

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR

Meeting

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

Held TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 _____ 20 _____

Open

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Board of Trustees

Trustee Koellner made a motion to have Janice Marshall serve as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of Fiscal Officer Linda Peiffer; second by Trustee Dressler; all voting aye.

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

Ms. Peiffer was absent with no report

Administration – Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

Trustee Koellner presented and moved approval of:

04-2021 Resolution granting permission to accept \$10,734.00 in grant proceeds from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) as part of their Energized Community Grant Program. Trustee Dressler second for the purpose of discussion. Discussion and Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

Executive Session request to discuss benefits of personnel in all departments.

Fire Department – Chief Chris Bower

Presentation of 2020 calls for service within the department as well as COVID-19 calls.

05-2021 Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$9,716.68 to Fallsway Equipment Co. to update the light system on the 2008 Pierce Fire Truck. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, no; and Trustee Schulte no.

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Part-time Firefighter/Medic Jason Arbaugh effective immediately.

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

Motion to accept insurance proceeds in the amount of \$18,914.95 for Police Cruiser #73 damaged in an auto accident while in use on patrol. Trustee Koellner moved to approve; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Motion to accept a new drug Drop-off Box at the Police Station. The box is a donation from Rite Aid Pharmacy and KIDS Cents Foundation. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler; all voting aye.

Executive Session request to discuss hiring of personnel in the Police Department.

Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director

06 - 2021 Resolution granting permission to participate in the 2021 Summit County Road Program. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Dressler, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

07 – 2021 Resolution requesting the Summit County Engineer to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the 2021 Copley Township 448 Asphalt Road repaving program. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye. Noted: The west side streets are 448 asphalt roads. The east side streets are 442 chip and seal.

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08 – 2021 Resolution requesting Summit County Engineer to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the 2021 Copley Township Pavement Marking Program. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye, and Trustee Dressler, aye.

Motion to accept the highway Mileage report as prepared by the Ohio Department of transportation indicating that Copley Township maintains 64.615 miles of public roadway Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Discussion took place regarding the Summit County Service Department Response Network Mutual Aid Agreement. Trustee Koellner moved approval to be a part of the agreement; second by Trustee Dressler. All voting aye.

A Cemetery Deed for the Lewis Family was presented.

Noted: 111 Christmas trees were picked up for mulching.

Community and Economic Development – Mr. Loudan Klein, Director

Discussed poor street and parking area lighting in the Montrose area; meeting scheduled with contractor to determine necessary repair with cost estimates. The Township would consider funding the repair and then assessing the property owners' taxes.

Discussed the Brookmont/Brookwall Intersection as it involves Summit County, Copley and Fairlawn. While the County has presented a solution to address the potential dangers of this intersection, the Township feels additional consideration must be given to the northwest corner of the intersection, a parcel located in the City of Fairlawn. At this time, the County is not prepared to address those solutions and the City of Fairlawn is involved in multiple road projects; discussions with these entities will continue at a later date.

Discussed water/sewer transportation update. Met with Summit County Department of Sewer Services who indicated that their budget for the next 5- 10 years is earmarked for maintenance of existing sewer infrastructure and would not support construction of new sewer lines. The county would consider accepting the new lines for service and maintenance once constructed.

Discussed sidewalk replacement project along Cleveland Massillon Rd. in front of the Middle School heading north to Copley Circle as part of the Summit County Engineer's repaving project; the Board asked Legal Counsel to research the replacement, repair and maintenance responsibilities associated with the project.

Discussed Sunset Drive project moving forward; the department is finishing an agreement with the owner of Autobahn to construct a road leading from Cleveland Massillon Road to Sunset Drive. Mr. Klein will also be developing plans and concepts with CESO to have concrete information about sewer and water to present to Akron.

Discussed Environmental Design Group (EDG) finalizing plans for sewer, storm water retention and trails and greenway in the Township. EDG will present its findings at the March 9, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

Old Business

1). Trustee Schulte moved to approve a Resolution to remove properties from the JEDD that were not connected to the sewer with the understanding that if sewer becomes available, properties would be added back in. Second by Trustee Koellner for discussion. Trustee Dressler is concerned that this question should be addressed by Legal Counsel as the question has been raised before and addressed by the City of Akron. Trustee Koellner withdrew his second; the resolution died for lack of a second.

2). Recycling every week- the Board requested follow-up with Republic Trash and Recycling to see why some neighborhoods have not had their recycling picked up weekly as was stated in the contract.

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New Business

None

Correspondence

None

Business from the Floor

None

Executive Session

Trustee Koellner moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss benefits of employees in all departments, hiring of personnel in the Police Department and pending litigation with legal counsel. Second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye. The session began at 7:56 p.m.

At 9:10 p.m., Trustee Koellner moved to reconvene; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Motion to approve renewal of the health insurance policy with Medical Mutual at an increased premium of 7.99% effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

Motion to approve renewal of dental insurance with The Standard at an increased premium of 3% effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Motion to approve renewal of life and short term disability insurance at no increase in premium effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Motion to approve renewal of vision insurance at an increased premium of 3.1% effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Motion to amend Copley Township Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy to remain effective through June 30, 2021. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, both aye. Trustee Schulte voted no.

Adjournment

At 9:21 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Koellner; all voting aye.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:



Bruce Koellner, President



Linda Peiffer, Fiscal Officer