

REGULAR SESSION HELD AT

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

95 E. Wilson Bridge Road

Held October 2, 2019 20

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The meeting was opened in proper form at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:	Laura A. Kunze	Not Present
	John Oberle	Present
	Lindsay S. Duffey	Present
	Anthony E. Palmer Jr.	Present
	Fiscal Officer	

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers: None

Attendance: Police Chief Donald Schwind, Road Superintendent Tom Kayati, Exterior Property Maintenance Code Director Mark Higdon

Residents: Don Dale, Gretchen Suhre, Rich Fowler, Audrey Redmond, Butch Belszek, Kathy Walters, Dan Walters, Pat Kelly, Kay Smith

Approval of Agenda

John Oberle asked if anyone had any changes for the agenda. There were no requests to change the agenda.

Resident Comments

There was a lengthy discussion about the Township Administration and Police Department Building. One resident asked how the current building was not meeting the Township's needs. Lindsay Duffey responded that Township resident Jack Hedge was preparing a needs assessment. John Oberle passed out a draft Facilities Assessment Analysis that he had prepared. He explained that the draft document was intended as a framework for approaching a decision regarding the Township facilities. Mr. Oberle reinforced that any major decision would go before the residents.

Another resident expressed support in keeping the existing building. John Oberle responded that the Township building was aging and will need costly repairs and maintenance. As an example, he mentioned that the roof and other items will need replaced. He indicated that there was not money in the budget to pay for the roof replacement. Going forward with the repairs may require the Township to pursue a tax levy. Mr. Oberle asked if the residents in attendance would support such a levy in order to keep the existing building. One resident expressed support.

Based on feedback from the residents in attendance, John Oberle said he would update the Facilities Assessment Analysis document for the next meeting.

TRUSTEES

Old Business

Water District – Update

No update.

Strategic Plan – Update

John Oberle indicated that there was no update, as the facilities assessment was a top priority.

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Olentangy Valley Center (OVC) - Update

John Oberle told the Board that a majority of tenants had approved the proposed joint economic development district (JEDD). The retail center tenants who approved were the Hills Market, Rusty Bucket, and Advision. Mr. Oberle indicated that the senior living facility will approve the proposed JEDD. The total projected payroll for the Hills Market, Rusty Bucket, and the new senior living center will be approximately \$3 million. The total income tax at 2.5 percent was projected to be about \$75,000. Mr. Oberle mentioned that there will be other businesses in the OVC location, approximately three to five more.

As for the proposed tax increment financing option, the Developer of the OVC property asked recently for approval by November 1. Mr. Oberle indicated that this request was brought to his attention in the previous week. He raised one option of providing contingent approval that would not go into effect until the JEDD was completed.

Mr. Oberle also mentioned that he had a call into the County Auditor to see if the tax values have changed prior to any approvals.

General Fund Sustainability – Update

Regarding the general fund, Tony Palmer reinforced an earlier statement that there is currently not enough money in the general fund to pay for the repairs that will need to be made to the facility.

Budget Committee

John Oberle told the Board that he had shared a proposal of a budget committee with Fiscal Officer Tony Palmer. Mr. Oberle envisions the committee having a Trustee, the Fiscal Officer, Department heads, and residents. The purpose would be to review the budget, with a three- to five-year projection, and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Oberle indicated that there may be a possible vote at the next Board meeting.

Columbus / Sharon Township Water / Sewer Policy Discussion

John Oberle met with the City of Columbus. The City officials said that the City was open to an annexation discussion. Any proposals are contingent on the completion of the City's takeover of the County system. Mr. Oberle said that based on the discussion, the Township might be able to get properties back from the City.

Township Newsletter

Lindsay Duffey reviewed the draft newsletter with the Board. John Oberle recommended that an article be added regarding the Facilities Assessment Analysis. Chief Schwind said that he would include an article on compliant driver's licenses.

Facilities Options

This item was covered extensively during the Resident Comments period of the meeting.

New Business

None

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Tony Palmer presented the following reports for the month of September: the Fund Summary, the Appropriation Summary, the Revenue Summary, and the Payment Listing.

Health Insurance Renewal

Tony Palmer provided an update on the health insurance renewal. Employees will be completing a survey to allow the Township to explore options for health insurance next year.

New Business**Franklin County Township Assoc. Representative – SWACO Board of Trustees**

Tony Palmer told the board that he received a notice from the Franklin County Township Association regarding the appointment of a representative to serve on the board of trustees for the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO). Two candidates are seeking the appointment to the position: Aryeh Alex, Franklin Township Trustee, and Jim Rauck, Jackson Township Trustee. Mr. Palmer told the Board that it could adopt a resolution to vote for one of the candidates. The Township Association asked that the resolution be returned by October 31.

National Prescription Opiate Litigation

Tony Palmer told the Board that the Township received a notice from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio regarding a class action lawsuit in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation. The notice indicates two options: (1) stay in the class, which requires no action, or (2) remove the Township from the class, which requires action by November 22, 2019. Mr. Palmer told the Board that he would circulate the notice to the Trustees for their consideration of which action to take.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Old Business**

None.

New Business**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

Chief Schwind told the Board that National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 26.

Trick or Treat Night

Chief Schwind said that Trick or Treat night will be held on Thursday, October 31, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ROAD DEPARTMENT**Old Business****Plum Tree Drive – Update**

Road Superintendent Tom Kayati told the Board that the plans are being revised. The project is still projected to be completed by the end of this year.

Highview Drive Guardrail – Update

No update.

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RKW Sanitary Sewer – Update

Tom Kayati said that he was waiting for Columbus to sign off on a few items. The County is planning a public meeting in early November, but there is not yet a firm date.

Clubview Blvd. Repaving

Tom Kayati mentioned that he will need to know whether to mark the road as one or two lanes.

New Business

None.

EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**Old Business****Exterior Property Maintenance Code - Update**

Code Director Mark Higdon provided a summary of his written report.

Exterior Property Maintenance Code Amendment

Mark Higdon provided a summary of the proposed code amendment that was submitted to the County Prosecutor for review.

Receivers for Pending Cases

Mark Higdon said that he had reached out to the Prosecutor's Office with questions to help guide the decision on how to proceed with properties for which a receiver may be appointed.

Laptop Computer

Mr. Higdon told the Board that he is still exploring options on continuing to use his laptop computer, rather than purchasing a new computer.

Approval of September 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes with minor amendments. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business to bring before the Board, John Oberle moved to adjourn the regular meeting, Lindsay Duffey seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

10/16/19
Date

Lindsay Duffey Vice Chair

Cathy E. H. J.
Fiscal Officer