

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION HELD AT

Held

95 E. Wilson Bridge Road

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September 16, 2020

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The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to H.B. 197, the meeting was held via web conference, which was available to residents via a web login or a call-in option in order to participate in the meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers: None

Attendance: Chief Donald Schwind (via web), Road Superintendent Tom Kayati (via web)

Residents: Joshua Preston, Bill Ash, Pat Kelly

Approval of Agenda

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the agenda as amended. John Oberle seconded. The motion carried.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

None.

TRUSTEES

Old Business

Coronavirus Preparedness and Response – Update

Lindsay Duffey and Chief Schwind will be reaching out to Tony Gordon regarding IT options for enhancing virtual meetings during the pandemic. The Trustees will likely hold a special meeting before the end of September to approve an appropriation budget for the use of the CARES Act funds in the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Laura Kunze and Tony Palmer will be attending a virtual presentation by the Ohio Township Association on using CARES Act funds. John Oberle reached out to Prosecutor's Office to let them know that the Township will be requesting legal advice on the proposed expenditures with the CARES Act funds. He will also be reaching out to Jeff Young at Franklin County EMA to learn how the County plans to use its funds.

John Oberle also mentioned potential expenditures for the Police Department and the Road Department, which could include sanitation of the office and two computers for employees to connect with residents. John Oberle suggested purchasing a few computers for the Administrative Office, which could be used by the Trustees or the Fiscal Officer to work remotely, as well as a cloud server for shared files to allow the Trustees and the Fiscal Officer to access shared files remotely.

Olentangy Valley Center / PACE Energy Loan JEDD / TIF Agreements

The owner of the Olentangy Valley Center property requested a Pace Energy loan from the Franklin County Finance Authority. The request is for low-interest financing for energy efficiency projects. To allow the loan, the

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Trustees must approve three resolutions. If approved, assessments would be placed on the property to repay the \$2.4 million that was requested.

Additionally, a special improvement district would be created. The Board of Trustees would select a member to sit on the district oversight board. Once the resolutions are passed, an agreement would be entered for the flow of funds.

John Oberle introduced three resolutions: (1) Resolution 09162020A to approve the petition for special assessments for special energy improvement projects; (2) Resolution 09162020B to proceed with the acquisition, installation, equipment, and improvement of certain public improvements in the Township; and (3) Resolution 09162020C to levy specific assessments on the property.

John Oberle moved to approve Resolutions 09162020A, 09162020B, and 09162020C. Laura Kunze seconded. The motion carried.

There will be a meeting next week regarding the future development of the OVC property. The Township is still working through a few final legal issues regarding the tax increment financing agreement. The Township is also waiting for a response from the County Auditor's office on the values included in the agreement.

Water District - Update

Laura Kunze and Bill Ash will be getting paperwork to residents in the City of Columbus, then to residents in the unincorporated area of the Township. Del-Co is looking forward to receiving information back from residents. There are still a few easements that need to be worked out.

Strategic Plan – Update

Laura Kunze is reviewing the feasibility of the Township taking over the zoning from the County. The Franklin County Township Association will be hosting a meeting to address zoning issues.

Facilities Options – Update

Laura Kunze reached out to one of the realtors about the building. There are a few deferred maintenance items. There was a recent repair of the roof. Realtors recommended against trying to rent more of the building, as securing other parts of the building would not be worth the cost.

Laura Kunze indicated that the realtor suggested listing the property either within a month or next spring. She expressed interest in looking for options for the Police Department and the Administrative Office. The Township may be able to attain greater visibility and greater accessibility.

If a buyer were to make an offer on the building, Laura Kunze wants to negotiate a provision in the purchase agreement that the Township would not move until another space was secured. In the interim, the Township would maintain what we have as cost effectively as possible.

Any change or renovation would require the Township to bring the building up to building code. The Trustees want to talk further at the next meeting about what to do with the building.

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Pat Kelly asked if the Trustees were going to ask residents about selling the building. He also asked about the Road Department performing maintenance on the building and the landscaping around the building. Laura Kunze answered that the Trustees will ask residents for feedback. Road Superintendent Tom Kayati explained that the Road Department does not have the capacity to take on the maintenance and landscaping around the building.

Consortium II Recycling Processing Services Invitation to Bid

There is an article in the draft newsletter to residents that explains the bids and upcoming contract award.

Flooding – Update

None.

Newsletter

A draft of the newsletter prepared. The final copy should be ready by the end of next week to distribute to residents.

There was a general discussion about trick-or-treat for Halloween on Thursday, October 29.

New Business

None.

FISCAL OFFICER**Old Business****Cemetery Fund Reconciliation for 2015 and 2016 - Update**

None.

New Business**Credit Card Statement for August**

Tony Palmer presented the credit card statement for August. Chair Kunze will sign the attestation form.

Financial Management Reports for August

Tony Palmer presented the following reports for August 2020: Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, Appropriation Summary, Payment Listing, and Bank Reconciliation. The General Fund began the month of August with a balance of \$44,936.61 and ended the month with an unencumbered balance of \$48,616.15. As for special revenue funds, the Township has not yet experienced a drop in anticipated revenue from the motor vehicle license tax or the gasoline tax. Expenditures are generally remaining consistent with appropriations.

Certificate of Estimated Resources for 2021

The County Budget Commission approved the certificate of estimated resources for the Township for 2021. For the General Fund, Cemetery Fund, and the Fire District Fund, there were slight differences in the estimated revenue certified by the Commission and the revenue estimated by the Township. The Budget Commission certified an additional \$11,875.22 for the Road District Fund and an additional \$46,189.47 for the Police District Fund. The Board is required to accept the certification of estimated resources.

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Laura Kunze moved to approve the Resolution (D) to Accept the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission. Lindsay Duffey seconded. The motion carried.

Notice of Proposed Development – Salem Village

The Township received a notice from the National Church Residences that it plans to be the general partner of a residential rental development located in or within a one-half radius of the Township. The proposed development is Salem Village, a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit senior housing community, to be located at 999 East Dublin Granville Road. National Church Residences will be submitting an application to use the multifamily funding programs of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for the development of the property.

According to the notice, the Township has the right to submit comments to the Agency by October 1 regarding the proposed project's impact on the community.

Tom Kayati told the Board that the property is located in the City of Columbus and will not have an impact on the Township.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Business

None.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Old Business

Highview Drive Guardrail – Update

No update.

RKW Sanitary Sewer – Update

No update.

New Business

None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the September 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Laura Kunze 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 7:23 p.m.

10/17/2020

Date

Chair

Fiscal Officer