

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

President Bruce Koellner called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

31-2019 Resolution to approve the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Trustee Humphrys moved approval with the date correction from February 26 to February 12; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.

32-2019 Resolution to accept the December 2018 and January 2019 financial statements and bank reconciliations pending audit. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

33-2019 Resolution to amend Exhibit A of Copley Township's Credit Card Policy.

Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Humphrys. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.

34-2019 Resolution to approve Then and Now Purchase Orders. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Ms. Peiffer requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel in the Fiscal Office.

Township Administrator – Mrs. Janice Marshall

35-2019 Resolution - to Accept a \$750 NOPEC Community Grant to support the festivities connected with the Bicentennial. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Mrs. Marshall requested an Executive Session to discuss contractual benefits in the Police Department and benefits of employment in all departments.

Fire Department – Chief Chris Bower

36-2019 Resolution to Remove Michael Jones from Probationary Status effective March 25, 2018. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

37-2019 Resolution to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for Mutual Aid Assistance for a disaster or for Conducting Emergency Management Exercises. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler.** Discussion on the motion: It was clarified that signing the agreement does not automatically allow the deployment of Copley personnel. The agreement acknowledges that Copley could be available for a mission when called upon. **Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Chief Bower requested an Executive Session to discuss Personnel in the Fire Department.

Trustee Koellner stated he was not personally in favor of replacing the Captain's position in the Fire Department but that he would support the hiring of an additional full-time firefighter if Chief Bower was in favor of pursuing that route. Chief Bower stated that he would prefer to pursue filling the Captain's position as in doing so, he would be hiring a full-time firefighter that could also fill other necessary administrative rolls. The

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discussion will be continued at the Capital Budget meeting scheduled for March 18, 2019 from 9:00-12:30 in the North Room

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

38-2019 Resolution to renew the Night Vision Goggles agreement with the Naval Warfare Center for \$600. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director

Service Director Mitchell discussed changes in the 2019 Road Paving Program. He received the quotes for the road program, and they came in much higher than anticipated mainly with the 448 asphalt portion of the program. That came in at \$483,537.75. Mr. Mitchell spoke with Sam Ross and was told it was due to the cost of asphalt cement (AC) has doubled. Last year it was around \$150 per ton and this year it's over \$300.

In order to meet the not to exceed \$575,000 as budgeted Mr. Mitchell said he would place the Rothrock Loop and Springside Connector paving as an alternate which will reduce the cost from \$483, 537.75 to \$338,281.25. The alternate would be \$145,256.50. If the bids come in less than anticipated, then maybe the alternates could be considered.

Mr. Koellner asked the status of the drainage issue at the corner of S Hametown and Copley Road. Eugene Wilson from County Engineer's office responded that the water is flowing but not like it should. Once the Tanker truck is placed into service that would improve the flow.

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Matt Springer

Mr. Springer was absent. Mrs. Marshall presented his requests.

Request to set a Public Hearing on March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to consider Zoning Resolution Text Amendments in conjunction with the Complete Streets Grant Zoning Audit received in 2018. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Mrs. Marshall requested an Executive Session to discuss land donation and land acquisition.

Old Business - Mrs. Marshall reported on the following:

1. The 3rd Annual Litter Campaign will be held April 20, 2019 in cooperation with the Akron Rugby Club; the clean-up will focus on Pigeon Creek and the surrounding neighborhoods and will be followed by lunch and a rugby game. Plans also include a neighborhood challenge for litter clean-up through the Neighborhood Ambassador Program
2. Safety Facility – The Safety Facility Committee met with the Architect to review the design draft and needs assessment. Some changes were required, and a revision should be available this week
3. Fairlawn GIG – A meeting is scheduled with the City of Fairlawn to begin setting parameters for a feasibility study to consider expansion of the Fairlawn GIG into the Township
4. Bicentennial: Reviewed upcoming events:
5. March 8, 2019 – Friends of Scouting Troop 382 Fish Fry at Copley High School from 4:30-7:00pm – test your Copley Trivia and enjoy a great fish dinner!
6. March 23, 2019 – Farmer's Share Breakfast at Copley High School from 8:00-11:00 am; cost is \$1.00 per person representing the amount a farmer receives for providing the ingredients used to make the breakfast

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7. April 25, 2019 – “Spirits of the Bicentennial” wine tasting at Shisler’s from 5:00-8:00pm. Presale tickets for \$20 includes a commemorative, etched wine glass, five wine tastings and light hors d’oeuvres
8. Fundraising continues with the newest addition...metal garden stakes in a variety of painted and unpainted finishes for \$15.00.

New Business

Discussed options available surrounding the potential closure of the Barberton jail. An offer has been made by the City of Barberton for Copley Township to combine resources with the Cities of Barberton and Norton to keep the jail operational through 2019. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019 to discuss the offer and to answer many questions raised by the Board of Trustees

Executive Session

With no business from the floor, **Trustee Humphrys moved to go into an Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property, donation of land; benefits of employment in all departments and contractual benefits in the Police Department; personnel in the Fire Department, and personnel in the Fiscal Office at 7:09 pm.; Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Trustee Koellner moved to go public at 9:05 p.m., second by Trustee Dressler; all voting AYE.

39-2019 Resolution to approve a \$7500 step-increase bonus to Township Administrator Janice Marshall plus the 2.25% wage increase comparable to all employees’ wage increase effective February 25, 2019. **Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

40-2019 Resolution to approve the purchase of 1860 Copley Road (Charlie’s Ribs) for \$60,000 and authorize the Township Administrator to sign closing documents on behalf of the board. **Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Humphrys. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

41-2019 Resolution to Approve \$5,000 toward a Phase I assessment of a proposed donation property on Ridgewood Road. **Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

42-2019 Resolution to concur with the Fiscal Officer’s hire of Janet Iverson as a Part-time Accounting Clerk and to Approve the rate of \$19.00 per hour. **Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Humphrys. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Discussion concluded with the trustees in agreement to move Human Resources’ operations from the Fiscal Office to the Administration Reception area.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Trustee Koellner moved to adjourn at 9:09 p.m., second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted:

Bruce D. Koellner, President

Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer