

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR

Meeting

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

Held _____ TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021 _____ 20 _____

Open

Trustee Koellner called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Guests

Board of Trustees

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of April 13, 2021. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

32 - 2021 Resolution approving Purchase Orders for health insurance premiums and telephone expenses for the remainder of 2021. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

33 - 2021 Resolution approving amendments to the 2021 Certificate of Estimated Resources. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Noted: February statements have been released; March statements will be ready by the end of the week.

Administration – Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

Executive Session to discuss employment and benefits of personnel in all departments.

Fire Department – Assistant Chief Keith Moore

Motion accepting, with regret, the resignation of Zachary DeVitt as a part-time member of the Copley Fire Department effective April 9, 2021. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Motion accepting, with regret, the resignation of Robert Evans as a part-time member of the Copley Fire Department effective April, 30, 2021. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye

Trustee Schulte asked Assistant Chief Moore if he would give the Board an update as to the number of part-time persons that are employed in Fire Department this year as opposed to last year. Chief Moore replied that he would get that information emailed to the Board.

Executive Session request to discuss employment of personnel in the Fire Department.

Noted: Chief Moore, concerned about the Knox Road bridge closure and the weight restrictions imposed by the County Engineer, took Copley Fire's water tender truck to have it weighed.. The tanker was certified as being under the prohibited weight. After working with Service Director, Mark Mitchell and talking with Summit County about this new evidence, the ban of the water tanker was lifted. While the ladder truck will not be able to cross the bridge, the water tanker has been given clearance by Summit County and will be able to cross in the event of an emergency.

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Assistant Chief Moore expressed concern about part of Cleveland Massillon Road that is being closed by the City of Fairlawn from May 5, 2021 through August 3, 2021 for a large construction project. There will not be a route for the fire trucks or EMS from Copley's Station I to get to the north side of the Township in a timely manner. Station II will be dispatched first to handle first response and Copley Station I will assist if needed. Director of Service Mark Mitchell helped to arrange a meeting between himself, Chief Moore, and the Service Director of Fairlawn to discuss and review the ongoing project. All were satisfied with the plans in place.

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

34 - 2021 Resolution requesting a Purchase Order to Susteen, Inc. in the amount of \$2,845.00 to purchase cell phone forensic software. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

35 - 2021 Resolution accepting the 3rd quarter installment of the 2020-2021 DARE Grant. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Service Department – Mr. Bob Blachaniec, Assistant Service Director

36 - 2021 Resolution accepting the 2021-2022 REWORKS Grant in the amount of \$17,307.00 and authorizing a Blanket Certificate to cover recycling expenses. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

Cemetery Deed for the Lynch Family

Motion to accept \$13,400.00 from the sale of a berm mower on GovDeals.com. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Community & Economic Development - Mr. Loudan Klein, Director

37 – 2021 Resolution approving a Blanket Certificate in the amount of \$1,800.00 for the repair of street lights on Flight Memorial Drive was tabled until David Firestine, the Townships Legal Counsel, could join the meeting.

After Mr. Firestine joined the meeting and gave clarity to some issues, Trustee Schulte moved to approve the Blanket Certificate for \$1800.00 to repair the street lighting in the Montrose area; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

The department has been working on the Enterprise Zone program and is looking at other communities who are using this tool; also considering Community Reinvestment Areas as well.

Trustee Koellner requested that the department reach out to those who have asked to be removed from JEDD and give them an update on the progress of talks with the City of Akron. Mr. Klein said he would.

A Kick-off meeting is scheduled for this week with CESO regarding the Sunset Drive infrastructure project.

Reminder that Arbor Day festivities will be celebrated on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. Tree giveaways, student contests, tree plantings, and a scavenger hunt are just some of the things planned for this event.

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None

New Business

Discussed the necessity to update the Transient Vendor License application and regulations for Food Trucks. The current rules and regulations do not apply to their particular type of operation. The Board of Trustees agreed to meet and consider the placement, fee structure, hours of operation, accessory items, etc. and put a new process in place. The Board voiced concerns about how these vendors would affect the brick and mortar restaurants that are currently in business in the Township. This will also be considered in their talks.

Southwest Summit Council of Governments requested that Copley Township enter into a lease on their behalf to buy equipment through Dell Financial Services. After discussion of pros and cons the Board decided to deny the request.

Correspondence

Received notice from the Summit County Engineers Office that employees of the Emerald Environmental Group will be working in the Township between May 1, 2021 and November 30, 2021 to observe current field conditions and perform vegetation mitigation of detention basins, some of which are located on private property covered by easements. This project has been initiated by the Summit County Engineers Office.

Business from the Floor

Mr. Bill Daniel of 1493 Cloverfield Dr. inquired about Home Rule and where the Township stood on this topic since it was last talked about. Mr. Daniel was informed that Home Rule has been put on hold for the time being while the Township waits to see if the state is going to mandate it or not. Mr. Daniel also spoke to the traffic in his neighborhood and the speed at which the cars were going. He suggested although there is stop sign on Karl and Cloverfield that the creation of a three way stop would better suit the neighborhood which contains about 15 children at this time. There will need to be a warrant study by the City Engineer to see if this can be put in place. Trustee Schulte added that the Board has asked Mr. Mitchell to look into speed tables for our neighborhoods.

Executive Session

At 8:05 p.m., Trustee Schulte moved to enter into Executive Session after a five minute recess, to discuss employment and benefits in all departments; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

At 9:13 p.m. Trustee Koellner moved to reconvene; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye. Trustee Koellner moved to elect Mrs. Janice Marshall as Secretary Pro-Tem; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Motion for a conditional offer of employment to Jonathan DeVault as part-time Firefighter/Medic pending successful completion of pre-hire testing. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Motion to align the part-time Fiscal Administration position wage with the Salary Schedule for part-time Administration Assistant's salary. This can be re-visited at a future meeting. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte. Trustee Koellner, yes; Trustee Schulte, yes; and Trustee Dressler no.

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Adjournment

At 9:31 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Koellner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Dressler; all voting aye.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:



Bruce Koellner, President



Linda Peiffer, Fiscal Officer