

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 _____

April 21, 2021

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The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to H.B. 404, 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
	John Oberle, Vice Chair	Present via web
	Lindsay Duffey, Trustee	Present
	Tony Palmer, Fiscal Officer	Present via web

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers: None

Attendance: Chief Jeff Tuchfarber (via web), Road Superintendent Tom Kayati (via web)

Residents: Bill Ash, Pat Kelly

Approval of Agenda

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the agenda as amended. Laura Kunze seconded. The motion carried.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

None.

TRUSTEES

Old Business

Water District – Update

The construction project is progressing quickly. The Water District is working with Del-Co and the County Engineer regarding any placement issues raised by residents. The Board of Trustees will need to discuss a Water District Board appointment at the next meeting. There was a general discussion regarding the progress of the construction project.

Olentangy Valley Center JEDD / TIF – Update

The Board of Trustees held a special meeting on April 19 to make appointments to the JEDD Board. The Board appointed Trustee John Oberle and the manager of the new senior-living center. Worthington made appointments to the JEDD Board. John Oberle is working to schedule first meeting of the JEDD Board.

The developer signed the TIF Agreement. The Township prefers for the JEDD to be operational before signing the TIF Agreement, but the Agreement may need to be signed sooner.

Facilities Options – Update

Laura Kunze is working on cost estimates for maintenance expenses for the current building. The Board will table the matter until there is an update.

Fire Services Contract with the City of Worthington – Update

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A meeting with Worthington is scheduled for May 3. John Oberle will bring information to the Board and residents at the next meeting.

Communications - Update

The Township will be working next week to test connecting Zoom to the television monitors to allow residents to access the meeting remotely.

Lindsay Duffey asked for articles for the next newsletter.

Administrative Support – Update

Tony Palmer presented Resolution 04212021A to Hire a Part-Time Administrative Assistant. Lindsay Duffey and Tony Palmer recommended that the Board extend an offer to Anne Marie Phitayakorn to work part-time as the Township's administrative assistant.

Lindsay Duffey moved to adopt Resolution 04212021A to Hire a Part-Time Administrative Assistant. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

American Legion Application for D-3 Liquor Permit

The American Legion holds a D-4 liquor permit, but has applied for a D-3 permit to be able to hold events. The intent is for the American Legion to generate revenue. The City of Worthington is working with the American Legion on potential alternative options for generating revenue. The Township does not have jurisdiction, but will continue to help with facilitating discussions.

Drive Parade for Chief Schwind

Chief Schwind will be driving through neighborhoods in the Township on April 30 so that residents can express their appreciation for him. The Township will provide additional details on the timing of the parade.

New Business

Potential Annexation

An attorney reached out to John Oberle about a resident for access to sewer and water. The attorney asked if the Township would agree to annexation. John Oberle is looking at options for providing sewer and water without annexation. He will conduct a further review and provide an update at the next Township meeting.

Noise Concerns on Flint Road

Two residents reached out regarding noise concerns coming from a business that is in the City of Columbus. The Township recommended that the residents contact the City of Columbus Police Department to enforce the City's noise ordinance.

Concerns about State Route 315

The Township is engaged with ODOT regarding concerns about State Route 315, specifically the recent crashes on the state route in Mount Air. ODOT is conducting a traffic study. ODOT has already responded that guardrails are not an option. If all residents agree, ODOT would consider putting in rumble strips on the side of the road. ODOT is also evaluating other options.

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Spill on State Route 315

There was a recent spill on State Route 315 in the Mount Air and Worthington Hills area. A contractor of Rumpke had been at the sewage plant and picked up product. The load was apparently not secured, and the load emptied onto State Route 315 from Highview Drive to Hard Road, requiring traffic to be diverted through Worthington Hills and causing massive traffic delays. ODOT and the Ohio EPA officials have indicated to the Township that the contractor will face a heavy fine.

FISCAL OFFICER**Old Business**

None.

New Business**March Financial Management Reports**

Tony Palmer presented the following financial management reports for March: Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, Appropriation Summary, Payment Listing, and Bank Reconciliation. The Township received the first half real estate property tax disbursements, which were slightly higher than expected.

March Credit Card Statement

Tony Palmer presented the March credit card statement. Laura Kunze will sign the attestation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Old Business**

None.

New Business**Lexipol Contract**

Chief Tuchfarber presented the annual renewal agreement with Lexipol, which the Police Department uses for updating its policies. The annual fee is \$6,044.

Lindsay Duffey moved to the expenditure of \$6,044 for the annual fee. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Tom Kayati received an estimate from a contractor to repair the guardrail on Highview Drive. Repairing the guardrail is substantially less expensive than replacing it. The estimate from the contractor was \$9,650.

John Oberle moved to approve the expenditure of \$9,650 for the replacement of the guardrail. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business**Anonymous Letter**

Worthington City Council member David Robinson received an anonymous letter about the Cemetery Board. The return address for the

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letter was Evening Street Elementary School. The letter complained that the Walnut Grove Cemetery was not operating with transparency. The letter also alleged that there were no audio/visual records of agendas or minutes of the Cemetery Board's meetings posted online. Additionally, the letter questioned whether the Cemetery had properly created the sustainability fund. The Cemetery Board will be responding to Councilmember Robinson.

Joint Meeting on May 3

The City of Worthington and the Township will be holding a joint meeting at 7:30 pm on May 3.

Surveying in Sharon Hills

A neighbor in the Sharon Hills area has been pumping water into another resident's property. This has been a long-standing problem ever since the church was built on Postlewaite Road around 1986. The City of Columbus is performing the survey.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Lindsay Duffey moved to approve the April 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Laura Kunze moved to approve the April 19, 2021 meeting minutes. John Oberle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business to bring before the Board, Lindsay Duffey moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Laura Kunze seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

5/5/2021

Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer