

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. Ferguson led the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Ferguson, Kerri Mollard and Jill Beckett-Hill. Others present: Fiscal Officer, Bud Zappitelli, Ben Collins, Chief Rupp, Assistant Chief Connor, Bobby Pharris, and Courtney Rogers.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Mollard indicated that she had an update in old business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22092101)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$240,633.92. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22092102)

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins attended the New Albany City Council meeting and reported that 41 acres on Walnut Street, east of 605, were annexed to the City of New Albany from Plain Township. Pulte Homes had been considering a residential development site, but pulled out of the deal. The property owners still desire to move forward with the annexation process.

Mr. Collins advised the residents on Alice Drive in the Taylor Estates neighborhood are very concerned about speeding. Mr. Collins reached out to Deputy Upton and the County Prosecutor's office about installing a speed bump. The area is outside the city limits so city officers do not have jurisdiction.

The township liaison positions were discussed. Mr. Ferguson will take over for Mr. Rybski at the City Council meetings and Ms. Beckett-Hill will be the school's liaison.

Mr. Collins advised the FormFire census email that addresses health insurance needs will be coming out soon. He noted that we have had many new employees since March 2020. In response to Mr. Ferguson's inquires, Mr. Collins advised we have 57 employees eligible for health insurance and that part time employees are ineligible for insurance. Mr. Collins also noted that OSU Wellness offered township employees access to the Heit Center on a trial basis during the month of May. Mr. Collins expressed interest in continuing to allow township employees to use the Heit Center for \$10/visit.

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported that the Blacklick Accord unanimously approved the Hamlet at Sugar Run development as did the City Planning Commission. The density is less and there are no more massive apartment structures. It will have individual townhome/condominium structures.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris reported that Mr. Hollis is happy to be working at Plain Township. He also reported that Patterson Pools pushed back the installation of the pool box because of bad weather.

Mr. Collins reported that he will have the 2022 Pool Report ready to present at the first meeting in October. He indicated the pool profits will not cover the capital needs of the pool, noting the cost of the heater, paint, filter covers, umbrella covers, and a new ice machine.

Mr. Pharris also reported that they are cleaning up the barn.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp reported that there were 36 Fire and 76 EMS runs since the last Board meeting.

Chief Rupp also reported that 2 interns have started and the crew has done a nice job of welcoming them. The interns had a busy first couple of days. There are 9 part-time employees total and 6 of them are interns. All have experience except for one, and all will be paired with mentors. Chief Rupp and Assistant Chief Connor explained it takes 6 months to become an EMT and 12-14 months to become a paramedic.

Firefighter Anthony Salamone was recently permitted to return to work after his accident and additional physical therapy was approved. Lieutenant Mark Powell passed his neurological test, but the neurologist recommended he "not overdo it."

Assistant Chief Connor updated the Board on the new Fire Station security system. All employees are receiving key fobs to enter the building. There will only be 2 keypads left to gain entrance to the Fire Station. This is in case someone is called in for an emergency and does not have their key fob on them.

Chief Rupp reported that the roof repairs are nearing completion. The flashing is finished and the seams on the gutters are done. However, Chief Rupp noticed one was dripping in the back and will have it repaired. He also reported that the traffic pre-emption sign is in and training will be provided.

Ms. Mollard inquired as to whether we give the City of New Albany an annual update on the Township's services, i.e., Fire, Pool, etc. She believes it will be helpful for the City Council to see the impact the 55+ communities have had on our Fire Department.

Assistant Chief Connor updated the Board on the progress of the Strategic Plan. They have finalized the data submission, which is Phase 1. The Fire Department expects to have the final report by March 1, 2023.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220921F1. Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached job description for the position of Fire Lieutenant. Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Resolution No. 220921F2 was tabled to the next meeting on October 5, 2023

FISCAL OFFICE

The August 2022 Bank Reconciliation and Month End reports were presented.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220921B1. Be it resolved: to appropriate \$27,000 of funds certified but not yet appropriated to Fund 2111-220-54022 (Fire – Supplies-Uniforms). Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Zappitelli reported that the Fiscal Office will be working with Assistant Chief Connor on a new payroll system for the Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Mollard attended the Joint Parks District meeting and would like Dave Wharton to present the new fieldhouse proposal at a Plain Township Trustee meeting. Ms. Mollard also reported that City Councilmember Shull said that New Albany is proceeding with the pickleball courts despite the increased costs. Lastly, she asked about a communications assessment as she would like to come up with a plan.

The Fire Station open house is scheduled for October 9, 2022. There was conflicting information shared about the hours of the event. Mr. Ferguson will follow up on a funding request for the Chili Cook-off. Discussion ensued about requesting donations for the Fire Department.

Ms. Beckett-Hill asked for an update on the new Township website. Mr. Collins reported that the template and design have been laid out and the content has been moved to the new site. Mr. Collins will email a link to the new website.

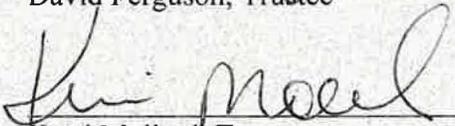
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 a.m. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:



David Ferguson, Trustee



Kerri Mollard, Trustee



Jill Beckett-Hill, Trustee



Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer