

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Held MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 20

Open Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

President Dressler welcomed everyone and acknowledged Tim Boley from the Summit County Engineers Office.

Board of Trustees

Trustee Koellner moved to name Township Administrator Janice Marshall as Secretary Pro-tem in Ms. Peiffer's absence due to illness. Second by Trustee Schulte; the motion carried.

Resolution #2020-03 requesting the Summit County Engineer's Office to begin the process to dedicate Sunset Drive as a public road in Copley Township. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte. Discussion: Trustee Koellner stated that all property owners have donated their property to allow access to Sunset Drive. **Roll call vote: Trustee Schulte, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Dressler, Aye.**

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2019. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte; the motion carried.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2020. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte; the motion carried.

Resolution #2020-04 granting permission to begin the procedure to transfer funds from dormant debt service, capital expenditure and agency funds to the General Fund.

WHEREAS, Copley Township has certain funds with unexpended balances that have been inactive for a period of years; and

WHEREAS, the Copley Township Fiscal Officer, as advised by the state auditor, requests to transfer certain fund balances totaling \$178,610.37 to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of said fund balances to the General Fund will not result in injury to anyone or any entity; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the certain funds to be transferred to the General Fund require a court order rendered from the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Copley Township Board of Trustees authorizes that:

SECTION 1. The funds to be transferred to the General Fund are	
Fund #3901 Bond Retirement Fund	\$176,332.11
(Special Assessments S Springside Drive)	
Fund #4402 COSE Ditching Program	\$ 234.83
(County of Summit Engineer (COSE))	
Fund #4902 SWSCOM LGIF Loan	\$.02
(Local Govt. Innovation Fund Loan for Joint Dispatch)	
Fund #9002 Lerkis Sand & Gravel Bond	\$ 2,043.41
(Monies leftover from sand and gravel operation reclamation-owner deceased)	

SECTION 2. The Copley Board of Trustees has determined that it is necessary to transfer said funds authorized by section 5705.14 of the Revised Code to the General Fund.

SECTION 3. Copley Fiscal Officer Linda Peiffer contact Copley Township Legal Counsel to petition the Court of Common Pleas, Summit County, and the Tax

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Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director

Resolution #2020-08 granting permission to sell a 2003 Ford F250 pick-up truck on GovDeals.com. **Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Schulte, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Dressler, Aye.**

Resolution #2020-09 approving a Purchase Order to the Akron Legal News in the amount of \$113.00 to advertise the auction of the 2003 Ford F250 pick-up truck. Mr. Mitchell said he wants a \$4,000 minimum. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Schulte, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Dressler, Aye.**

Mr. Mitchell said he would have his December 2019 Monthly report to the Board tomorrow.

Community and Economic Development – Mr. Matt Springer

Permission to remove Clarissa Hunt from Probationary Status upon successful completion of her one-year probationary period as an Administrative Assistant in the Community and Economic Development Department. **Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.**

Mr. Springer requested nominations from the Board of Trustees for a representative to serve on the Copley Community Improvement Corporation for a three-year term. **Trustee Schulte nominated Trustee Koellner, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.**

Permission to allow applicants to supply an electronic signature as part of the application process when submitting Zoning applications using the electronic portal connected to the permit software currently used by the Township. Individuals would still have to pay in person for the permit. **Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.**

Economic Development Updates

- Construction should begin February 2020 with completion in April 2020 for the Rothrock Road sewer extension.
- Extension of the sanitary sewer force main and pump station at S.R. 21 exit ramp on Copley Road is slated for 2021.

Gateway sign for S.R. 18 at Miller Farm – Mr. Springer asked for direction on cost sharing with the CIC. The Copley Chamber of Commerce donated \$1,200 to the CIC for the maintenance of the sign. The sign façade is a rough sawn cedar material on stone from Tucker Supply. **Trustee Koellner moved to share 50/50 with the CIC for purchase and installation of the sign, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.**

1578 Greening Drive – Mr. Springer said the home is on a corner lot and has been vacant for 30 years. The owner is deceased. The trees on the lot are mostly dead and have been blown over on communication power lines. The road is closed. Mr. Springer asked for direction from the Board of Trustees. Mr. Mitchell said the trees have come down nearby at other times and the road crew moved the trees off the road. He felt Frontier should be called. Mrs. Marshall said Frontier did come out and fixed the lines, but Frontier did not cut the tree, indicating it was not Frontier's responsibility. Township Legal Counsel will be contacted.

Mr. Springer submitted the December 2019 Monthly report with YTD numbers. Trustee Schulte asked for the property maintenance sites update on the report.

Mr. Springer reported that he had a conversation with Superintendent Brian Poe and Mr. Robinson from Copley Fairlawn schools regarding the stadium projects. Mr. Springer

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was contacted by an engineering firm for the school district to work with the schools for the extension of sanitary sewer for the middle school and the high school. Jim Borchik from Copley Fairlawn School Board was present. Mr. Borchik said the school was given a deadline of 20 months from last summer. Mr. Springer felt there would be ways to work with the schools that would be beneficial to both.

Trustee Koellner asked if the school was going to hire an engineer to design the sanitary sewer and how it would be connected. He felt that it would be beneficial to Copley's sewer issue around the circle if they worked together. Mr. Borchik answered that the School wants to partner with the Township. The school must replace the bleachers, which would cost one million. Mr. Borchik said they are awaiting results from a survey to see if a small levy could be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Borchik also said that the school would like to be included in Heritage Day plans for this coming year for an open house celebrating Copley High School's 50th year.

Mr. Borchik thanked Copley Police for their immediate response to a legitimate concern regarding a student, and for the DARE grant.

Trustee Koellner brought up having a consistent Resource Officer for the middle school. Mr. Borchik said the school has been trying to get Fairlawn to participate, but Fairlawn has not responded.

Old Business

Police/Fire Facility –Trustee Koellner made a motion to move forward with the architect's rendition of the new fire/police facility on Sunset and to place the building as close to the railroad tracks as possible. Trustee Schulte second; the motion carried.

Trustee Schulte felt it was important to determine what is going to happen to the parcels south of the Town Hall. He asked Janice to contact the contiguous property owners to see what they want, get their ideas, while acknowledging that Matt Springer also had ideas for the area from discussions with the CIC.

Mrs. Marshall discussed the Magdalyn/Oak Tree/ Dexter neighborhood. The water issue is quality, not quantity. Research has been done, surveys went out, and Akron submitted cost figures, which were exorbitant. Most did not want the water based on cost, while some need water. One property owner has a water quality analysis.

Discussion followed. Mrs. Marshall was asked to hold a neighborhood meeting with the residents to determine water quality issues and possibly gather data for a grant to improve water quality.

Correspondence

Received a thank you letter to the Copley Police Department from a family that participated in the Share a Christmas program. Mrs. Marshall thanked Sue Mack and Sandy Bittner for their work in the program.

New Business

Removal of Property from the JEDD

Discussion centered on the JEDD Agreement, specifically Section 5, which allows for the removal of property from the JEDD, but it doesn't state how. Trustee Schulte asked for a legal opinion on the procedures to remove property from the JEDD, and if a property is removed from the JEDD, can Akron disconnect sewer and water.

Trustee Koellner discussed his thoughts on how a professional company or consultant could help the Township. Referring to his experience when new trustees take office, Trustee Koellner said they come in with their own ideas of what they think the public

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wants. "We need to mold those priorities / ideas into a cohesive unit. What are we going to do first, second, third, fourth? The issue is that every two years, that is subject to change, when a new elected official comes in, the apple cart gets upset. I would like to enlist the aid of an expert or an expert company that would come in and help us to determine what those priorities are and set that in a document that goes beyond election cycles. So that when new trustees come in, they can view a document that has reason and sustainability with a consistent move in the direction for the Township."

Trustee Dressler referred to an all-day retreat held years ago which he felt was productive. He felt a lot of things were accomplished. Discussion followed, all discussion is on tape and on file.

Trustee Schulte believed a Comprehensive Plan is needed and he felt it was beyond the scope of the Board of Trustees and the current staffing in the Township. He felt Environmental Design Group (EDG) could help. Mr. Dwayne Groll, Environmental Design Group, was present in the audience and had submitted a proposal to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Schulte asked Mr. Groll to give his professional opinion. Mr. Dwayne Groll, President of EDG, said he is a 25-year Copley resident. Mr. Groll listed some of his projects that he has done as a design engineer. For Copley, his proposal is a capital improvement plan and strategic plan combined. His firm would gather all the projects envisioned from the Township and public, regardless of cost or difficulty, and filter them down in priority organization. Then he would develop action items for those projects. Mr. Groll has been interactive with Copley for years and has a good working relationship with Township employees. He believes Copley has great energy. When asked, Mr. Groll said that EDG has 28 years of experience in grant writing and awards.

Trustee Dressler called for a five minute recess.

Trustee Koellner moved to schedule a meeting to discuss priorities on Thursday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m., second by Trustee Schulte; the motion carried.

Executive Session

Trustee Dressler moved to hold an executive session to discuss employee benefits in the Police Department and Administration. Employment of Personnel in the Police Department, Employment of Personnel in Administration and acquisition or sale of land. Second by Trustee Schulte **Roll call vote: Trustee Schulte, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Dressler, Aye.** The time was 8:15 pm.


Trustee Koellner moved to go public, Trustee Schulte seconded; the motion carried. The time was 9:45pm.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Koellner ; the motion carried. The time was 9:46pm.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted:


Scott D. Dressler, President


Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer