

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 a.m.

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order. Mr. Olmstead led the Trustees in 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 Ben Collins, Bobby Pharris, Mary Fee, and Courtney Rogers. Chief Rupp arrived late. Visitors present: Mike Durik.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Olmstead requested that the executive session be postponed to the next meeting as he was on a tight time schedule.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Olmstead made two changes to the meeting minutes from June 1, 2021.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to approve the June 1, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes with the two changes requested. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. Mr. Ferguson abstained. (Resolution 21061601)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$473,476.97. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21061602)

CITY LIAISON – Mike Durik

Mr. Durik reported that the New Albany City Council recognized two State Tennis Champions from New Albany High School. Also noted was that the women's lacrosse team placed second in the state and the men's baseball team just won the State Championship. Mr. Durik also reported that as a result of behavior, language, trash, and parking issues, the James River Park basketball hoops are being taken down. Discussions will be ensuing with residents about next steps for the park. Mr. Durik indicated that one option may be for it to be a kid's playground. Mr. Durik also reported that the Architectural Review Board approved one sign for a business but the business proceeded to put up a false wall with a second sign in an attempt to circumvent the code. Mr. Durik further indicated New Albany City Council established a Sustainability Advisory Board to help the city achieve their sustainability goals. One of the Board members will be a student from New Albany High School.

The New Albany City Council had a 1st reading for the annexation of 38 acres from Plain Township, which is at the southwest corner of Walnut Street and Bevelhymer Rd. Some residents called in to express concerns because there is only one entrance onto Bevelhymer Rd. and no entrance/exit on Walnut St. A traffic study has been requested. No action was taken. Mr. Durik further indicated that there was a 1st reading that allows R1 residential to permit the feeding, grazing, and raising of chickens, poultry, turkey and ducks within reason. Mr. Durik also indicated that the salt barn is being re-sided and that the radio dispatching system is being replaced. Lastly, Senate Bill 110 declared that municipal broadband has to be shut down. The City of New Albany will be filing action against this.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins indicated that we continue to monitor water loss at the pool. It appears to be staying steady at 10 CC's per day. We did have a fecal accident at the pool the day before the meeting and the pool was closed until the water could be appropriately treated with super chlorination.

Mr. Collins also indicated that since we now have a new tenant at 45 Second St., we are looking at replacing the awnings for the whole building. A suggestion was made to have some identification of Plain Township either on the awning or on the side of the building. Mr. Collins agreed to look into that idea.

Mr. Collins indicated that SWACO had bid opening for the collection contract. There is a substantial increase in the current rate. Our current contract ends at the end of 2021. The bid is a 19% increase. Once extrapolated to the entire community, it is an increase of \$173,000. The Township will be paying for its Municipal Collection separately and we expect that to be in the neighborhood of \$12,000-\$13,000.

Mr. Collins indicated that this has been a strong pool season so far. Through the weekend prior to the Board meeting, we have had \$168,000 in membership sales. We are looking at a successful season so long as the weather holds out and we avoid further fecal accidents that close down the pool. We continue to offer swim diapers to patrons and remind them that all visitors aged two and younger are required to wear a swim diaper in the pool.

Mr. Collins indicated that there is a road closure planned for Lee Road and Walnut Street by the Franklin County Engineers that will hopefully wrap up this week. There are a couple of projects proposed for Plain Township but no dates have been set up yet. That would include Tippet Road and minor repairs in Hoover Reserve.

Additionally, Mr. Collins addressed the schedule for township meetings. Currently, we plan to meet in person at the Plain Township Fire Station for future meetings. At the July 6th Board meeting, we have a Tax Budget Hearing which is a statutory requirement and not likely to generate a lot of attendance, but we may have Zoning Hearings that would generate community interest. Mr. Olmstead indicated that it was his understanding that we were allowed to limit attendance based on room size and asked if we could offer Zoom meeting for those unable to attend. Mr. Ferguson asked if we will be mandated to go back to in person meetings. He

suggested that we have the evening meeting in person and have the morning meeting virtually. Mr. Collins indicated that the Trustees should plan to meet in person.

Further, Chief Rupp had asked about a swearing in ceremony for our newest full-time firefighter. Mr. Olmstead indicated that we are expecting another one or two firefighters to be joining us in the near future and recommend that we wait for them to join and then have a combined ceremony for all the new firefighters.

Mr. Collins indicated that township office hours have been restored to typical operating hours and stated that we would continue to serve our residents via phone and email, as well as offer in person appointments.

ZONING

Mr. Collins stated that Franklin County Planning Commission did approve the preliminary plat for development on Walnut Street, with the contingency that parking be restricted to one side of the street. Additionally, Mr. Collins indicated that we are in need of a Zoning Commission member.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris thanked New Albany for their assistance with a downed tree on Bevelhymer. They were very helpful in getting the tree out of the road in 3-4 hours.

Mr. Pharris indicated that he is in conversation with Dennis about buying a mower from New Albany when they get rid of it.

Lastly, Mr. Pharris indicated that he has been obtaining a meter reading at the pool every day and providing it to Mr. Collins for tracking.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp reported that there were 37 Fire runs and 70 EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting. Chief Rupp indicated that runs are not yet back to pre-pandemic numbers but they are returning slowly.

Chief Rupp indicated that September 30th from 5-9pm has been chosen by the Fire Fighters Foundation as a date for former Chief Hoovler to be recognized.

Lastly, Chief Rupp indicated that the grass truck is up to \$2,300 in bidding on GovDeals.com. **Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210616F1. Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached job description for the full-time position of**

Fire Inspector and approves the position. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210616F2. Be it Resolved, to approve attendance for five members to attend the EMS World EXPO in Atlanta, Georgia, October 4 – October 8, 2021. Cost not to exceed \$6,200.00 out of fund 2281-230-58018 (EMS – Other Training). Cost includes conference registration, meals, transportation, and lodging. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210616F3. Be it resolved to approve out of state travel for one (1) firefighter, FF/EMTP Beau Zierk to attend FDIC 2021. The amount not to exceed \$2,250.00 for conference expenses including registration fees, passes, meals, travel, and hotel. The conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 2, 2021 – August 7, 2021. Out of fund 2111-220-58018. (Fire District-Other Expenses-Training)

Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mr. Zappitelli indicated that the draft 2022 tax budget was ready for review and a public hearing will be occurring on July 6, 2021.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210616B1. Be it Resolved: That the Plain Township Board of Trustees request all available inside millage for the unincorporated part of the Township and allocate it to our Road District Fund (2141-000-00000). The funds will be used for necessary road improvements.

Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

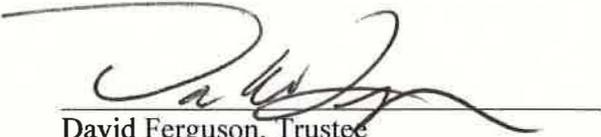
NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 a.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:



David Ferguson, Trustee



Dave Olmstead, Trustee



Thomas Rybski, Trustee



Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer