

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### *Minutes of Meeting*

### Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in special session at 2:00 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: Fiscal Officer Bud Zappitelli, Administrator Ben Collins. Visitor present: Mark Wilson. Trustee Dave Ferguson was absent.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Ms. Mollard will attend the New Albany City Council meeting on Tuesday and plans to discuss the Fire Department's budget. Ms. Mollard explained the way the numbers are presented is critical, so the options were fully discussed. Ms. Mollard feels the current document with all the line items is unwieldy and would prefer a "quick glance" summary of revenues and expenses. Ms. Mollard would also like to include additional years' worth of data.

The \$2.3 million carry-over balance at the end of 2023 was discussed as well as the EMS billing. Mr. Collins explained that 2013 state legislation requires a separate line-item fund showing receipts and expenses for all EMS billing. Mr. Collins said that over time the EMS fund accumulated a carry-over balance.

Mr. Collins advised the Blacklick TIF revenue sharing from the City of New Albany was up significantly for the first half of this year as compared to last year. This will help offset the decrease in property tax receipts. Mr. Collins also reported that EMS lockbox revenue for the month of June was up to \$87,000.

The time frame of the data to be presented was also discussed, noting the last levy was in 2015. Mr. Collins advised there was a 50% increase in runs during the 2013-2023 ten-year period. Ms. Mollard prefers using the start of the last levy through 2025. Mr. Collins pointed out the importance of referencing the same data to avoid confusion. He suggested using year end cash balances.

Collecting additional TIF monies from the City of New Albany was discussed, noting the budget binder states we are to be made whole. Ms. Beckett-Hill spoke with some city council members who explained the city is unable to share Village Center 2 TIF revenue with us because there is debt attached to it. Mr. Collins pointed out that we will still need a levy even if we collect additional monies from the city.

Using data from the tax budget and various Fire funds was discussed. Ms. Mollard would like the data from the Fire funds and the EMS funds to be lumped together. Combining line items for simplicity's sake was also considered. Levy options as well as expenses for the levy, such as yard signs, were also discussed.


Ms. Beckett-Hill reported we are half-way to the \$10,000 fire donation goal needed to open a fund at the New Albany Foundation. Pictures from the landscaping project will be added to our website. The Fire Department's Open House will be on October 6, 2024, and will kick off Fire Prevention Week.

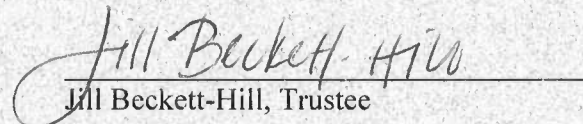
**ADJOURNMENT**

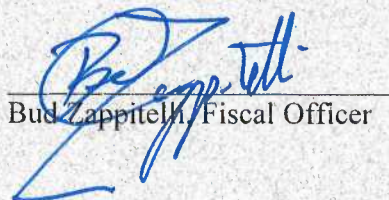
Ms. Mollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 p.m. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

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David Ferguson, Trustee

  
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Kerri Mollard, Trustee

  
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Jill Beckett-Hill, Trustee

  
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Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer