

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, Kerri Mollard, and Dave Olmstead. Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer, was present. Others present: Chief Rupp, Assistant Chief Connor, Ben Collins, Battalion Chief Travis Dudley, Bobby Pharris, Deputy Ken Upton, and Courtney Rogers.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions or corrections were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to approve the December 30, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Ms. Mollard abstained. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22011901)

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$412,424.27. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 22011902)

DEPUTY KEN UPTON

Deputy Upton reported that the church North of Central College on State Route 62 had a catalytic converter stolen from a vehicle. This is the second time in a year.

Mr. Ferguson asked about accidents on State Route 62. Deputy Upton indicated that there have not been many accidents but that he is keeping an eye on reports.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins indicated that he has been reviewing pool rates in comparison to other local pools and will be submitting those quotes to the Board.

With regard to the letterhead, Mr. Ferguson indicated that he preferred the header of the old letterhead. Ms. Mollard indicated she preferred the newer letterhead. Everyone agreed that they preferred the listing of individual phone number to residence address. No opinion was offered by the fiscal office.

ZONING

Mr. Collins indicated that there has been a recent inquiry regarding the property at Walnut Street and Bevelhymer Road for single family housing. Mr. Collins indicated that under township zoning, development would be limited to 2.5 acre lots.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris reported that we have recently had some snow and ice, and ended up having issues with the 2016 dump truck. The rear springs need to be repaired.

Additionally, the electric plow for the pickup may need to be replaced as they no longer make parts for that plow.

Mr. Pharris indicated that he has been getting quotes for mowers. A rear discharge mower is \$12,324 from BPS. Currently the mowers have 600 or more hours. They are about 3 years old and they are out of warranty.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rupp indicated that there has been 45 Fire and 129 EMS runs since the last meeting. He stated that there has been a significant increase in out of township EMS runs, with over 50% going out of Plain Township.

Chief Rupp indicated that the promotion ceremony is being limited to the individuals and their immediate families only. It should be around 40 people. Reception will be held in the bay to limit Covid exposure.

Chief Rupp stated that there is a current injured firefighter who is struggling with some nerve pain. Some discussion ensued regarding how the Township can assist in his recovery.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220119F1. Be it resolved to offer conditional employment to Clinton Lainge as a full-time Firefighter Paramedics through a lateral transfer at an enhanced pay of step 2 for 3 years of service pending results from the background check. Mr. Olmstead seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Olmstead made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220119F2.

WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees has published notice of a Request For Proposals to complete a Fire Department Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals and interviewing the firms, the best qualified firm is determined to be Fitch & Associates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

- 1. That the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby awards the consulting services contract to prepare and complete a new Plain Township Fire Department Master Plan to Fitch & Associates and authorizes payment up to the amount of \$49,995.**

**Fitch & Associates
2901 Williamsburg Terrace, #G
Platte City, Missouri 64079**

- 2. That the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement with Fitch & Associates to provide the necessary consulting services to prepare and complete the Plain Township Fire Department Master Plan consistent with the Request For Proposals and the proposal submitted by Fitch & Associates. All deliverables identified in the Request For Proposal will be required to be included in the final Plain Township Fire Department Master Plan.**
- 3. That this Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Board, all in compliance with Ohio law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.**
- 4. That this Resolution is declared to be in full force and effect from the earliest date allowed by law.**

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

FISCAL OFFICE

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 220119B1.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Plain Township met in regular session on January 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34, the Franklin County Auditor's Office has made it possible for Advances on Real Estate Tax Settlements to be distributed via electronic transfer; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Plain Township Fiscal Officer is hereby directed by the Plain Township Board of Trustees to request an advance on all funds, as they become available during fiscal year 2022.

Mr. Olmstead seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ferguson inquired as to whether or not the Township should be refreshing our land use plan. He stated that the last update was in 2012. In response, Mr. Collins indicated that the current land use plan was adopted in 2008. He clarified that an update was prepared in 2012 but not adopted. Mr. Collins said he will review and see if there are recommendations that the Township should be considering.

Mr. Olmstead reported that he has received a note from the Community Foundation that the Abby Wambach February lecture has been moved online.

Ms. Mollard suggested partnering with Healthy New Albany regarding a virtual town hall regarding questions and concerns about Covid. Franklin County Public Health will be submitting a medical doctor and a mental health professional for the panel, and she recommended Chief Rupp as a panel member.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 a.m. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


David Ferguson, Trustee


Dave Olmstead, Trustee


Kerri Mollard, Trustee


Bud Zupitelli, Fiscal Officer