan. Mr. Pharris completed some interior renovations such as new A/C and a bathroom remodel. Mr. Ferguson inquired about the Columbarium and whether now is a good time to get new estimates.
Mr. Collins reported that the number of cremations continues to be steady.
Mr. Collins reported that we have a cushion in the General Fund, a large portion of which came from an estate settlement. The General Fund has helped with Capital Improvements at the pool over the last few years. The General Fund would be the only source of revenue for the cemetery improvements.

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported that the two nuisance properties on Johnstown Road have been mowed. The property at 6204 Walnut Street remains an issue. Mr. Collins spoke with the Prosecutor's office today. He is working with the owner to find a solution to remove the dump truck activity from the site. Mr. Collins received positive reaction from the owner's legal counsel.

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Collins reported mowing had slowed down because of the lack of rain.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp said there were 163 fire and EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting. The fire department is seeing an increase in their run volume. Activity is picking up at First & Main and the Health Campus at Smith's Mill.
Chief Rupp reported that the hose was delivered this week and will be put in service. The hose that was borrowed from Columbus will be returned. The hose that failed was picked up and is being tested.
The Fire Department instituted a mask policy while in the fire station and on duty. Franklin County had 8 more firefighters test positive for Covid-19 in the last week. Franklin County went from having 39 firefighters quarantined to 76 in one week. Chief Rupp reported that the Fire Department is looking at 3 different face masks depending on the job they are performing. The Fire Department is going back to a normal roll call.
Firefighter Max Newton is expected to move back to Maine.
Medic 121 is back from Horton. It was having vibration issues.
Fireforce simulator door has been delivered and the Department has been using it for training.
Impact Solutions had a debriefing with the Unit that was involved in an accident on 161. It was well received.
Mr. Ferguson asked to have a call with Mr. Collins and Chief Rupp regarding the employee out on injury leave.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Hoovler commented that he thinks the Fire Department is adjusting well to his retirement and that Chief Rupp is doing an excellent job.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

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