

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of Meeting*

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:15 a.m. at the Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054.

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. Others present: Ben Collins, Bobby Pharris, Chief Rupp and Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Kerri Mollard

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Collins added an update on the Assistant Fire Chief position.

### **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$263,161.36.**

**Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 21091501)**

### **CITY LIASION – MIKE DURIK**

Mr. Durik was not in attendance.

### **TOWNSHIP RECORDS COMMISSION**

Mr. Collins reviewed the process by which the Board approves the destruction of stored documents and indicated that there is a pending list of documents scheduled for destruction for their review.

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Collins reported that construction is underway on the parking lot replacement at the Township offices.

Mr. Collins indicated that we received notice that United Health Care is providing medical loss ratio rebates for groups in Ohio. However, the Township's broker just informed Mr. Collins that our group number has been excluded from that rebate.

Mr. Collins further indicated that staff is working on the annual pool season report. He stated that it has been a record year for pool memberships and daily revenue due to the large demand for regular activities.

Mr. Collins reported that there is a Township newsletter being mailed out this week advertising the open house at the Fire station despite the unknown variable of Covid at this time. Chief Rupp indicated that they were leaning more toward a drive-thru event like last year, due to the current numbers.

Lastly, Mr. Collins indicated that there is an ODOT Township stimulus program that we are looking at for funding the Tippett Road culvert project. The Township has approximately \$10,000 of remaining CARES Act funds that need to be used by the end of 2021.

### **ZONING**

Mr. Collins indicated that we have a Zoning Hearing on October 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the New Albany Self Storage. Currently, there is no opposition to the new structure.

There was a Zoning Hearing the night prior to the Board of Trustees meeting wherein a variance was approved for the new Jorgenson Farms structure.

### **ROAD/MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Pharris indicated that the cemetery had an infestation of army worms that had to be treated.

Mr. Pharris recently had someone ask about using credit cards to pay for a cemetery lot since they had an out of state checking account. He requested that there be an update to the credit card policy allowing for residents to pay for cemetery fees with a credit card. The Board expressed concern regarding credit card service fees. The Board indicated that if the Township updates our policy to reflect that the processing fee will be passed on to the purchaser, they had no problem accepting credit cards.

Mr. Pharris reported that an access hole will be cut in the deck of the pool in an effort to look for the leak. In addition, once the pool was drained, the sump pump in the basement of the pump house stopped pumping.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Rupp indicated that there have been 44 Fire runs and 89 EMS runs since the last meeting. Chief indicated that the week started off with 17 runs on Monday alone.

Chief Rupp indicated that the Battalion Chief's job description is available for review and requested a special meeting to review it. In that session, Chief also requested discussion

regarding hiring another fire fighter since Firefighter Dubeck is leaving. Mr. Olmstead indicated that in a previous discussion with Mr. Collins, opportunity for advancement tended to be tied to Firefighter responsibilities rather than the EMS responsibilities. Further discussion may be needed in offering more advancement opportunities. A special meeting was scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm.

Chief Rupp reported that the radios are becoming obsolete. Motorola has stopped production of radios and 4-5 years after stopping production is typically when repairs stop as well.

Chief Rupp indicated that he has heard that Columbus' new fire station has been delayed once again and there is some discussion that they may move the location of the new station to the Rickenbacker Airport area, rather than closer to Plain Township.

### **FISCAL OFFICE**

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210915B1. Be It Resolved, to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022. See attached. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye**

**Mr. Rybski made a motion to pass Resolution No. 210915B2. Be it Resolved: To transfer \$116,718.00 from 1000-110-59010 (General - Transfers-Out) to 3101-000-49031 (General Bond Retirement - Pool - Transfers-In).**

**And be it resolved: To pay Chase a total of \$116,718.00 for the General Bond Retirement-Pool payment. To be paid in the amount of \$106,000.00 out of 3101-610-56010 (General Bond Retirement-Pool-Principal Pool) and \$10,718.00 out of 3101-610-56030 (General Bond Retirement-Pool-Interest). Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Olmstead indicated that there is a McCoy Board position open. In addition, Mr. Olmstead will ask Mr. Sawyers if the air conditioning has been installed and is operational. There is a McCoy Stakeholder and Board meeting coming up in October to go through financials and operations.

Mr. Olmstead indicated that he had spoken with Mike Barker about the intersection at Kitzmiller and Dublin Granville Road. Mr. Barker has indicated that there was some discussion regarding rerouting old 161 East of Kitzmiller but that the details are still being flushed out and developed. Mr. Ferguson indicated that he would like updates on this project as it develops further.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ms. Mollard brought up a recent conversation with a neighbor regarding coyote problems. The question was asked whether or not you could have a professional come out to eliminate the coyote problem. Board members indicated that this is regulated by the State, not the Township, and the question would need to be directed to them. Mr. Collins indicated that he would follow up with the resident.

Ms. Mollard also indicated that she would be willing to talk to the City of Columbus about the station placement.

Ms. Mollard also stated that she objected to fees being charged for use of a credit card for payment on cemetery lots.

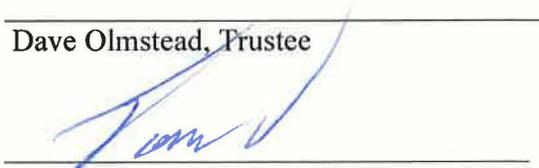
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 a.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

  
David Ferguson, Trustee

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Dave Olmstead, Trustee

  
Thomas Rybski, Trustee

  
Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer