

**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, Dave Olmstead and Tom Rybski. Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer was present. Other people present were Ben Collins, Chief Hoover, Assistant Chief Rupp, Cindy Powell, Bob Pharris, Mary Fee, Courtney Rogers, Battalion Chief Sponaugle, Battalion Chief Brown, Captain Dudley, Lieutenant Moore, Firefighter Cantrell, Firefighter Miller, Firefighter Zierk, Firefighter Stauffer, Firefighter Dubeck, Firefighter Tocci, Firefighter Powell, Firefighter Knicely, Firefighter Brandt and Firefighter Witkowski. Visitors present: Mike Durik, Abigail Yutzy, Mike Stine, Scott Rupp, Debra Lowery and Marianne/Jeremy Derenberger.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Olmstead requested an executive session after department reports for purposes of employment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to approve the May 12, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 20060401)**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the March 13, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 20060402)**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the May 14, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 20060403)**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 20060404)**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the May 26, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 20060405)**

## **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$278,082.99.**

**Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 20060406)**

## **CITY OF NEW ALBANY LIAISON - MIKE DURIK**

Mr. Durik reported that they had a council meeting on Tuesday, 6/2/20, with no major ordinance activity. There was discussion about the protests that are occurring. New Albany Police coordinated with neighboring police departments to be prepared in case anything happened in our community. There were some protesters in the Market Street area this week. They were peaceful and well behaved. On Saturday, 6/6/20, there is a much larger march scheduled by a recent New Albany graduate.

Mr. Ferguson asked about how many people they expect at the march on Saturday. Mr. Durik is unsure but they will have a police presence for the march. City of Columbus is currently under a 10 p.m. curfew. Assistant Chief Rupp has arranged for two special-duty bike medics to ride along route of the march.

## **ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Collins reported that things have slowed down for Covid-19. The daily briefings and updates have moved to more weekly updates. The Township was able to acquire reusable and disposable masks from Franklin County EMA for the Township staff and elected officials. The Township is looking to open the office for limited hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The HRA had some activity that was unexpected so Mr. Collins is following up with Chard Snyder. Mr. Collins said that the tenant at 45 Second Street requested a rent reduction due to the economic impact of Covid-19 for the months of June, July and August 2020. State Health regulations has limited the number of clients they can see at one time. All trustees are in favor of this rent reduction. Mr. Olmstead made a motion to reduce the rent for GNG Music for the period of June, July, and August 2020. The reduction would be 25% off the current rent. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.

Mr. Collins reported that there were additional communities that closed their pools for the 2020 season.

## **ZONING**

Mr. Collins reported that there is a pending resolution to declare the property at 6449 Walnut Street a nuisance. The grass has not been mowed yet this year. Another issue that the Township continues to address is at 6204 Walnut Street regarding commercial dump trucks operating out of that site. 7766 Morse Road has made improvements and the Township staff continues to work with that owner to bring the property into compliance.

Mr. Collins does not expect a Board of Zoning Appeals or Zoning Commission meeting this month. The Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord has an application to hear this month regarding a property at the southwest corner of Hamilton Road and Warner Road to rezone part of the site.

Mr. Zappitelli inquired about the utilities at the vacant properties. Mr. Collins reported that the Township does not have anything in the resolutions regarding those issues. He said the Township can reach out to Franklin County Public Health to check on the condition of habitability.

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 200604Z1. A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A NUISANCE AND ORDER ABATEMENT**

**WHEREAS the overgrown weeds and vegetation located at Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001007 and located at 6449 Walnut Street, New Albany, Ohio 43054 constitute a nuisance that is present and ongoing;**

**THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby orders Todd McFarland to abate, control, or remove said overgrown weeds and vegetation that are a present and ongoing nuisance;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if said overgrown weeds and vegetation are not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provision for its abatement, control or removal is not made within seven (7) days, the Plain Township Board of Trustees shall provide for the abatement, control or removal of said nuisance;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any expenses incurred by the Plain Township Board of Trustees in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of said nuisance shall be paid out of the township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees shall make a written report to the county auditor identifying the premises and all expenses incurred in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of said nuisance. Any expenses incurred shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye**

**FIRE CHIEF SELECTION PROCESS**

Mr. Collins reported that Chief Hoovler announced his planned retirement at the end of 2019. The position was posted in March 2020. The Township received 10 qualified applications. Candidates submitted short essay responses. The Township had an initial round of interviews with 5 candidates, 3 of which were internal candidates. The Township then held final interviews with 3 candidates, 2 of which were internal candidates. The Board of Trustees had a final opportunity to review the final candidates at the May 28, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Zappitelli said that he enjoyed being a part of the process and appreciates the Board allowing him to sit in on the interviews. He felt that all the candidates were incredible and was impressed by all of them.

Mr. Rybski agreed with Mr. Zappitelli and added that it was a thorough process. They were excellent candidates.

Mr. Olmstead echoed the comments from Mr. Zappitelli and Mr. Rybski and thanked everyone who participated. It was a difficult decision because each candidate brings a different set of talents and expertise.

Mr. Ferguson said that the Board's selection for the next Fire Chief is the most qualified and experienced and has a passion for Plain Township. Mr. Ferguson announced that the next Plain

Township Fire Chief will be Jack Rupp. Assistant Chief Rupp joined the Plain Township Fire Department in 2002 as Assistant Chief. Prior to his employment with Plain Township, Chief Rupp worked at Madison Township Fire Department for 29 years, retiring as a Shift Commander in 2000. He has 20 years of experience as a flight medic. He also served as an EMS Supervisor in Delaware County.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Pharris reported that the Maintenance Department is repairing a lot of road berms. Mr. Ferguson inquired about the vandalism at the Wexner Pavilion and whether the pool had any damage. Mr. Pharris reported that the pool did not have any damage. The Maintenance Department serviced the HVAC unit at Allure Wellness and Spa. Mr. Pharris reported that the coil may need to be replaced. Mr. Olmstead asked if the pool should be gated/chained to close off the area. Mr. Collins agrees that we should do that.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Hoovler said there were 91 fire and EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting. He reported that the new medic is in service. Engine 122 is nearing completion. They are waiting to get it in for a pump test and brake test. Medic 121 had an engine oil leak but it has been repaired. The air conditioning in Medic 122 went out. Mr. Ferguson inquired if the Fire Station is still closed to the public. Chief Hoovler reported that the station is still closed. They are waiting on guidance from the CDC and Franklin County Health Department. All stations in the area remain closed to the public. Temperatures of all Firefighters, as well as contractors, are being taken and recorded daily.

### **FISCAL OFFICE**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 200604B1. Be it Resolved: To transfer \$50,000 from Fund 1000 General Fund Transfer-out line (1000-110-59010) to Fund 2171 Pool Fund Transfers-in line (2171-000-49031).**

**Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye**

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Assistant Chief Rupp thanked the Board of Trustees for their confidence.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:48 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) for appointment, employment, promotion or compensation, demotion or dismissal. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote: All Aye**

Mr. Zappitelli and Mr. Collins also attended the Executive Session.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to close out of executive 8:27 p.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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