

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

REGULAR SESSION HELD AT

Held _____ 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road _____ 20 _____

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The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:	Laura Kunze, Chair	Present
	John Oberle, Vice Chair	Present
	Lindsay Duffey, Trustee	Present
	Tony Palmer, Fiscal Officer	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers: None

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

Residents: Bill Ash, Don Dale, Linda Jarrett, Kathy and Dan Walters, Rich Fowler, Pat Kelly, Justin Adkins

Approval of Agenda

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the agenda with the following additions: (1) add Newsletter Articles; (2) add a personnel matter; and (3) add Village of Riverlea leaf collection. John Oberle seconded. The motion carried.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

Pat Kelly raised the matter of the recent hearing of the Franklin County Board of Zoning Appeals on a variance application filed by a Sharon Township Resident on Westview Avenue. Code Enforcement Director Mark Higdon provided a summary that was prepared by Dan Walters. Mr. Higdon discussed the process for notifying the Township of variance applications being filed. Mr. Higdon is now on the email distribution list for notice of any applications. Mr. Higdon explained that he would address the issue further during his report later in the meeting.

TRUSTEES

Old Business

Water District

Chair Kunze met with the Water District's attorney regarding the assessment process. There will be a meeting of the Water District Board of Trustees on Wednesday, January 29, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Chair Kunze met with representatives at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission regarding funding opportunities.

Strategic Plan

No update. The Trustees met with their respective department heads regarding the upcoming year.

Olentangy Valley Center

John Oberle informed the Board that the Township's attorneys have reviewed the draft agreement for the joint economic development district. The Township has not received comments back from the City of Worthington. Under the terms of the draft agreement, the Township would receive 80 percent of the income tax proceeds, and Worthington would receive 20 percent. Worthington would administer the tax. Mr. Oberle

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indicated that the senior-living facility is scheduled to open around April 2020.

General Fund Sustainability

No update beyond the recent developments regarding the proposed joint economic development district.

Budget Committee

John Oberle has asked for resumes from residents who have expressed an interest in serving on the budget committee. He indicated that the Township would be looking at applicants' experience in making selections. The initial work will be between the Department heads, a Trustee, and the Fiscal Officer. After putting together proposals, the Department heads, Trustees, and Fiscal Officer will meet with residents for feedback.

Facilities Options

Lindsay Duffey provided the needs assessment to the Fiscal Officer. Tony Palmer will review the assessment and schedule time to meet with Chair Kunze to go over the document.

Rescue Water Ramp

Chief Schwind told the Board that the property where the water ramp is located was back on the market for sale. He will check into the issue further with Chief Bailot. Lindsay Duffey announced that Chief Bailot was moving and taking another position. She explained that there will be a future update on the matter.

New Business**Newsletter**

Lindsay Duffey asked that articles be sent to Sharon Lee by Wednesday, January 29, for inclusion in the newsletter.

FISCAL OFFICER**Old Business****Polling Place Agreement**

Tony Palmer asked the Board to approve the polling place agreement between the Township and the Franklin County Board of Elections for the use of the Township building for the Primary on March 17. Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the agreement. Chair Kunze seconded. The motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Old Business****Update on Cruiser 261**

Chief Schwind provided an update on cruiser 261, which was damaged in a crash. The Township's insurance carrier, OTARMA, declared the damaged vehicle a total loss, at a value of \$13,580. If accepted by the Township, OTARMA would pay the Township \$13,330, which reflects the reduction from the deductible. Chief Schwind informed the Board that the Police Department had valued the vehicle at \$3,600. Chair Kunze moved to approve the payment from OTARMA. Lindsay Duffey seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chair Kunze signed acceptance for the Township.

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Request to Purchase New Cruiser

Chief Schwind said the cost to purchase a new cruiser was \$42,688.47. He indicated that he would apply the proceeds from OTARMA toward the purchase. The new cruiser would not be available for several months, and that the Chief's cruiser would be put into the fleet in the interim. Chief Schwind thinks it may take close to a month to get his cruiser outfitted. There was a general discussion about the size of the police cruiser fleet.

Chair Kunze moved to approve the expenditure to outfit the reserve car. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chief Schwind will provide an inventory of the vehicles with the current mileage of each vehicle.

KGT Annual Service Contract

Chief Schwind asked the Board to approve the annual service charge for the laptop system in the cruisers. Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$1,235.75 to KGT for the annual service charge. Chair Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT**New Business****Riverlea Leaf Collection**

Road Superintendent Tom Kayati told the Board that the Village of Riverlea expressed interest in having the Township perform leaf collection services for the Village. Mr. Kayati is looking into the feasibility of the possibility. John Oberle recognized that the possibility could be a benefit to both parties, but that it has to be right for the Road Department. Mr. Kayati will continue to look into the potential.

Old Business**RKW Sanitary Sewer**

Columbus is bidding out in February, but does not have any plans.

Clubview Blvd. Repaving

The Road Department is waiting until the spring to perform the repaving.

EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**New Business****Variance Hearing at the Board of Zoning Appeals**

Code Director Mark Higdon attended the hearing of the Franklin County Board of Zoning Appeals on the variance application submitted by a resident on Westview Avenue. Mr. Higdon's goal was to have the hearing continued until a later meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals, but was told that only the applicant could make such a request. Mr. Higdon said that the Trustees and staff were caught off guard because there was no notice provided. Mr. Higdon is now on the list of regular emails sent by Franklin County, including the notices of upcoming variance applications.

The applicant sought to rebuild an old garage and construct another outbuilding. As a result of the hearing, the total square footage would be down to approximately 1,400 square feet (total for both structures combined).

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Mr. Higdon testified at the hearing, at which time he explained that while the Township did not have any jurisdiction over the application, the Trustees had received concerns from residents about the proposed construction and were trying to understand more about the proposal. During his testimony, Mr. Higdon raised concerns about drainage and learned that Franklin County staff had not performed a technical review. Mr. Higdon thanked resident Dan Walters for preparing a summary of the hearing and invited Mr. Walters to provide any further information.

Mr. Walters told the Board that eight persons spoke during the hearing, which ended in a three-to-one vote to approve the variance. The applicant agreed to have the outbuilding match the house.

Trustees**Personnel Matter**

John Oberle moved to enter executive session to discuss a matter of personnel compensation. Lindsay Duffey seconded the motion. All Trustees voted to enter executive session at 7:41 p.m.

At 8:19 p.m. Chair Kunze moved to exit executive session. Lindsay Duffey seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board resumed its general session.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the January 8, 2020 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 8:20 p.m.

2/5/2020

Date



Chair



Fiscal Officer