

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in a special session at 11:04 a.m. at the Township Office, 45 2nd Street, 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, and Finance Officer Courtney Rogers

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Mollard made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$633,299.57.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 23122701)

Ms. Mollard asked what the Township is doing about the dispatching contract with MECC. Chief Connor explained that he is looking into options. He questions the sustainability of the MECC and thinks they need to bring in other fire departments. MECC performed a cost analysis that would benefit Plain Township. There is a 90-day required notice to leave MECC. Licking County is looking into a population-based fee schedule for their dispatching system.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 231227A1. Be it Resolved to set aside and pay Whitewater West Industries Ltd. up to \$261,531 for furnishing the necessary demolition, labor, materials, services, equipment, design and/or engineering in connection with the following: removal and replacement of the existing slide tower, consisting of all slide tower components, except for the slide itself, slide entryways, and three main support columns, to authorize the township administrator to execute a contract on behalf of Plain Township, and to pay the cost out of fund 1000-120-58099 (General – Other Expenses). Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 231227B1.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Plain Township met in a special session on December 27, 2023; 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 2024.

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

Mr. Collins reported that valuations are up 34% over last year. This is expected to add \$350,000 to the General Fund, \$100,000 to the Roads fund, and \$200,000 to the Fire fund. Commercial will be higher than residential. And the receipts from the City of New Albany for the TIF agreements should be substantially higher because of the Google building.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 231227F1.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has received a letter of resignation from Fire Marshal Terry Guthrie stating that his last day of employment will be January 2, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation of the work performed by Fire Marshal Terry Guthrie during his 21 years with Plain Township and thanks him for his contributions to Plain Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Plain Township accepts the resignation of Fire Marshal Terry Guthrie effective as of January 2, 2024.

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

Chief Connor explained that Fire Marshall Guthrie is moving into the private sector with a substantial pay increase.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 231227F2.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has received a letter of resignation from Lieutenant/EMS Coordinator Mark Powell stating that his last day of employment will be January 8, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation of the work performed by Lieutenant/EMS Coordinator Mark Powell during his 17 years with Plain Township and thanks him for his contributions to Plain Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Plain Township accepts the resignation of Lieutenant/EMS Coordinator Mark Powell effective as of January 8, 2024.

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Mollard made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 11:29 a.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) for employment, compensation. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Chief Connor, Chief Ecleberry, and Ben Collins attended the Executive Session.

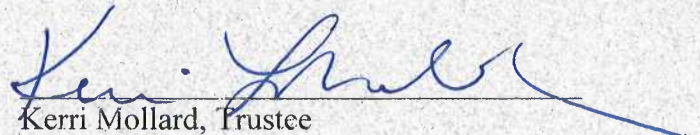
Ms. Mollard made a motion to close out of executive session 12:15 p.m. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

David Ferguson, Trustee


Kerri Mollard, Trustee


Jill Beckett-Hill, Trustee


Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer