

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Held _____

TUESDAY, June 8, 2021

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Open:

Trustee Koellner called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present for the meeting: Trustee Koellner, Trustee Dressler, Trustee Schulte, Linda Peiffer, Janice Marshall, Loudan Klein, Mark Mitchell, Chris Bower and Dan Rice of the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition.

Janice Marshall introduced Dan Rice, President and CEO of the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition to discuss trail and greenway plans in the Township and how they might coincide with Summit County's greenway plans.

Mr. Rice, President and CEO of the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition, is involved with fund raising, project management, business engagement as well as working with residents to gain an inclusive approach to taking the vision of the trails and breaking them into manageable segments. The coalition is a non-profit group using basically four resources for funding and the group is willing to work with the Township to get the resources to build the trails.

Mr. Rice continued with ideas for getting the projects up and running:

- Establishing a Community Committee of perhaps 12 to 20 people with a shared vision and guiding values to comprise a "coalition of the willing". Mr. Rice suggested that the members have something to contribute other than just an opinion (work- wisdom-wealth).
- Funding- Look at projects and find out what fund raising sources could be used for each one by considering who the applicant is; whether it be the Township or a friend of the Township, and then look into Capital Funding. A representative from his group could attend meetings on the funding sources available that can only be used for trails as well as Congressional earmark grants.
- Corporate "adopt a trail" programs – Dominion "Projects for a Day".
- Local matching funds usually comprise about 20 to 30% of the monies, but some grants are fully funded.

Mr. Rice concluded his presentation with his own good impressions of the Economic Development Department and the Township's forward thinking on trails and greenway space. He stated that he was excited to work with people who had a genuine interest in making the Township a better place by way of building trails for its residents, community groups and businesses.

The Trustees, as well as Mr. Klein and Mrs. Marshall, thanked Mr. Rice for his time and his presentation about the coalition's willingness to work with the Township on this endeavor.

At 6:15 Trustee Koellner called a recess until the Regular Board of Trustees meeting started at 6:30.

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

Pledge of Allegiance - Trustee Koellner asked the winners of the coloring contest to come forward and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Guests

Arbor Day Coloring Contest Winners Recognition

Mr. Klein, Director of Community and Economic Development, welcomed the winners of the coloring contest that was part of the Arbor Day activities sponsored by his department April 30th and May 1st. Elias Lutsko, 6; Jiawen Zheng, 8; Ellington Kilgore, 6; and Diego Guerrero, 13. "*Coni the Conniver*" made a special appearance to cheer the kids on. The Board thanked them all for participating and congratulated them on their efforts.

Board of Trustees

Motion granting permission to select Copley Heritage Days, Inc. to receive the 2021 NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Program grant in the amount of \$750.00 to be used to support

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the 2021 Heritage Days celebration. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Discussion regarding an agreement with the City of Norton to reimburse the city for expenses incurred through leasing equipment from DELL for the Southwest Summit Communications Dispatch Center. The Board decided to postpone a vote pending legal approval of a pending agreement

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of May 25, 2021.

Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Trustee Schulte asked Ms. Peiffer when the Board could expect to see the banking RFP for 2021. Ms. Peiffer responded she would start working on it.

Administration – Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

Discussion regarding the expiring operating levy in the Police Department

56-2021 Resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to calculate the millage, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a continuous period of time for Copley Township's 3.5 mill Police levy. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye. (Replacement)

57-2021 Resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to calculate the millage, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a continuous period of time for Copley Township's 3.5 mill Police levy. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye. (Renewal)

58-2021 Resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to calculate the millage, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a continuous period of time for Copley Township's 3.5 mill replacement Police levy with a .5 mil increase. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

59-2021 Resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to calculate the millage, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation for a continuous period of time for Copley Township's 3.5 mill replacement Police levy with a 1.0 mil increase. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Dressler, aye; and Trustee Schulte, no.

Capital Projects – no update

Executive Session to discuss benefits of employment in the Police Department.

Fire Department – Chief Chris Bower

Capital Projects/Overtime – update

Chief Bower is working on a broad scope of work for the remodel of Station I and will review it with the Board upon completion.

Chief Bower recognized the on-duty firefighters of Shift B for welcoming the guests attending the meeting for the Coloring Contest and offering a tour of the bays and fire trucks.

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Executive Session to discuss employment of part-time personnel in the Fire Department.

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

A Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$40,000.00 to B&C Communications to buy a camera package to replace the current cameras in Montrose, was withdrawn until the next Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Schulte requested that research be done to see if upgrading servers that stores the film would allow all of the departments using a camera system to be budgeted together.

Capital Projects/Overtime – update

Chief Mier showed a picture of the new drug incinerator which was purchased as part of the Police Departments Capital Projects for 2021.

Chief Mier showed a picture of himself with Bill Rusher, a Viet Nam and W.W. II Veteran. He asked that everyone recognize that June 6th was the 77th anniversary of D-Day and also to remember those who fought in all the wars protecting the freedom's we now enjoy.

The Coffee with a Cop program will resume its schedule for morning chats at the Montrose Chick-Fil-A starting June 9th at 10:30 a.m. The program was started to provide a space where officers and residents can get together and talk.

Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director

60-2021 Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$20,080.00 to ABC Roofing to replace the shingles and to make any necessary decking repairs on the Historic Train Depot and Service Department pole barn. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

61-2021 Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order to QT Equipment in the amount of \$4,051.15 for expenses associated with the repair of the 2004 dump truck. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Discussion – implementation of speed tables in neighborhoods.

1. A draft of a survey that will be used to get residents feedback has been sent to the Board for approval. The Copley Connection as well as social media were suggested as the platform to get the survey out to the residents.
2. Collect data to determine areas where the speed tables are really needed. They can have radar signs up to track the data on high priority roads at a cost of \$1000.00 for all four signs.
3. Mr. Mitchell stated that there needs to be a good idea of where the tables should be placed. They should not be removed routinely as there are 200 bolts securing it to the road. Mr. Mitchell said perhaps an engineering study could be done.
4. Trustee Schulte stated that the Township should use in house expertise to determine what roads would be better utilized for this project and that he didn't want to lose responsiveness to the community. Trustee Koellner commented that although he was not in favor of delaying the tables, he felt that an upgrade to the radar signs to collect data should be the way to go.

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Motion- Trustee Koellner moved to authorize the Service Director to collect data from radar signs; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Mr. Mitchell and Chief Mier both recommended that the Board choose the speed tables (at a cost of \$4,187.00 each) as opposed to the hump version table (at a cost of \$4,449.00 each) for the most effective method to reduce speeding.

62-2021 Resolution approving a Blanket Certificate for \$20,000.00 for expenses associated with the purchase of four speed tables. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Mr. Mitchell thanked Eagle Scout Ryan Kimberly for his completed project building a picnic table and bench that has been installed at Copley Community Park. Mr. Mitchell added he would always support the Eagle Scout program.

Monthly Report – May 2021

Capital Projects – update

The last project on the list for the Service Department's Capital Project requests for 2021 is to have cameras installed in the park. It was suggested that Mr. Mitchell look into inclusion with the Police Department for this particular project.

Community & Economic Development - Mr. Loudan Klein, Director

Attorney David Firetine stated that the Community and Economic Development Department had exhausted all channels to work with the owners of the property located at 2782 Ridgewood Road and suggested legal action be taken. Trustee Koellner said it could be discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to authorize the Copley Board of Trustees Chairperson to sign a response letter to Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) property owners requesting removal from the JEDD. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Capital Projects – updates

- **Sunset Drive** – had land planning discussion; staff on site surveying
- **Tri State Property** – Enviro Science on site for wetland delineation
- **Senior Playground** – pursuing quotes for a senior playground on St. Edwards property; a CDBG grant will likely be used to cover the cost
- **Eastern Gateway** – Quotes for beautification and renderings for the sign have been requested

Monthly Report – May 2021

Executive Session to discuss potential land acquisition

Old Business

Discussion – Ohio EPA MS-4 Permit – Questioned if the Township can opt out of the county MS4 permit – looked to legal counsel for an answer. Mrs. Marshall talked to surrounding Townships to see what their involvement with the MS-4 permit entailed. All of the Trustees agreed that we need to look out for the Township and stop the money going out to help other areas. Final decision: The Board requests Attorney David Firetine to take action and see if Copley Township is legally bound to have the Ohio EPA MS-4 permit. The Board will wait for his answer before proceeding any further on the matter.

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New Business

None :

Business from the Floor

1). Mr. Bill Daniel of 1496 Cloverfield Drive requested on April 27th for traffic control on his street. He asked the Board where the issue stood since he last asked it to be addressed. He felt as though the Boards focus tonight is on the northwest quadrant and wanted to be assured his comments regarding the traffic issues in his neighborhood were still being considered

2). Mr. Eric Cooper of 2686 Wright Road and the corner of Jacoby Road appeared before the Board to express great concerns about the intersection of Wright and Jacoby. He realizes that these are county roads; but the county is not doing anything to address the situation and he is greatly concerned that someone is going to end up hurt if things are not changed. The traffic noise, engine breaks and vehicles running the stop signs are a huge problem. He was told that any changes to this intersection and area would have to go through Summit County. Mr. Klein indicated he would reach out to the county as they will respond to high crash intersections and may have a solution.

Correspondence

Executive Session

Trustee Schulte excused himself at 8:00 p.m.

At 8:10 p.m., Trustee Koellner moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss benefits of employment in the Police Department; employment of personnel in the Fire Department; potential litigation and acquisition of property; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

At 8:51 p.m. Trustee Dressler moved to reconvene the Regular meeting; second by Trustee Koellner, both voting aye.

Trustee Koellner moved approval to name Janice Marshall Secretary Pro-tem; second by Trustee Dressler, both voting aye.

63-2021 Resolution Trustee Dressler moved approval to coordinate Township legal response against the property owner of 2782 Ridgewood Road; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

Motion - Trustee Dressler moved approval to offer a conditional offer of employment to part-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic Zac Penco pending successful completion of pre-hire testing; second by Trustee Koellner, both voting aye.

Motion – Trustee Koellner moved approval to confirm an offer of employment to Jonathan DeVault for part-time Firefighter/Paramedic; second by Trustee Dressler, both voting aye.

Motion – Trustee Dressler moved approval authorizing Janice Marshall, Administrator, to grant the grievance submitted by Bruce Kaschner and remedy requested there under; second by Trustee Koellner, both voting aye.

Motion –Trustee Dressler moved approval to not include sick time following the COVID vaccination shots to be considered when calculating sick time bonus eligibility; second by Trustee Koellner, both voting aye.

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Adjournment

At 8:57 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Koellner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Dressler; both voting aye.

Approved by:



Bruce Koellner, President

Respectfully submitted by:



Linda Peiffer, Fiscal Officer