

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE SPECIAL MEETING Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020

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Open

Pledge of Allegiance

President Dressler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Trustee Dressler acknowledged Mr. Dwayne Groll from EDG who was present and stated that he has met with some different Township employees and has submitted a proposal to help with the infrastructure planning of the Township.

Mr. Groll asked if the Trustees had concerns or thoughts about his proposal. Trustee Koellner had several concerns, stating that maybe he could shed light on why certain priorities would be better to place above others as a collective idea. He asked if he would inform the Trustees of upcoming grants, and would he have time with all the other projects EDG does throughout the state.

Mr. Groll stated that a prioritized plan is a mechanism to keep things moving in a long term, five or ten-year, capital projects plan. You build the plan with the wish list of everything the present leadership would like to see in the Township. We would then prioritize starting down to what is the top one you want to tackle in 2020. The other projects are out there, but not with a lot of detail, then you break it down. When new leadership comes in, they understand what is expected. It is a mechanism to keep things moving. It doesn't mean that new leadership cannot change the priority. When grants or money comes available, like the last couple of years, those communities that didn't have a plan weren't ready to utilize that opportunity.

Trustee Schulte said the Comprehensive Land Use Plan indicated that the top two issues were sewer and water and community facilities and recreational. He said the Comprehensive Plan doesn't lay out specifics, like where sewer lines would be, where the paths should be. He asked Mr. Groll if that was what he envisioned happening?

Mr. Groll said he did, but cautioned that it is not laying out the whole sewer and water trail system in one big comprehensive plan. "That is a process that would take much more dollars than what is in this proposal. If you hired me to do sewer and water, that would be \$50,000 to \$100,000 to do so. But the positive is that there are plans for JEDD that go way back. There are tools available that we can lace that together. I know we can come in and look at that. I don't think that is what the Township needs at this point. We have a lead on where future extension could be. This is about, identify the desires of the leadership, where is the important areas, write them out, this is what we do in step one." All discussion is on tape and on file.

In response to Trustee Koellner regarding grants, he summarized it by saying each funding mechanism has different parameters. On ability to complete projects while working with the Township, Mr. Groll assured the Trustees his company is very capable. Mr. Koellner asked about conflicts due to EDG's involvement with the state and county. Further discussion followed. All discussion is on tape and on file.

Trustee Schulte moved to approve engaging EDG, pending legal counsel review regarding conflict of interest as Mr. Groll sits on the Architectural Review Board. Trustee Koellner seconded the motion stating that he did not want to impede the projects his engineering firm is already involved in with Copley.

Discussion on the motion. Trustee Dressler preferred to not have a pending clause on the motion. He would prefer the motion and second were withdrawn. Trustee Schulte withdrew his motion. Trustee Koellner withdrew his second.

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Trustee Koellner asked Matt Springer if he would be comfortable working with EDG and was answered in the affirmative.

Point of Order

The Fiscal Officer was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Trustee Koellner nominated Janice Marshall as Secretary Pro-tem, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.

Trustee Schulte clarified his discussions held with Bath Township on the jointly owned property by Bath and Copley and Bath's request to be bought out, did not include the cemetery; just the Station 2 property on Cleveland Massillon Road.

Trustee Schulte moved to acquire Bath Township's fifty percent ownership interest in the land at 70 S Cleveland Massillon Road for fifty percent of the appraised land value to facilitate Copley Township subsequently disposing of the property. Second by Trustee Koellner.

Discussion on the motion. Trustee Dressler said the Township is not going to dispose of the cemetery. The parcel is not split, the cemetery is part of the parcel. He asked Trustee Schulte to rephrase the motion.

Resolution 2020-10 Trustee Schulte moved to acquire Bath Township's fifty percent ownership interest in the land at 70 S Cleveland Massillon Road for fifty percent of the appraised land value. Second by Trustee Koellner. **Roll call vote: Trustee Schulte, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Dressler, Aye.**

Resolution 2020-11 Trustee Koellner moved to appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of purchasing the property at 70 S Cleveland Massillon Road from Bath Township. Trustee Schulte second. **Roll call vote: Trustee Schulte, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Dressler, Aye.**

Planning Portion of Meeting

Referring an action taken by the previous Board of Trustees (Scott Dressler, Dale Panovich, and Helen Humphrys) to segregate the JEDD money that equals \$1,7 million dollars on the books. Trustee Schulte said he would like again separate the first \$500,000 of the JEDD Revenue into a Capital Projects fund to be used toward parks, pathways, fiber, sewer and water. We need to reduce expenses in the General Fund accordingly. Allocations of the fiscal office expenses and utilities was one step, but more will be needed. Trustee Schulte said it should never have been in general operations funds.

Discussion: Trustee Dressler said he was reluctant to earmark it without knowing what you are going to spend it on. We also have other options with all our department budgets. Trustee Schulte said he was looking at Capital Improvements. Trustee Koellner said he didn't have an issue with Trustee Schulte's suggestion, but felt it might be premature. With the current discussions going on with Akron and the County, maybe it is best to identify what it is going to cost first. Trustee Dressler said the Board could look at it. Trustee Schulte said the CIC money would come out of that as well Mr. Groll's proposal. Trustee Dressler said you would need to know where the money comes from before you take it away. Trustees Dressler and Koellner agreed on the concept. Discussion followed. All discussion is on tape and on file.

Fiber

Trustee Dressler asked Trustee Schulte's thoughts on fiber. Mr. Schulte said tying sewer/water and fiber all in one conduit. We should do the easy infrastructure work when you are running a sidewalk path or sewer. It is easier if the conduit is there. Trustee Dressler said when 5G comes, it will be faster than fiber. He also did not feel it was fair to run fiber to high density neighborhoods when the rest of the Township won't

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have it. Trustee Koellner said anytime a road is open, conduit should be laid. Going forward, all three Trustees agreed that when roads are opened, conduit should go in.

Safety Center

Trustee Koellner said a formal letter must go to Summit County and Akron asking for the extension of sewer and water to Sunset as the Township plans to build the Safety Center on Sunset, and to possibly the Circle area and to S.R. 21 as well. Trustee Dressler said the original plan for just the police station on Sunset, the water line would be looped, which is a given.

Trustee Koellner moved that Mrs. Marshall draft a letter to the City of Akron Service Director and Summit County Sanitary Services advising them the Township is moving forward with the safety center on Sunset and ask their cooperation in extending sewer and water. Trustee Schulte seconded the motion. Discussion followed how the utilities would run. All discussion is on tape and on file. Trustee Dressler called for the vote, all voting Aye.

Discussed the location of the Safety Center on Sunset. Preference, as stated in the Monday evening meeting, that the building should be closest to the railroad tracks, so the remaining parcels are viable for development as a funding mechanism toward payment of the Safety Center.

Funding the Safety Center

Trustee Koellner said in the past, former Trustee, Helen Humphrys, had proposed that a portion of the cost could come from the General Fund. Trustee Dressler said he is a proponent for a bond levy. Trustee Koellner agreed with Trustee Dressler. Discussion followed on funding scenarios. All discussion is on tape and on file.

Rothrock Road - Undeveloped Properties

Trustee Schulte said there are 70 acres on Rothrock Road and said the Board needs to plan how those 70 acres are going to be used. Should it be rezoned to develop the acreage? It should be made a priority. Trustee Schulte suggested that Economic Development come up with a better plan. Referring to the closure of Rosemont Country Club on Rothrock Road in Fairlawn, Trustee Koellner said now would be a prime time to work together to come up with an amicable solution that would eventually open Rothrock Road. Trustee Schulte said that is exactly what he was saying. "Have Economic Development come up with a plan for Rothrock, with the road open or closed." Discussion followed. All discussion is on tape and on file.

Total Labor Cost

Referring to the wage reports the Trustees received, Trustee Koellner brought up overtime costs, saying a plan would include more fulltime to reduce overtime costs. Trustee Schulte suggested that for the March budgetary process, the Department Heads should justify the optimum level of employment in their departments and minimize the financial cost of that employment. Discussion followed. In summary, Trustee Schulte summarized it by saying, "Tell us the employment levels in your departments that you are going to manage to and we are going to hold you accountable to."

Janice Marshall reminded the Trustees that as the Township increases its land ownership and adding more parks or trails, the Service Department is impacted. All discussion is on tape and on file.

Executive Session

Trustee Dressler made a motion to go into Executive Session; Trustee Koellner Seconded; **Roll call vote: Trustee Schulte Aye; Trustee Koellner Aye; Trustee Dressler Aye** at 10:50am when he called the recess of the public meeting. The executive session started at 11:05.

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The public meeting reconvened at 11:14am with a motion from Trustee Dressler, second by Trustee Koellner with all voting aye. Trustee Koellner made a motion to approve a Purchase Order to Barberton Tree Service for \$5,000 to cut down trees on Greening Drive; seconded by Trustee Dressler; Motion carried.

Trustee Dressler made a motion to go into Executive Session again to discuss employment of personnel in the Police Department, second by Trustee Schulte **Roll call vote: Trustee Schulte Aye; Trustee Koellner Aye; Trustee Dressler Aye** The Executive Session began at 11:17am

The public meeting reconvened at 11:29am with a motion by Trustee Dressler, second by Trustee Schulte. Motion carried


Trustee Dressler made a motion; Second by Trustee Schulte; motion carried to confirm the conditional offers of employment to Caleb Ogletree, Dylan Falconer and Kevin Garofalo to the Police Department. All voting aye.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn at 11:29am, second by Trustee Schulte ; the motion carried.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted:



Scott D. Dressler, President



Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer