

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10199

Held _____ SPECIAL SESSION HELD AT _____ 20____
95 E. Wilson Bridge Road
June 30, 2020
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The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

*Due to the coronavirus pandemic and pursuant to the orders of Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton, the Director of Public Health, the meeting was held in person and via telephone conference call, which was also available to residents in order to participate in the meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Perry Township Trustee Andy English

Attendance: Lieutenant Jeff Tuchfarber (via telephone), Exterior Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Director Mark Higdon (via telephone)

Residents: Don Dale, Nick Lanphear

Hearing on the 2021 Tax Budget

Fiscal Officer Tony Palmer led the hearing on the 2021 tax budget. Each year, the Board of Trustees is required to adopt a tax budget of estimated revenues and expenditures. The tax budget was prepared and based on the estimates submitted by the Department heads. The tax budget was presented to the Trustees at the Board's June 17 meeting.

The tax budget must be adopted by July 15. There must also be a public hearing on the tax budget, with notice of the hearing published at least 10 days before the hearing. The notice of the June 30 public hearing was published in the *Columbus Dispatch* on June 19.

Tony Palmer provided an overview of the estimated revenues and expenditures of the major funds for the Township: the General Fund, the Police Department Fund, and the Road Department Fund. Regarding the General Fund, the 2021 revenue budget is close to cost neutral, but the balance of the General Fund is still projected to decrease. The end-of-year balance for 2020 may be higher or lower than currently projected. In order to make the General Fund sustainable, the Township will need to make further adjustments. While the Board has been working on generating revenue for the General Fund, the Board may need to look at potential cost controls for this year to improve the balance. The Trustees indicated their interest in doing so. Tony Palmer and Lindsay Duffey will work on potential cost controls, with the goal of presenting the options at the Board's next regular meeting on July 15.

The floor was opened for questions. There were no questions. The next step is for the Board to approve the tax budget at its July 15 meeting, after which time the budget will be submitted to the Franklin County Auditor.

CARES Act Funds

House Bill 481 was passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. The bill provides for the distribution of funds to eligible counties,

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municipal corporations, and townships. Before receiving a payment, the Township must adopt a resolution affirming that the Township will spend funding only on pandemic-related expenses as required under the CARES Act. Any funds remaining unencumbered as of October 15, 2020, are required to be returned to the County Treasury. Any unspent balance of the funds must be returned to the State Treasury by December 28, 2020.

Tony Palmer presented Resolution 06032020 to the Board for approval. Laura Kunze moved to adopt the resolution. Lindsay Duffey seconded. The motion carried.

Olentangy Valley Center Development Updates

Sharon Township has been fielding concerns about the potential Sheetz gas station development at the Olentangy Valley Center. Franklin County received a request for a variance from County setback requirements for the proposed development of a Sheetz gas station. The Township has learned that there are additional requirements for which variances will be required.

Sharon Township is working with neighbor Perry Township to coordinate the dissemination of information to residents and to ensure that residents' concerns are heard by County officials.

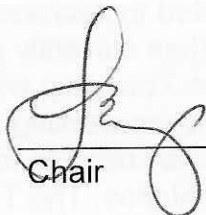
Laura Kunze and Perry Township Trustee Andy English are trying to get a representative group of residents to express the shared concerns of the community. The variance application is not expected to go before the Franklin County Board of Zoning Appeals until August or September.

Laura Kunze shared that there are social media sites created by residents in Worthington Hills and Mount Air over the proposed development. She is staying in contact with area residents.

John Oberle is working with ODOT officials to help address the concerns around the proposed development and the potential impact.

With the conclusion of the items on the agenda for the special meeting, Lindsay Duffey moved to adjourn the special meeting. John Oberle seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

7/15/2020
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer