

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in a special session at 6:05 p.m. at the Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054.

Ms. Mollard called the meeting to order. Ms. Mollard led the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members Present: Kerri Mollard and Jill Beckett-Hill. Others present: Administrator Ben Collins, Chief Connor, Assistant Chief Ecleberry, Battalion Chief Sponaugle, Battalion Chief Dudley, Captain Pabst, Lieutenant Herren, Acting Lieutenant Zierk, Firefighter Reynolds, Firefighter Pershing, Administrative/Zoning Coordinator Mary Fee, and Finance Officer Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Families of the Firefighters and Dr. Graylin Stargell.

Mr. Ferguson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Bud Zappitelli was absent.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Collins added Resolution 230322F6 to the agenda.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Mollard made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$160,227.64.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 23032201)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mollard made a motion to approve the March 15, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 23032202)

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported to the Board that the group retrospective rating program for the Bureau of Workers Compensation, administered by Sedgwick, is expecting up to a \$40,000 retroactive rebate. He also noted that the administrative fee increased 5% since last year.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322A1. Be it resolved, to pay Sedgwick, Inc., PO Box 89456, Cleveland, Ohio 44101, the amount of \$7,170.00 as a service fee for third-party administration for the group retro rating program and enroll Plain

Township in the BWC Group Retrospective Rating Program for the period beginning January 1, 2024, according to the attached agreement, to be paid out of the following funds.

1000-110-58099	GEN	\$ 605.89
2141-330-58099	ROADS	\$ 301.80
2111-220-58099	FIRE	\$ 6,262.31

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

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322A2.

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 set aside and pay the May pool management payment in the amount of \$34,639.20 from fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts) according to the attached schedule.

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Collins also reported that we received the 90% engineering for the fire station's concrete and pavement repairs. The engineer's estimate is \$515,000 which is better than expected. The project will be bid out by May and repairs completed by September 2023.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Collins reviewed the resolution to approve the annual road maintenance, noting the crack sealing of township roads will be completed. He also advised that the Township and the City of New Albany are discussing Bevelhymer Road, south of Walnut, with regards to the Bob Webb project. This area of Bevelhymer Road will get a new surface, be widened two feet to the west, and the culvert will be replaced. Future improvements include updates to the storm water ditches on the east side.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322M1. Be it Resolved: To pay the Franklin County Engineers Office, an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for crack sealing of Plain Township roads to be paid out of fund 2021-330-53060 (Gasoline Tax – Contracts).

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Connor addressed all employees and attendees. He thanked the candidates for their hard work and dedication and expressed excitement for the leadership changes.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322F1. Be it resolved to promote acting lieutenant Beau Zierk to the position of Lieutenant effective on the pay period beginning April 1, 2023. Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322F2. Be it resolved to promote firefighter paramedic Colby Reynolds to the position of Lieutenant effective on the pay period beginning April 1, 2023. Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322F3. Be it resolved to promote firefighter paramedic Joe Pershing to the position of Lieutenant effective on the pay period beginning April 1, 2023. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322F4. Be it resolved to promote Lieutenant Joe Herren to the position of Captain effective on the pay period beginning April 1, 2023. Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322F5. Be it resolved to promote Captain Chris Pabst to the position of Battalion Chief effective on the pay period beginning April 1, 2023. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322F6. Be it resolved to offer conditional employment to part-time firefighter Austin Gootee as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic at step 1 pending results from a background check and physical. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Assistant Fire Chief Ecleberry was also sworn in. Chief Connor reminded everyone that there would be a pinning ceremony and reception on April 20, 2023. Chief Connor thanked Dr. Stargell, the fire department's professional development instructor, for attending the ceremony.

FISCAL OFFICE

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230322B1. Be it Resolved: To transfer \$8,213.25 from the General Fund Transfer-Out line (1000-110-59010) to the General Bond Retirement - Pool Fund Transfer-In line (3101-000-49031).

And be it resolved: To pay Chase for the Pool Bond Payment in the amount of \$8,213.25 out of General Bond Retirement-Pool-Interest (3101-610-56030).

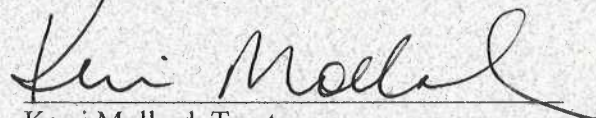
Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Roll Call Vote: All Aye

ADJOURNMENT

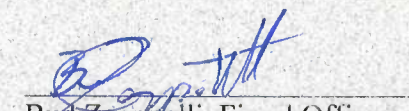
Ms. Mollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


David Ferguson, Trustee


Kerri Mollard, Trustee


Jill Beckett-Hill, Trustee


Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer