

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS **SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES** **REGULAR SESSION HELD AT**

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

95 E. Wilson Bridge Road

Held

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

Roll Call:	Laura A. Kunze	Present
	John Oberle	Present
	Lindsay S. Duffey	Present
	Anthony E. Palmer Jr.	Present
	Fiscal Officer	

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers: Dana Milligan and Amy Jones, New Perspectives Asset Management; Matt Gregory, Ohio Equities

Attendance: Police Lt. Jeff Tuchfarber, Road Superintendent Tom Kayati, Exterior Property Maintenance Code Director Mark Higdon

Residents: Bill Ash, Don Dale, Gretchen Suhre, Kathy Walters, Dan Walters, James Huber, Barb Rowland, Pat Kelly

Approval of Agenda

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to add as new business under the Road Department an item regarding State Route 161. The motion was seconded by John Oberle. The motion carried.

Guest Speaker – Dana Milligan, New Perspectives Asset Management

Ms. Milligan presented on her company's focus in acting as a court-appointed receiver to restore blighted properties. Code Enforcement Director Higdon offered that the company might be able to serve as a court-appointed receiver for the property at 8220 Flint Road. The consensus of the Trustees was to review options in more depth and perform a cost-benefit analysis to guide the decision on the property.

TRUSTEES

Sale of Property

Lindsay Duffey moved to enter executive session to consider the sale of property. John Oberle seconded. Voting: Laura Kunze – Aye; John Oberle – Aye; Lindsay Duffey – Aye. The Board entered executive session at 7:10 p.m.

At 7:34 p.m., John Oberle moved to exit executive session, seconded by Chair Kunze. The motion carried. The Board resumed its general session.

Resident Comments

Kathy Walters expressed concern that the meeting minutes of the Board were not posted to the website. The Trustees responded that the minutes were kept, approved, and available to residents to view, but that the minutes had not yet been uploaded to the website due to the unexpected transition in the office of the Fiscal Officer. Tony Palmer explained that the former Fiscal Officer had personally uploaded the minutes to the website, but that there were capacity concerns in light of the priorities of the Township. The Board agreed that the minutes would be posted to the website and that the Board was working on a solution.

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Chair Kunze told the Board that the Mt. Air Water District board had approved an application to Public Works to pay for part of the costs of the transition to the proposed new water system. Water District board member Bill Ash addressed the Board and provided a status update on the contract negotiations with Del-Co. Chair Kunze also mentioned that Del-Co was going to host an open house meeting for Mt. Air residents.

Strategic Plan – Update

John Oberle addressed the issue of the Hadden property in Perry Township and the City of Columbus. Mr. Oberle met with Columbus officials regarding its residential properties and the ability to receive Columbus water and sewer services without Columbus's requiring annexation of the property.

Olentangy Valley Center (OVC) - Update

John Oberle told the Board that the development was moving quickly. He was told earlier in the day that a majority of the tenants had approved the proposed income tax for a joint economic development district with the City of Worthington and the Township. The Township has not seen it officially in writing and does not want to proceed until the written confirmation is obtained.

Resident Barb Rowland expressed concerns about the development at the OVC property. There was a general discussion about the development. Mr. Oberle suggested that there be a public meeting with the developer on the matter.

General Fund Sustainability – Update

Because the issue had been addressed during the previous items, John Oberle had no further update.

Air Conditioner

Chair Kunze postponed the item until Chief Schwind returns.

Budget Committee

John Oberle told the Board that he was considering the makeup and structure of a proposed budget committee to address a long-term planning for the budget.

New Business**Engagement Letter with Eastman & Smith**

John Oberle presented to the Board a letter of engagement from the firm of Eastman & Smith for assistance with the upcoming trash and recycling contract. The Township is not paying anything under the letter because it is through the Consortium contract. Mr. Oberle explained that this will help with bringing down the costs. He expects a request for proposals to be completed by the end of the year to bid. Mr. Oberle moved to approve the letter of engagement, seconded by Lindsay Duffey. The motion carried.

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FISCAL OFFICER

Old Business

Increase in Appropriation for Tax Collection

Tony Palmer told the Board that he transferred monies within appropriation accounts in the respective funds in order to process the second half real estate settlement. He also informed the Board that he had issued the corresponding tax payments to the Cemetery Board and the City of Worthington.

New Business

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Old Business

None

New Business

Invoice from Interact Public Safety Systems

Lt. Tuchfarber presented an invoice from Interact Public Safety Systems in the amount of \$1,353.26 for the annual license renewal for seven mobile data computers in the cruisers. Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the expenditure, seconded by Chair Kunze. The motion carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

New Business

State Route 161 Construction

Road Superintendent Kayati informed the Board of upcoming construction on State Route 161. Mr. Kayati had attended a preconstruction meeting and learned that the road would be open to eastbound traffic only during construction. When crews are not working, both lanes of traffic will be open. The first phase is expected to last 30 days. The second phase is expected to be completed by July 1, 2020.

Sanitary Sewers - Tremont Gardens

Mr. Kayati indicated that there were no final plans, but that the Franklin County Engineer is hoping to hold a public meeting around the first week of November. Mr. Kayati did not know any details yet regarding financing, but believes that the mandatory tie-in will be the standard county fee. There was a general discussion regarding the Franklin County lawsuit that gave rise to the tie-in.

Clubview Blvd. Lane Markings

Mr. Kayati told the Board that after Clubview Blvd. S is repaved, the Township could mark Clubview Blvd. (going up the hill) as a one-lane road with an extended marked edge line. The Trustees believed it would be prudent to reach out to residents in Worthington Hills before deciding.

Old Business

Highview Drive Guardrail – Update

Mr. Kayati has not heard back on Franklin County's new study.

EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Old Business

Code Enforcement Director Mark Higdon provided a summary of his report. Mr. Higdon also presented a proposed amendment to the property

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maintenance code. Mr. Oberle said he would send the proposed amendment to the County Prosecutor to review.

Mr. Higdon also asked for permission to connect with the Assistant Prosecutor handling the Flint Road property case with New Perspectives Asset Management. The Trustees indicated that they want to review the issue further and that the Township might be able to sell and recoup more funds if the Township sold the property.

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the August 21, 2019 meeting minutes with a slight amendment. Chair Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business to bring before the Board, Lindsay moved to adjourn the regular meeting, Chair Kunze seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

9/18/19
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer