

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, Bobby Pharris, Mary Fee, Battalion Chief Sponaugle, Battalion Chief Ecleberry, Deputy Upton and Courtney Rogers.

Mr. Zappitelli left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Mollard requested an executive session before the Maintenance Report. She also indicated that Resolution 220824A1 was added to the agenda, and Deputy Upton is present to provide an update. Mike Durik, the New Albany City Council liaison, will not be in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mollard made a motion to approve the August 3, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes with one typographical correction. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22082401)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$464,465.94. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22082402)

Ms. Mollard inquired if the pool refunds were due to pool complaints. Mr. Collins advised they were for pool rental deposits that were returned after the rental and one recent request for a membership refund due to a death in the family and moving out of state.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF – DEPUTY UPTON

Deputy Upton reported that the Franklin County Sheriff's office is paying close attention to the school zones now that schools are back in session. Mr. Ferguson asked whether they have jurisdiction in the parks. Deputy Upton reported that they have jurisdiction anywhere in Franklin County and can partner with local departments to provide resources and additional manpower.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported that Chief Rupp and Chief Connor are in San Antonio, Texas, for a conference. Good progress is being made on the fire station roof project. All SIP panels have been replaced and the contractor will start on the shingles this week. It is estimated that 2 weeks of work are left on the project, but it may take longer due to scheduling constraints.

The annual Storm Water meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2022, at the Board of Trustees meeting. The New Albany Chamber of Commerce will have a community update luncheon on September 15, 2022, and the fire station open house will be October 9, 2022.

The Wilbur Road drainage improvement project was approved and will be completed this year. The county engineer is presently looking for a contractor. The New Albany Company has a project north of Pine Meadows wherein it appears the storm water pipe was moved without notifying the township, its residents, or the county engineer. Mr. Collins will meet with a New Albany Company's Development Director and Mr. Pharris will meet with the Franklin County Engineer's office to discuss the matter. Ms. Mollard requested that Mr. Collins stay in contact with the homeowners. The challenge is that these are ¼ acre lots with small drip systems that are 30 years old. The lots are too small and the soil conditions are incompatible with onsite septic. The homeowners are left with either replacing their systems or installing an aerator which requires a discharge to the storm water system. Mr. Ferguson asked if there were discussions about getting city water and sewer to these homes. Mr. Collins reported that the sewer system is too far away to be accessible.

Lastly, bids have been requested to replace the fire station's dry suppression system.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824A1. Be it resolved that Trustee Kerri Mollard is hereby appointed to serve as a liaison representing Plain Township to the New Albany Joint Parks District Board.

Be it further resolved, that Mary Fee is hereby appointed to serve as an alternate liaison representing Plain Township to the New Albany Joint Parks District Board.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:32 a.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) for appointment, employment, promotion or compensation, demotion, or dismissal. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

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

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to close out of executive session at 8:38 a.m. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ZONING

Ms. Mollard inquired about the site plan images from Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord. Mr. Collins reported that one location is a 3-unit multi-story housing south of Central College and west of Hamilton Road, and the other location is on the north side of Central College, east of Harlem Road.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824Z1.

WHEREAS reasonable attempts have been made to contact Isato Kamara, the record owner of Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001202 and located at 5370 Central College Road, Westerville, OH, regarding overgrown weeds and vegetation; and

WHEREAS the overgrown weeds and vegetation located at Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001202 and located at 5370 Central College Road, Westerville, OH constitute a nuisance that is present and ongoing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby orders Isato Kamara 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.

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Mollard asked about the abandoned vehicles on the property. Mr. Collins explained that a different statute applies to inoperable vehicles and it was not clear that the vehicles were covered by the statute at this time.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris reported that he is meeting with the Franklin County Engineer's office regarding Pine Meadows, and work should begin on Wilbur Road in the next week or two.

Mr. Collins reported that the heater for the pool has been ordered. Patterson Pools is scheduled to replace the distribution box at the pool after Labor Day.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824M1. Be it Resolved, to offer Doug Hollis employment as a Maintenance Worker, at the rate of \$24.00 per hour, at 40 hours per week, with three weeks of vacation to start, and eligible for benefits including Ohio Public Employees Retirement contributions, medical insurance, vision insurance, and dental insurance. Mr. Ferguson seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824M2. Be it Resolved, to offer Corey Fleig employment as a Maintenance Worker, at the rate of \$24.00 per hour, at 40 hours per week, with three weeks of vacation to start, and eligible for benefits including Ohio Public Employees Retirement contributions, medical insurance, vision insurance, and dental insurance. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Battalion Chief Sponaugle reported that there were 51 Fire and 123 EMS runs since the last Board meeting.

The Beau Schoener Memorial golf outing was held on August 5, 2022.

The Fire Department had special duty crews working the Pelotonia event the weekend of August 6th. There were no major issues. The fire department charges \$50 per hour for privately funded events.

The Fire Department completed a fire safety inspection of the old IKOR building which is housing Cornerstone Academy's high school students while its new facility is underway.

Mr. Collins advised that Google's structure on Babbitt Road has an estimated new construction value of \$30 million according to the City of New Albany. Ms. Mollard noted the expansion of New Albany Ballet Company.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824F1. Be it resolved to approve out-of-state travel for four (4) fire department members to attend the EMS WORLD EXPO. The amount is not to exceed \$5,850.00 for conference expenses including registration fees,

meals, lodging, travel, and incidentals to be paid out of fund 2281-230-58018 (EMS Other-Training). The program will be held in Orlando, Florida on October 11-13, 2022.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824F2. Be it resolved to offer conditional employment to Nicholas Kidd as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic through a lateral transfer at an enhanced pay of step 3 for 7 years of service pending results from the background check. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824F3. Be it resolved to offer conditional employment to Brooke Curtis as a part-time Firefighter Paramedic pending results from the background check. Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

FISCAL OFFICE

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

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824B1. Be it resolved: to appropriate \$175,000 of funds certified but not yet appropriated to fund 2111-220-54034 (Fire – Tools and Equipment - EMS). Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220824B2. Be it resolved to increase Appropriations by \$77,966.20 to Fund 1000-110-59010 (General-Transfers-Out). Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to increase the Finance Officer's hourly rate by \$2.00 an hour. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye. A resolution will be presented at the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Collins emailed millage detail and meeting minutes from the Joint Parks Department to the Trustees. Mr. Ferguson requested information concerning the number of police responses at Thompson Park and how the field rentals are handled.

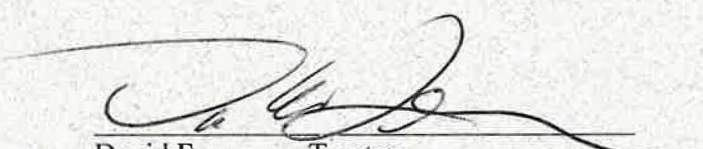
Ms. Mollard met with Dave Wharton and Brian Smith of Parks and Recreation to discuss the proposed field house which is 77,000 square feet. She will provide details of the meeting at the next Plain Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Ms. Beckett-Hill requested a meeting with CAPA and the McCoy Board, and will provide an update soon.

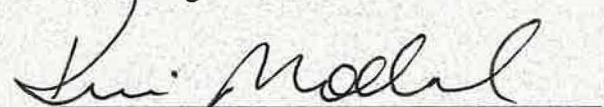
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

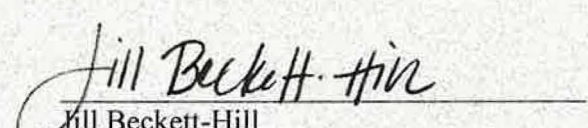
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:



David Ferguson, Trustee



Kerri Mollard, Trustee



Jill Beckett-Hill



Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer