

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in a special session at 6:30 p.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: Administrator Ben Collins, Chief Connor, Assistant Chief Ecleberry, Fiscal Officer, Bud Zappitelli, and Finance Officer Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Mark Wilson, Deputy Upton, Pete Griggs, Tom Spyker, Theresa Dean, Jeanine Hummer.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Mollard has new business to discuss. Ms. Beckett-Hill has old business to discuss. Mr. Collins and Mr. Ferguson both requested an executive session at the end of the meeting. The ORC 505.38 Hearing will be moved to the Executive session.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$530,384.59.

Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 23041201)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the March 22, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 23041202)

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS LIASON-MARK WILSON

Mr. Wilson reported that the school district will be sending out a survey to all parents of children in the district soon. It is a relatively short survey, and the district is hoping for high participation to get the best results. A survey will be sent out to the greater community at a later date. Ms. Mollard shared that she and Mr. Wilson met previously over coffee to discuss career pathways, as well as training and CPR for coaches and staff of the school district.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-DEPUTY UPTON

Deputy Upton did not have an update for the Board.

Mr. Ferguson asked Deputy Upton if the Sheriff's Department patrols Thompson Park. Deputy Upton reported that Thompson Park would be handled by the Columbus City Police but that the Sheriff's office would assist if needed.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins discussed with the Board that there is another Opioid Settlement that the Township needs to opt-in to before the April 18, 2023 deadline if the Township would like to receive these funds.

Mr. Collins also presented the proposal from Prime AE to provide additional engineering services for the pool slide tower. The slide is functional and fine to use for the 2023 pool season and Mr. Collins would like to refurbish the slide tower at the end of the season.

Mr. Collin also reported that pool membership sales are on target with last year's sales. Staff expects to allow Saturday night pool rentals, but the staff is analyzing costs to develop the rental fees for 2023. The maintenance staff will be painting the pool floor this Spring. There is \$100,000 facility maintenance scheduled for this year. The lifeguard market is going to be competitive this year. The starting hourly rate for new lifeguards at the Plain Township Aquatic Center is \$13.25.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230412A1. WHEREAS, Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio (herein "Plain Township") is a township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Teva, an Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant, has agreed to a national opioid settlement in the amount up to \$3.34 billion over 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Allergan, an Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant, has agreed to a national opioid settlement in the amount up to \$2.02 billion over 7 years; and

WHEREAS, CVS, an Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant, has agreed to a national opioid settlement in the amount up to \$4.90 billion over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Walgreens, an Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant, has agreed to a national opioid settlement in the amount up to \$5.52 billion over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Walmart, an Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participant, has agreed to a national opioid settlement in the amount up to \$2.74 billion within 6 years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has opted into these settlements, and, in order for the City of Kirtland to be an eligible subdivision and obtain any funds, must also opt-in to these settlements;

WHEREAS, the settlement amount for each political subdivision will be determinative upon the number of states and subdivisions opt-in; and

WHEREAS, Plain Township wishes to opt into the proposed settlements.

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

Section 1. That the Township Administrator is authorized to take any and all steps necessary to opt-in and participate in the settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. The Township Administrator is authorized to execute any and all forms or documents in the furtherance of this authorization.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of Plain Township. The reason for the emergency is to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

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

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230412A2.

Whereas, the Plain Township Board of Trustees has approved a pool management contract, including opening and closing, with SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. for the 2023 pool season, according to an addendum in the amount of \$231,288 out of fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts).

Be it resolved, to correct Resolution 230322A2 for the May 2023 pool payment from \$34,639.20 to \$34,693.20 from fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts) according to the attached schedule. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported that Mary Fee has been very busy with variance hearings. There is a public hearing tomorrow night for the Zoning Commission for the rezoning of 8 acres on Walnut Street west of Schleppi Road. They are requesting a rezoning from Rural to Select Commercial Planned District for a storage facility at the old Easter Oil site. This will go to the Franklin County Planning Commission for a hearing and then it will come back to the Board of Trustees in May for a final approval. Ms. Mollard said that she thinks it is a good use of the land.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Collins reported that the maintenance staff are transitioning from the renovation work at the fire station and maintenance office to outside work. The maintenance staff will be painting the pool very soon and mowing has started. Mr. Collins also reported that there have been quite a few funerals already this year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

There have been 63 Fire runs and 154 EMS runs since the last meeting.

Chief Connor reported that all the preventative maintenance has been performed on the trucks. He also reported that Plain Township and the Westerville Fire Department have performed joint training. Plain Township also completed Fire Officer 3 training for leadership development. Chief Connor plans to hold a Fire Officer 4 training at a later date. Chief Connor also updated the Board on Assistant Chief Ecleberry's transition to his new role.

Chief Connor explained that the changes to the Lateral Transfer Policy are to avoid over legislating the hiring policy. He is requesting that some of the certification and licensing requirements be removed from the policy, as well as who is involved in the interviews, and the pay schedule.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322F1. Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Plain Township hereby amends the Plain Township Fire Department Lateral Transfer Firefighter Policy first adopted on October 21, 2020 to allow the hiring of a veteran firefighter without sitting for the National Testing Network exam or other written tests. Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Regarding the Tabled Resolution 230215F3, Chief Connor would like to pause on moving forward with this resolution. He does not think this is the best time with summer and vacation season approaching. He would like to investigate other options and providers. It was suggested that Chief Connor provide an update on options in July with the intent to move forward with training in the fall. Mr. Ferguson would like to see a training plan that addresses culture.

TABLED RESOLUTION 230215F3 DIES ON THE TABLE

Ms. Mollard asked Chief Connor for an update on the Strategic Plan. The Chief sent 6 attachments from Fitch and Associates to the Board. He requested that the Board of Trustees review these documents and send any comments or errors to him. Chief Connor would like to get feedback to Fitch and Associates before they send the final document.

FISCAL OFFICE

The March 2023 Bank Reconciliation and Month-end reports were presented, as well as the March 2023 credit card statements.

There was a discussion regarding changing to UKG for payroll processing and timekeeping. Although the difference in monthly cost for the payroll system is comparable to the current fees with ADP, there are additional costs associated with the added benefits, such as timekeeping, HR administration, employee management, etc. There is also a significant one-time setup fee. The Board is amenable to switching to UKG for the added efficiency it will provide. However, Mr. Ferguson would like to see if the Township could negotiate the set-up costs.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Beckett-Hill updated the Board on the status of the Fire Station renovations. She said that the work is 95% complete. Mr. Ferguson asked if the bathrooms were going to be remodeled this year. It was mentioned that there are higher priority projects, such as the front concrete driveway. The bathroom renovations might be moved to 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mollard reported on the New Albany Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The site for the new recreation center was announced. It will be located on the corner of Bevelhymer Road and Walnut Street. Construction is expected to start later this year. Mr. Collins noted that the plans for the recreation center will come through Plain Township Zoning.

Mr. Ferguson commented that the city is actively surveying for the roundabout at State Route 605 and Walnut Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:15 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) for discipline and personnel. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Collins, Mr. Zappitelli, Chief Connor, Assistant Chief Ecleberry, Mr. Spyker, Mr. Griggs, Ms. Dean, and Ms. Hummer attended the Executive Session.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to close out of executive session 8:18 p.m. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ACTION:

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to continue the ORC 505.38 hearing, at the request of the employee, to a date to be determined but not more than 45 days from today, and authorizing the township administrator to schedule the hearing date in coordination with the employee's attorney. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson noted that this is the second extension.

ADJOURNMENT

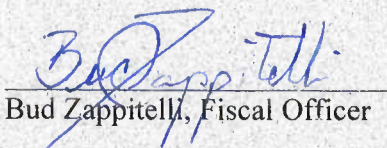
Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


David Ferguson, Trustee


Kerri Mollard, Trustee


Jill Beckett-Hill, Trustee


Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer