

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 7:15 a.m.

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 Ben Collins, Chief Hoovler, Assistant Chief Rupp, Cindy Powell, Bob Pharris, Mary Fee and Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Mike Durik,

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$379,803.50.

Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 20061701)

CITY OF NEW ALBANY LIAISON -MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik reported that New Albany City Council met last night. They plan to install two charging stations in The Heit Center parking lot. The spots will not be premium parking spots. A citizen called in to discuss the civil unrest that has been occurring and gave some suggestions to improve representation of minorities within the city.

The City Council distributed the parade route for July 4th. The parade will be vehicles only. It is starting at the Church of the Resurrection at 10 a.m. No candy will be passed out.

A church in New Albany put in a request to set off fireworks for July 4th. It was denied.

Mr. Ferguson inquired about the demonstrations. Mr. Durik reported that it was peaceful and there were no issues.

The city is going to be putting in a walking path along Harlem Road between Dublin-Granville Road and Greensward.

Mr. Olmstead inquired about the City's budget and the projects they are funding. Mr. Durik reported that New Albany is holding pretty even to previous years as far as tax revenue that they have received.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported that the Township's HRA is ahead of spending over last year. Mr. Collins explained that this is due to the change in plan design. For the year, the additional HRA cost is up \$5,000 over 5 months. There was no change in 2019 reimbursements.

Mr. Collins checked on the OPEC-HC case in Franklin County. This is a receiver case and it has been terminated and the receivership closed. There has been no activity in the Summit County case. Mr. Collins is hopeful that there will be a settlement offer to resolve any outstanding claims. Plain Township still has a credit of approximately \$35,000 with the program. The Consortium ended at the end of 2017.

Mr. Collins is expecting \$62,000 for the local Coronavirus relief fund. Mr. Collins will review the guidelines so the Township knows what uses are allowed under the Federal CARES Act.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 200617A1.

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code § 505.11 authorizes a township Board of Trustees to lease real property upon whatever terms are agreed to by the Board of Trustees and a lessor; and

Whereas, the Plain Township Board of Trustees has previously agreed to terms for the lease of 45 Second Street to the Gregory Nathan Gould Co., LLC; and

Whereas, on March 14, 2020 Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency for the entire State of Ohio due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, on March 22, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health issued an order that all persons stay at home unless engaged in essential work or activity effective on March 24, 2020; and

Whereas, the Responsible Restart Ohio Operating Requirements state specific limits for business operations that directly impact the onsite operations of GNG Music operated by the tenant at 45 Second Street and tenant Gregory Nathan Gould Co. LLC has requested a 25% reduction in the monthly rent for a period of three months;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby approves a 25% reduction in the monthly rent for 45 Second Street for a period of three months being June, July and August 2020.

Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 200617A2.

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds provided by the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" in Amended House Bill 481 of the 133rd General Assembly (H.B. 481); and

WHEREAS, H.B. 481 requires subdivisions receiving funds, to pass a resolution affirming that funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund may be expended only to cover costs of the subdivision consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations before receiving said funds; and

WHEREAS, Plain Township is requesting its share of funds from the Franklin County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Plain Township affirms that all funds received from the Franklin County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund pursuant to H.B. 481 be expended only to cover costs of the subdivision consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);**
- (2) Were not accounted for in Plain Township's most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020; and**
- (3) Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.**

FURTHERMORE, in compliance with H.B. 481, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Plain Township that the Plain Township Fiscal Officer take all necessary action to:

- (1) Establish the local coronavirus relief fund;**
- (2) On or before October 15, 2020, pay any unencumbered balance of money in the Plain Township's local coronavirus relief fund to the Franklin County Treasurer;**
- (3) On or before December 28, 2020, pay the balance of any money in the Plain Township's local coronavirus relief fund to the state treasury in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management; and**

Provide any information related to any payments received under S.B. 310 to the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management as requested.

Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported that Mrs. Fee received a call from a resident regarding a property maintenance code. The Township has discussed this in the past but the challenge is the Township has suburban subdivisions as well as large, open rural tracks and a property maintenance code has to be enforced uniformly. Mr. Ferguson reported that he received compliments on our Zoning department and commended Mrs. Fee on the great job that she is doing.

Mr. Collins is continuing to follow up on 6204 Walnut Street. The new owners are operating a dump truck depot out of this site. They have approximately twelve dump trucks and they come and go at all hours of the day and night. The owners are also operating a mechanic shop on site for the trucks. It is causing major disruptions to the neighbors. It is zoned as rural. Mr. Ferguson inquired about the requirement of a fire inspection. Mr. Collins said that the Township could send a request for inspection to the fire department. Mr. Olmstead inquired if the Township had any legal right to enter the property. Mr. Collins responded that they could for a fire inspection. Chief Hoovler does not recall an occupancy permit issued for this property. Mr. Ferguson would like an update at the next meeting.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris reported that Franklin County is supposed to send a survey crew to Wilbur Road to survey the easement so that the Township can repair some of the drainage issues.

Mr. Pharris reported that everything is good at the Cemetery. The weather has been dry enough to pour footers. Mr. Rybski requested that any estimates that they receive to repair the Fire Station concrete be forwarded to him for review. Mr. Ferguson inquired as to who developed the specifications for the concrete. Mr. Pharris reported that he was using the original specifications. He reported that he has always had good experiences with fiber concrete not cracking as bad. Chief Hoover suggested the Township waits to commit to this expenditure until 2nd half taxes are received.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Hoovler said there were 95 fire and EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting. Chief Hoovler reported that activity has begun to pick up as people are coming out of quarantine. He reported that the Fire Department will participate in the July 4th parade. The new medic went back to Horton for a recall on the liquid spring suspension. It is back in service. Chief Hoovler would like to hold onto the old medic for a few months to make sure that Franklin County does not see a huge spike in coronavirus cases. Chief Hoovler also reported that the Fire Department has stayed healthy.

Chief Hoovler requested a ceremonial swearing in for Chief Rupp on Saturday, July 17th. He indicated that the Fire Department would pull all the equipment out of the bay and maintain social distancing for a group of 50 people. Mr. Olmstead suggested a virtual ceremony and to postpone an in-person ceremony until later in the fall. Mr. Ferguson wants Mr. Collins and the Chiefs to work out the protocol.

Chief Hoovler asked that the Board of Trustees put Firefighter Tocci on paid injury leave for 30 days. Mr. Ferguson would like to have an executive session regarding this. Mr. Olmstead is comfortable moving forward with what Mr. Collins and the Chiefs deem appropriate. Mr. Rybski is in agreement with moving forward with 30 days of paid injury leave.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to approve injury leave for Mike Tocci for a period of 30 days starting July 17, 2020. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.

FISCAL OFFICE

The May 2020 Bank Reconciliation and End of Month Reports were presented.

Mr. Zappitelli said that the fiscal office and Bonnie did a great job on getting the pool refunds completed in a week. Mr. Ferguson agreed with Mr. Zappitelli.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 200617B1. Be it Resolved: To accept the attached 2021 Tax Budget and submit it to the Franklin County Auditor's Office.

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

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 200617B2. 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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rybski proposed moving the first Board of Trustee meeting for July from July 1st to July 7th. This meeting will be virtual. The special meeting regarding accrued leave and benefits will be the evening of July 14th. Chief Rupp said that they Fire Department is setting up the training room as a potential space for future Board of Trustee meetings. Social distancing can be maintained and the outside door can be utilized.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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