

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road _____ 20_____
January 27, 2023
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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Attendance: Chief Tuchfarber, Supt. Tom Kayati,

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Chair Palmer.

Special Meeting—Sharon Township Fire Levy Discussion

Chair Palmer initiated the meeting by providing a background of the meetings and the request from the City of Worthington. No action was taken by the Township at the Wednesday meeting.

Kunze stated that there have been a lot of good points and discussions. The consensus is that the Township is not paying enough, but the discussion is how much is appropriate. Kunze noted the terms of the contract have been in place since 1994 and that the terms should be updated. Kunze pushed back on how the factors were calculated. Kunze questioned the calculations used.

Oberle provided introductory comments on the topic. Oberle recommended that action be delayed until the February 1 regular meeting. Oberle noted that the negotiation would start thereafter. Oberle suggested that this meeting should be used to discuss process for negotiations.

Oberle suggested that the negotiations start with a historical background.

Resident asked to confirm that the Township provided capital assets to the City at the time the City took over the property and assets.

Palmer noted that the contract only requires the Township to pay an equitable increase of subsequent City tax increase.

Kunze discussed that the original purpose of the contract was to be a partnership approach and the proposal makes the process look more like a customer focus.

Oberle stated that he believes that this is still being viewed as a partnership by the City.

Resident discussed that it should be equitable for City residents and Township residents.

Palmer noted that the contract needs to be revisited to reflect a more contemporary reality of funding. Palmer also discussed that the historical background and the totality of the Perry Township contract should be understood. Palmer emphasized the goal to move to a partnership model.

Palmer reiterated that the Township wants to negotiate. Palmer opened up for discussion.

Oberle discussed the need to bring history to the discussion. Oberle wants to evaluate the contract and place values on contract terms. The first meeting should be negotiation and raising questions to gain information. Oberle and Farley would be part of the team. Kayati will participate in the first meeting to provide history. Oberle noted that legal counsel should be apprised of the situation. Oberle proposed that at the February 1, 2023 the Trustees formally enter into negotiation.

Kunze agreed that the Village of Riverlea should be included in the first meeting.

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Palmer summarized that the next step is to check in with legal counsel and advise on next steps and seek a draft of what will be approved to send after the February 1, 2023 meeting. Palmer will draft the first letter and have it ready for Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Kayati mentioned that someone should gather the financial questions for the meeting. Palmer said he would put together the questions for the City.

Palmer noted that this may be a phased approach to the long-term partnership and future collaborations through contract provisions.

Farley noted the budget considerations for negotiation and potential arbitration. These should be contemplated. Trustees all commented about this and understood this variable.

At 7:45am Kunze moved to adjourn, Oberle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2/1/2023
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer