

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road 20
December 11, 2019

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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: None

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

Residents: Bill Ash, Don Dale, Pat Kelly

Approval of Agenda

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the agenda with the following amendments: (1) at the request of Road Superintendent Tom Kayati, add under Road Department – New Business, salt and brine procurement and Flint Cemetery bid package; (2) at the request of Tony Palmer, adding under Fiscal Officer – New Business “increase in appropriations to the Cemetery fund; (3) at the request of Lt. Tuchfarber, tabling the request to purchase a new cruiser. Chair Kunze seconded. The motion carried.

Guest Speaker – Todd Weithman, Lauterbach & Eilber

Todd Weithman provided an overview of the search for healthcare insurance options for the Township. The Township’s healthcare insurance expires at the end of December 31, 2019. Mr. Weithman told the Board that the Township’s current grandfathered plan was the lowest cost option. The renewal would be an eight percent increase. Other plans under the Affordable Care Act would be between a 40 to 50 percent increase. Other carriers declined to quote because the carriers could not be cost competitive with the Township’s renewal option. Mr. Weithman recommended renewal of the Township’s current policy. Mr. Weithman explained further that the life insurance and dental insurance renewals did not have an increase in costs.

Chair Kunze thanked Mr. Weithman for his efforts in searching for options and said that an eight percent increase was lower than other options in the current market. Lindsay Duffey mentioned that there was no other choice but to continue with the grandfathered current plan. John Oberle moved to renew the Township’s healthcare, life insurance, and dental insurance policies. Chair Kunze seconded. The motion carried.

Resident Comments

Pat Kelly thanked the Police Department for responding and helping a resident in his neighborhood regarding a car break-in. Lt. Tuchfarber encouraged residents to call the Police Department if they see something that looks out of the ordinary.

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Guest Speaker – Dave Reardon, Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District

On behalf of the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District, Dave Reardon made an annual presentation to the Board. He encouraged the Township to engage in outreach on matters involving conservation efforts. Road Superintendent Tom Kayati thanked the Conservation District for its help in the Township.

TRUSTEES

Old Business

Water District – Update

Chair Kunze told the Board that the District is waiting to hear back on the grant applications. There was a general discussion on the assessment process. Chair Kunze explained that the District is working with its attorney on options for the assessment process, including appeals.

Strategic Plan – Update

No update.

Olentangy Valley Center - Update

John Oberle is working with the City of Worthington on the projections prepared by the City. He expects to have a clearer picture by the end of the year of the City's projections.

General Fund Sustainability – Update

No update.

Budget Committee

John Oberle announced that two residents expressed interest in serving on the Budget Committee. The appointments to the Budget Committee will be made in the first meeting in January.

Columbus / Sharon Township Water / Sewer Policy Discussion

John Oberle said that he is still working with the City of Columbus on a legal agreement on the issue.

Facilities Options

No update.

Rescue Water Ramp at 410 W. South Street

No update.

New Business

Boy Scouts Use of Township Hall

Pat Kelly asked to use the Township Hall on January 4, 2020, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for an Eagle Scout ceremony. The Trustees will check to see if the building is available. If so, the Boy Scouts are authorized to use the building for the ceremony.

Consortium 2 Communities Bid Package

John Oberle announced that a draft bid package was prepared for waste services. The Township will have to decide whether to opt in.

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First Meeting in January

The first meeting of the Trustees in 2020 will be held on January 8.

FISCAL OFFICER

Old Business

Financial Reports

Tony Palmer presented the November bank and credit card statements.

Extension of Call Insurance Lease

Tony Palmer told the Board that based on Chair Kunze's research the proposed lease rates would be in line with current market trends. He said that Call Insurance asked for a provision for a right of refusal. John Oberle will check with the County Prosecutor's office on such a term.

Trustee Bonds

The trustee bonds will expire at the end of the year. Tony Palmer explained that the Township is able to obtain bonds at no cost through its property insurance policy under OTARMA. Mr. Palmer applied for the bonds through the OTARMA.

New Business

2020 Tax Budget

Tony Palmer told the Board that the Township must, by the end of the year, amend its 2020 tax budget to conform to the certificate of estimated resources that was issued by the Franklin County Budget Commission. The Board will need to hold a special meeting to approve the amendment.

Temporary Budget

Tony Palmer has received the temporary budgets from the Road Department and the Police Department. Code Enforcement Director Mark Higdon will be submitting his budget. Mr. Palmer will prepare the temporary budget for the Board's review and approval. He will add the temporary budget to the special meeting agenda.

Polling Place Agreement

The Township received a polling place agreement from the Franklin County Board of Elections for the 2020 elections that will be conducted at the Township Hall. John Oberle indicated his interest in reviewing the agreement further before approving it.

Increase Appropriations to Cemetery Fund

Tony Palmer told the Board that the Township received the second-half rollback from the State and that there are insufficient appropriations in the Cemetery fund to cover the payment of the Cemetery's share of the rollback. Mr. Palmer presented a resolution for the approval of the increase in the appropriations to allow for the processing of the payment. John Oberle moved to approve resolution 12112019, seconded by Lindsay Duffey. The motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Business

Approval of Base Radio Charge

Lt. Tuchfarber asked for the Board's approval of the base radio charges of \$1,710. Chair Kunze moved to approve the expenditure, seconded by Lindsay Duffey. The motion carried.

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Hiring of Full-Time Constable

Lt. Tuchfarber said that the Police Department would be recommending the employment of a full-time constable in January. John Oberle acknowledged the need, indicating that the Police Department was down two permanent full-time constables.

ROAD DEPARTMENTOld BusinessHighview Drive Guardrail – Update

No update.

RKW Sanitary Sewer – Update

No update.

Clubview Blvd. Repaving

Tom Kayati said he had not received a bill yet from the County.

New BusinessSalt and Brine

Tom Kayati presented a renewal contract with the City of Worthington under which the Township was able to purchase salt and brine. The arrangement has helped the Township in terms of cost and convenience. John Oberle affirmed that the City of Worthington has been a good partner. Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the contract, seconded by John Oberle. The motion carried.

Flint Cemetery Bid Package

John Oberle said that the Cemetery Board approved a bid package for the Ozem Gardner property. Tom Lindsey is reviewing to determine whether the Township must approve. Mr. Oberle is also working with the County Prosecutor's Office on the matter.

EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODEOld BusinessExterior Property Maintenance Code - Update

Code Director Mark Higdon said things had been quiet lately and that he would be checking on properties within the next couple weeks.

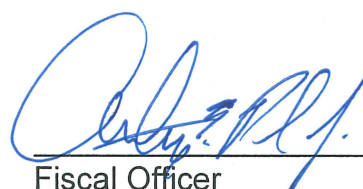
Approval of November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

John Oberle moved to approve the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes. Chair Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business to bring before the Board, Lindsay Duffey moved to adjourn the regular meeting, Chair Kunze seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

1/8/2020
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer