

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT
95 E. Wilson Bridge Road _____ 20_____
October 7, 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.

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| 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: Bill Ash

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**

There were no other additions to the list of proposed expenditures with the CARES Act funds. The list will be submitted to the County Prosecutor's office and the State Auditor's office for review before the expenditures are made with the funds.

Water District - Update

Updated drawings have been prepared. Del-Co is hosting an upcoming meeting with residents to share updates and the next steps in the project. The Water District mailed certified letters to property owners who had not returned documents to Del-Co to let them know of the deadline to submit. Laura Kunze indicated that the Water District is looking to hold to a deadline of the end of next week.

Strategic Plan – Update

The Franklin County Township Association will be hosting a meeting on township zoning. The meeting will feature a walkthrough of the process. Representatives from other townships will share their perspective on how they are handling zoning.

Olentangy Valley Center / PACE Energy Loan JEDD / TIF Agreements

The tax increment financing agreement is down to a one or two issues. John Oberle is working with Township lawyers and Continental to complete the agreement. He indicated that the Township will need to move forward on the agreement this month.

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Franklin County is looking at exclusions for the zoning on the parcel that was part of the former Sheetz project. The Trustees will be reaching out to Continental to address the zoning concerns.

Facilities Options – Update

Laura Kunze and Chief Schwind met with a realtor to review the Township's current property as well as to look at other options in the market. The realtor recommended that if the Trustees are considering listing the property, the property should either be listed now or wait until the following spring. The Trustees agreed that the decision to sell the building is a big decision and that they do not want to rush until a full evaluation of options has been completed and residents have an opportunity to provide feedback.

Laura Kunze invited Matt Gregory to attend the next meeting to address the Board about the property and other potential properties in the market.

Consortium II Recycling Processing Services Invitation to Bid

With the newsletter going out to let residents know about the competitive bid results, the Trustees agreed that they will select a bid at the next meeting in order to enter an agreement and ensure services are not disrupted.

Flooding – Update

John Oberle reached out to Franklin County EMA to schedule a larger call to address the issues.

Newsletter

The newsletter will be going out. Lindsay Duffey plans to have a new draft on Friday with a few updates.

New Business**Health Insurance Renewal**

The Township is reviewing options for the upcoming health insurance renewal. Employees will be completing the FormFire survey as part of the Township's review of options for 2021.

Columbus Finance Authority

The Energy Special Improvement District was established by the Board of Trustees. The agreements have been completed. John Oberle is a member of the District. John Oberle expressed his belief that the district could be promoted to other businesses in the Township to help with economic development.

Requests to Use Township Hall

The Cemetery Advisory Board asked to be able to use the Township Hall for meetings. The Trustees and the Department heads expressed their concerns about opening the building for meetings. The concerns included putting the Police Department at risk of increased exposure to the coronavirus, as well as liability concerns. The consensus of the Board was to not allow the use of the building during the immediate future.

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

Tony Palmer is reviewing the initial review of the reconciliation for 2015 and 2016 regarding the amounts paid by the Cemetery and the Road Department for Road Department employees. The initial review shows that the Road Department would owe the Cemetery about \$6,100 for the two years.

New Business**Credit Card Statement for September**

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

Second Half Real Estate Settlement

The Township received the second half real estate settlement from the County Auditor. There will need to either be an increase in the appropriation for the Cemetery Fund or a reallocation within the fund in order to process the payment of property taxes to the Cemetery. The Board may need to hold a special meeting next week to do so before the County Budget Commission meets at the end of October.

2020 Property Valuation Report

The Township received the tentative 2020 value from the County Auditor for the Township Hall. The tentative 2020 value is listed as \$902,000. The current value is listed as \$820,000. If the Township disagrees with the tentative value, it may schedule an informal value review to discuss the property's value with appraisers.

Amended and Restated Welfare Benefit Plan

The Township has a welfare benefit plan for its employees. The Township's third-party administrator prepared an amended and restated welfare benefit plan for the Trustees to approve. The Trustees asked for additional information from the third-party administrator about the plan.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**New Business****Hiring of New Constable George Blake Pearson**

Chief Schwind asked to hire George Blake Pearson as a constable starting October 8, 2020.

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve Resolution 10072020B to hire George Blake Pearson as a constable. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of IT Expenses

Chief Schwind asked for the approval of IT expenses in upgrading the Township's computers. The total expense on the invoice was \$2,429.45. Laura Kunze moved to approve the expenditure. Lindsay Duffey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT**Old Business****Highview Drive Guardrail – Update**

No update.

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RKW Sanitary Sewer – Update

No update.

New Business

Damage to Clubview Boulevard

Tom Kayati learned that there was severe damage to the pavement on Clubview Boulevard caused by a contractor for Perry Township. The contractor repaired the damage to the road. The recent restriping will be repaired at no cost to Sharon Township.

Leaf Collection

The leaf machine is ready to start with leaf collection this fall.

Plum Tree Excavation

Spectrum applied for an excavation permit on the south side of Plum Tree Drive.

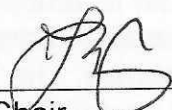
Approval of Meeting Minutes

John Oberle moved to approve the September 16, 2020 meeting minutes. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the September 25, 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, Laura Kunze seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

10/21/2020
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer