

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 6:30 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, Jill Beckett-Hill and Dave Ferguson. Others present: Fiscal Officer Bud Zappitelli, Township Administrator Ben Collins, Assistant Chief Ecleberry, Township Zoning Coordinator Mary Fee, Senior Maintenance Specialist Michael Bullard, Maintenance Specialist Fleig, and Finance Officer Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Mark Wilson, Mike Durik, Deputy Upton, and Jon Heider.

FISCAL OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Zappitelli was sworn in by Mr. Ferguson.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Collins noted that Resolution F2 has was updated.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

**Ms. Mollard made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$329,666.36.
Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 24040301)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mollard made a motion to approve the March 20, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 24040302)

CITY LIASON – MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik noted that the City Council meeting was cancelled due to the expected severe weather the previous night. He did not have an update.

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS-MARK WILSON

Mr. Wilson shared that school is closed on Monday, April 8, 2024, for the eclipse.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERRIF-DEPUTY UPTON

Deputy Upton had nothing new to report.

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE - JON HEIDER

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) provides development support, planning and sustainability, data research and mapping, and several other services to the central Ohio region. Mr. Heider gave a brief update on transportation and infrastructure. He noted that the population within their service area is 2.4M today and expects it to grow to 3.1M by 2050. He presented density maps as well as maps showing construction of new roads and road improvements. The goals of MORPC are to create sustainable neighborhoods, attract and retain economic opportunities, protect natural resources, increase regional collaboration and innovation transportation solutions, provide transportation and mobility options, and reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources. Ms. Mollard brought up the U-shaped New Albany Road as a problem area and requested Mr. Heider look into solutions for this road and intersection.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported that pool membership sales are even with last year, which was the Township's best year. Staff are slowly rolling out additional details and membership benefits.

Mr. Collins attended the Franklin County stormwater partnership meeting where National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) were discussed. Funding has been allocated for failing systems, however it is income contingent. Household incomes of \$73,000 are eligible for 50% funding. The Township will communicate this information through social media. The resident that would like to build a new house and discharge into the township stormwater system would not qualify because their system is not failing. Currently there is a perpetual easement prohibiting any construction activity below the ground, so tapping into the regional sewer trunk is not a viable option currently. The New Albany Company is willing to begin a discussion about exploring available options.

Mr. Collins attended a LinkUs meeting to discuss pedestrian and bicycle path projects. Plain Township roads are not ideal for paths since most of the roads are 55 mph. The priority will be connecting any new subdivisions to the leisure trails.

The Clouse Road project is out for bids. The Franklin County Engineer has estimated the project will cost approximately \$445,000. He will update residents on the status of the project.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 240403A1.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 9.482 permits a political subdivision to enter into agreements with other political subdivisions under which a contracting political subdivision agrees to exercise any power, perform any function, or render any service for another contracting recipient subdivision that the contracting recipient subdivision is otherwise legally authorized to exercise, perform or render; and

WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees has previously requested the assistance of the Franklin County Engineer for the bidding and construction of the Clouse Road Stormwater Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Clouse Road Stormwater Improvements are to be competitively bid as required by the Ohio Revised Code; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees:

Section 1: The Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby approves an intergovernmental agreement with the Franklin County Engineer for the Clouse Road Stormwater Improvements.

Section 2: Plain Township Administrator Ben Collins is authorized to enter into said agreements in substantially the same form as the attached as may be necessary and appropriate for the completion of the Clouse Road Stormwater Improvements on behalf of the board of trustees.

Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported that the Township received one variance application. Mr. Collins also followed up with the developer that is interested in building on State Route 605, but he has not received an application.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Collins reported that the maintenance staff has been working hard at the pool. They are replacing siding and windows. Staff have also been out checking on flooded roadways with all the rain we have experienced over the past few days.

Mr. Bullard said that the maintenance staff would like to reevaluate the uniform contract with Cintas. He also reported that Mr. Fleig discovered an issue on Clouse Road. There is a potential sinkhole, possibly related to all the rain. Mr. Fleig is going to investigate further.

Mr. Collins shared quotes that Mr. Pharris has received to outfit a new dump truck with hydraulics and a snowplow package.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 240403M1. Be it Resolved: To pay the Franklin County Engineer's Office an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the resurfacing of Clouse Road to be paid out of 2231-330-53060 (Permissive License Tax – Contacts). Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 240403M2. Be it Resolved, that the following township personal property is declared unneeded, obsolete or unfit for township use and is to be disposed of by internet auction:

Item Description		Lising Price
Lot 1	300 Gallon Fuel Tank and Containment Dike	\$20.00
Lot 2	275 Gallon Fuel Tank and Containment Dike	\$20.00
Lot 3	5' T Fence Posts, Lot	\$20.00

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

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 240403M3. Be it Resolved that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the purchase of a Ford F600 cab and chassis from Coughlin Ford for an amount not to exceed \$62,495 with \$32,495 to be paid out of 2141-330-54030 (Roads – Tools & Equipment) and \$30,000 to be paid out of account 2021-330-54040 (Gasoline Tax – Tools & Equipment). Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Chief Ecleberry reported that EMS Coordinator Brad Essick has been offering training at the NAPLS bus garage the last three days. BC Sponaugle will be starting his new role as Fire Marshall on April 15, 2024. The fire department has been transitioning BC Sponaugle's responsibilities to other members of the leadership team. The Leadership team will be participating in Fire Officer 4 training next week. There are two firefighters in rescue technician training this week. They are training in water rescue.

AC Ecleberry reported that the box is mounted on the chassis for the new medic. He is expecting a May or June delivery.

The chiefs are still trying to confirm dates, but testing for the officer positions should take place in August. With BC Sponaugle's transition to the Fire Marshall position, the 2 Unit officers will all be acting out-of-class until there is a permanent promotion.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 240403F1. Be it Resolved, to pay the Franklin County Engineer's Office an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the replacement of the parking lot at the Plain Township Fire Station, to be paid out of fund 2111-220-55020 (Fire – Buildings and Additions). Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 240403F2. Be it resolved to authorize the purchase of replacement radios for the fire department from Motorola Solutions, Inc. off of State of Ohio STS073 Schedule 573077 in the amount of \$63,000 out of fund 4910-220-55000 (Capital Equipment – Fire).

**Motorola Solutions, Inc.
500 West Monroe
Chicago, IL 60661**

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

FISCAL OFFICE

The credit card statements, and March 2024 bank reconciliation and month-end reports were presented.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 240403B1. Be it Resolved, to increase Fund 1000-000-48093 General-Rent receipts by \$22,646.00.

And

Be it Resolved, to increase Fund 2111-000-48002 Fire-Rent receipts by \$3,878.00

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

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 240403B2. Be it Resolved, to increase Fund 2903-000-45019 OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund receipts by \$668.74.

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

TRUSTEES

Ms. Mollard reported that the Parks District still does not have an answer on whether they will be able to get water and sewer from the City of Columbus for the new fieldhouse. The Parks District is proceeding with design development assuming they will need septic and well water.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Beckett-Hill shared that the local Realty Association will help clean up the landscaping at the fire station for Realtor Care Day. This will be the first Wednesday in June. She is also working on painting estimates.

Ms. Beckett-Hill also started the conversation about planning the next Strategic Plan meeting. It was decided that the Trustees will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 5pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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