

## 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 Rupp, Cindy Powell, Bob Pharris, Mary Fee and Courtney Rogers.

Visitors present: Representative Mary Lightbody and Mike Durik.

### ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Olmstead requested an executive session for purposes of compensation and employment at the end of the meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Mr. Rybski made a motion to approve the August 4, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. Mr. Olmstead abstained. (Resolution 20090201)**

### PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$272,086.79. Mr. Rybski seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 20090202)**

### CITY OF NEW ALBANY LIAISON -MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik reported that New Albany City Council met last night. They annexed 9 acres East of Beech Road and South of 161. He also reported that there are no active Covid-19 cases this week in New Albany.

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY LIGHTBODY

Mrs. Lightbody reported that they had a session meeting yesterday that did not deal with school reopening's. The House passed House Bill 606 which provides limited liability for schools, universities, businesses and restaurants but it cut out the workers compensation piece. It doesn't provide significant protection for first responders and essential workers. They didn't work on House Bill 6. Mrs. Lightbody said after Mr. Householder's indictment, both Democrats and Republicans were angry to hear how they were all manipulated. The House may have meetings

in the middle of September but nothing has been announced yet. Mr. Ferguson inquired about Mr. Householder still attending the session. Mrs. Lightbody said that his leadership team has not stepped aside. No one made a move to remove him from his seat because he is currently running for reelection and there is a rule in the House proceedings that a person can't be removed from office for the same offense twice.

Mr. Olmstead inquired about the taxation bill regarding paying taxes where you work. Mary Lightbody reported that they did not work on it and there was no vote. She said the Senate might be working on it.

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Collins asked Mr. Durik if the New Albany Strategic Plan has been presented to City Council for review. Mr. Durik reported that it has not been presented in total. There is a meeting to redo the capital budget and to prioritize projects on September 11, 2020. The timeline was anticipated being adopted in 2020. Mr. Durik thinks that is still likely.

Mr. Collins reported that HRA reimbursements are running ahead of 2019. Mr. Collins is working with Chard Snyder to identify some causes for the increased utilization. Mr. Collins anticipated an additional \$25,000 in claims reimbursement because of the change in insurance plan but the Township is currently ahead of that. Mr. Collins is meeting with Assured Partners to start reviewing plan options for 2021.

Mr. Collins reported that Covid-19 is improving state-wide and Franklin County was reduced to the Orange Level. Some school districts are moving up their hybrid instruction.

Gregory Gould with GNG will be providing his financial reports to the Board of Trustees for review later this month.

Mr. Collins had discussions with Mr. Pharris, Chief Rupp and Mr. Rybski regarding the concrete needs at the Fire Station. They are making a plan to address the back drive this year.

Mr. Collins discussed options for disposing of Engine 123 with Chief Rupp. It has not been utilized by the department for a number of years. It has been lent out to the Delaware Area Career Center for the last couple of years. Mr. Olmstead inquired about whether the Township can donate the Engine to the Career Center. The truck needs about \$4,000 of improvements to bring it to a safe and usable condition.

Mr. Collins reported that there is a 37 acre property on Walnut Street with a potential development. The development would be 2.5 acre lots, served by wells and onsite septic. It would not go through rezoning. A rendering was distributed to the Fire Department and Legal Counsel for review.

Mr. Collins gave an update on the Big Walnut sewer trunk expansion project. It's an \$89 million dollar project with a 2025 completion date. As part of the project, there will be an access shaft on Walnut Street next to Union Cemetery that will serve the 700 unit development. City of Columbus is requesting a perpetual easement from Plain Township to run the sewer under Union Cemetery. Mr. Collins thinks we should document and catalog the condition of the monuments at Union Cemetery. The City of Columbus offered \$2,440 as compensation for the easement.

### **ZONING**

Mr. Collins reported that he is working on a couple of zoning violation complaints. He was able to work with the Franklin County Prosecutor's office to get the dump trucks on Walnut Street

removed. Mr. Collins is working to clear the lot of a property on Harlem Road with a number of inoperable and unlicensed vehicles, a boat, a dump truck and household items.

### ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris reported that they received a quote from the Franklin County Engineer's Office to complete the work on Bevelhymer Road. It was more work than the Maintenance Department was going to be able to do on their own. Mr. Ferguson inquired as to when the work will begin and end. Mr. Pharris has not discussed that with Franklin County yet.

Mr. Pharris also reported that they are working to fix a drainage problem on Wilbur Road. He needs to dig a ditch from the tile to the creek however he does not feel comfortable using the back hoe to do this because the power lines between two houses are very low.

The Maintenance Department also installed the slide at the pool today. The pad needs to be replaced in the small pool.

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 200902M1. Be it Resolved, to pay the Franklin County Engineer's Office an amount not exceed \$22,469.59 for road maintenance and repairs to the unincorporated portion of Bevelhymer Road, north of Walnut Street to replace a failed drainage tile within the roadway, according to the attached estimates, to be paid out of 2141-330-53060 (Roads – Contracts).**

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

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp said there were 102 fire and EMS runs since the last Board of Trustees meeting. Chief Rupp reported that they were only 9 runs behind August 2019 but they are 260 runs behind 2019 YTD. Chief Rupp reported that the MECC contracted with Mount Carmel Occupational Health to do the Township's Covid-19 testing. They are only charging the cost of the test. Chief Rupp reported that they found some wear on a brake line going to the rear brakes on Medic 123 during a routine preventative maintenance inspection.

Prior to the Board of Trustees going into Executive Session, Chief Rupp asked for clarification on how the Board wants him to proceed with Engine 123. Mr. Olmstead suggested Chief Rupp ask Delaware County Career Center if they are interested in purchasing the Engine for a low fee before listing it on GovDeals.com. Chief Rupp said that storage of the Engine is currently a problem. When the program at the career center was shut down, they asked the Township to pick up the vehicle. It was being stored at the New Albany Service compound but they asked the Fire Department to remove it. It is currently being stored at Abercrombie and Fitch.

### FISCAL OFFICE

Mr. Ferguson inquired as to the restrictions on the CARES Act funding and what the Township is able to use the funds for. Mrs. Powell reported that the funds can only be used for direct Covid-19 related expenses. Mr. Collins said that the Treasury Office dictates the guidelines for expenditures of the CARES Act dollars. The biggest clarification for the Township was that the

personnel cost includes fringe benefits which means we can charge out insurance and overhead costs. Mr. Ferguson inquired about rent forgiveness for businesses that are under duress. Mr. Collins said they could potentially be eligible. No Ohio Townships have adopted a small business loan or grant program. He doesn't recommend setting one up because it would be challenging. Mrs. Powell reported that the Township has \$100,827.04 left in CARES Act funds.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Olmstead about the funds the Township is contributing to the McCoy Center for the Arts Capital Fund. He wanted to know what large capital projects the McCoy Center was going to be undertaking. Mr. Olmstead reported that the only projects are the current repair projects such as painting, lighting, etc. Mr. Ferguson reported that the New Albany Community Foundation is going to offer the Jefferson Series virtually at no charge.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mr. Olmstead made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:52 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 8:21 p.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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