

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held _____ **TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021** _____ 20 _____

Open

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Guests

Trustee Koellner welcomed all.

Board of Trustees

Wished a Happy Birthday to Mrs. David Dressler on her 90th birthday!

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

Fiscal Officer Peiffer presented meeting minutes from two meetings for approval:

Motion to approve the Nov. 24, 2020 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second Trustee Dressler. All voted aye.

Motion to approve the Dec. 7, 2020 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second Trustee Koellner. All voted aye.

Motion to acknowledge receipt of the November financial statements, pending audit. Trustee Dressler moved approval, second Trustee Koellner. All voted aye.

Motion to acknowledge receipt of the December, 2020 Financial Statements pending audit. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, Trustee Schulte requested additional time to review the statements as some questions were raised that had not been answered; because these statements represent the year-end financial position of the Township, they should be correct so the public can have confidence in their accuracy. Trustee Koellner called for the vote - all voting no.

The Fiscal Officer introduced a resolution to amend the Temporary Appropriations for Account #2111- 760-750-0000 in the amount of \$210,000.00. Discussion followed regarding the need for the amendment. A previous resolution authorizing a Blanket Certificate to be issued in 2020 for the purchase of an ambulance was not processed. The Board questioned the appropriateness of issuing a 2021 Blanket Certificate for a 2020 purchase. The Fiscal Officer indicated she would contact the Auditors for guidance; the resolution was tabled.

Discussion was held regarding the establishment of Capital Projects funds for the Police and Fire departments as authorized by Resolution #2020-156 and #2020-157. Neither of these funds were established in 2020; the Board of Trustees requested that these funds be established prior to closing the financial statements for 2020 and the appropriate monies be transferred to the funds per the resolutions.

Fiscal Officer requested **Executive Session** to discuss communication between Administration and Fiscal.

Administration - Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

Motion requesting approval of Exhibit A and B of the Township Credit Card Policy Authorizing specific employees to use the Township Master Card credit cards and SAMS Club credit cards and approving the document for those employees to sign acknowledging receipt of the credit card policy.

Trustee Koellner moved approval; second Trustee Dressler. All voted aye.

Request **Executive Session** to discuss benefits of personnel in all departments

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Fire Department - Chief Chris Bower

#2021-01 Resolution granting permission to issue a Blanket Certificate in the amount of \$7,686.00 for the purchase of equipment associated with the purchase of a 2021 Lifeline Ambulance as previously approved by Resolution #2020-84 and to amend the Temporary Appropriations to allow for the expense. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second, Trustee Dressler. Roll-call Vote: Trustee Schulte- Aye; Trustee Dressler- Aye; Trustee Koellner-Aye

Request **Executive Session** to discuss employment of Part-time Personnel on the Fire Department

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

Received Monthly report – December 2020

Service Department – Trustee Mark Mitchell, Service Director

#2021-02 Resolution granting permission to issue a Blanket Certificate in the amount of \$25,000.00 for expenses associated with Senior Snow Plow. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second Trustee Dressler. Roll-call Vote: Trustee Dressler-aye; Trustee Koellner- aye; Trustee Schulte-aye

Motion granting permission to issue a Letter of Intent to the Summit County Engineer to participate in the 2021 Road Repair program. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. All voting aye.

Discussed participation in a mutual aid agreement with the county for area Service Departments faced with decreased staffing due to an emergency; additional details to follow.

Received monthly report for December 2020 from the Service department.

Community & Economic Development – Trustee Loudan Klein, Director

Motion granting permission to send a letter to the Summit County Engineer's Office requesting cost estimates to include a sidewalk replacement project as part of the resurfacing project on Cleveland Massillon Road. Trustee Schulte moved approval; Trustee Koellner-second. All voting aye

Motion to schedule a public hearing for a map amendment application for 120 Montrose West on February 23, 2021 at 6:00pm. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second Trustee Dressler. All voting aye.

Discussed the extension of sewer along Copley Road from Route 21 to Jacoby Road; all Trustees agreed that the Township could use funds earmarked for sewer extension saved from JEDD revenues through 2015 and could incur any additional debt necessary to finance the project. Negotiations will continue with the county and the City of Akron for incremental revenue generated by future development to service the debt.

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Discussed future funding of Capital Projects funds for the Police and Fire departments; additional discussions will be held once 2020 financial statements are completed.

New Business

Business from the Floor

Ms. Ahern, 3312 Brenner Road had a concern about a Police incident on the hill. A statement was released to the press that gave more details of the incident and Chief Mier indicated that concerned citizens should contact the Police Department directly as opposed to relying on speculations on social media.

Executive Session

Trustee Koellner moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss benefits of employment in all departments, employment of personnel in the Administrative Department and benefits of employment in the Fire Department. Second by Trustee Dressler. All voted aye.

Session began at 7:59 p.m.

Trustee Koellner moved to reconvene to public meeting. Second Trustee Dressler. All voting aye.

The public meeting began at 8:50 p.m.

Motion granting permission to extend a conditional offer of employment to Firefighters, Stephen Canty and Zachary Devitt pending successful completion of prehire testing. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

03-2021 Resolution - Granted permission to use a Wellness grant from Medical Mutual in the amount of \$2,500.00 and an additional \$1,864.00 from Fund #2191 for the purchase of a new treadmill to be placed in the Fire bays; all employees are welcome to use the treadmill. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second Trustee Schulte; Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler-Aye; Trustee Koellner-Aye; Trustee Schulte- Aye

Adjournment

At 8:53 p.m. with no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn the meeting, second Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Approved by:



Bruce Koellner, President

Respectfully submitted:



Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer