

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

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Open

President Dressler called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss capital projects and permanent appropriations for 2020.

The Trustees reviewed capital projects and the proposed permanent appropriations for 2020.

The trustees set Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. to finalize the 2020 Permanent Appropriations.

Trustee Dressler called a recess at 5:46 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting.

Open

President Dressler convened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation – Community Volunteers Beautification Committee – Kathy Manghillis and Carl Harp from Carl Harp Nursery.

Mrs. Manghillis and Mr. Harp were present to discuss the roundabout at Ridgewood and Hametown Roads that opened in 2006; the third one in Ohio. The committee produced a plan to improve safety and to make it more aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Harp discussed the types of plants that are currently in the roundabout and what should be there. Estimated cost for plants, planting material, mulch, labor, and installation is \$4,060 - \$5,000. Ongoing maintenance cost for mulch and labor is \$350-\$500. Semiannual pruning and cleaning, \$1000.

Township Administrator Janice Marshall said the next step would be to submit the plan to the Summit County Engineer for his approval but assuming he would not dedicate personnel to improve the roundabout. The Trustees were asked to support the plan and to consider an agreement with the County. Discussion followed.

Trustee Dressler moved that the Township send a letter to the County requesting support the plan for beautification of the Ridgewood roundabout, Trustee Schulte second; the motion carried.

Board of Trustees

Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Newman, was present to discuss have a receivership company deal with the nuisance properties in the Township. Mr. Newman discussed using a company based in Dublin, Ohio that would take the nuisance property, clean it up, and return it to a tax producing property. Discussion followed. Mr. Newman will invite the company to meet with Township officials to discuss further.

Trustee Dressler read a letter of resignation from Township Counsel Irving Sugerma into the record: “Dear Trustees, this letter shall serve as my resignation as Copley Township Legal Counsel effective March 15, 2020. It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Copley Township for the past 20 years. During that time, I have had the honor of working with an extraordinary team of public servants. I am proud of the many accomplishments that we have had. I will be sending you a summary of all my pending cases and matters under separate cover. You can rest assured that I will fully cooperate with your new counsel to assure a seamless transition. Very truly yours, Irving Sugerma.” Trustee Schulte moved to accept, second by Trustee Koellner. Discussion: Trustee Dressler said it is a substantial loss for the Township and he wished him well. Trustee Dressler called for the vote: Trustee Schulte, Aye; and Trustee Koellner, Aye; the motion carried.

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Trustee Koellner said he received the last signature for the dedication mylar for Sunset Drive. It will be submitted to the Summit County Engineer.

As a follow-up to the February 24 Trustees meeting regarding the water line construction west of 21 on Ridgewood Road, Mr. Koellner confirmed permits and a copy of the bond are finally in hand after the project was shut down by Chief Mier under order of the Board.

Fiscal Officer, Ms. Linda Peiffer

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees February 10, 2020 Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees February 24, 2020 Regular meeting minutes. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Motion to acknowledge receipt and approval pending audit of the January 2020 Financial Statements. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler; the motion carried.

Motion to acknowledge receipt and approval pending audit of the February 2020 Financial Statements. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

2020-34 Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to write off uncollectible EMS billing charges totaling \$22,067.40. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Discussion on billing inhouse versus current outside company. Chief Bower said the company does other services that keeps the Township in line with Medicare and Medicaid regulations and he doesn't see a net benefit to do it inhouse. Chief Bower said he would like to start reviewing the billing before Fiscal receives it. Trustee Koellner suggested to table the request until Chief Bower reviews it. Trustee Dressler, as second, agreed to table. Trustee Schulte suggested that perhaps SWSCOM should look at it as a joint service. Chief Bower will bring it up at the next SWSCOM Board meeting. Trustee Schulte moved to table, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Administration-Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

2020-35 Resolution to apply for the \$750 NOPEC Sponsorship Grant for the Township's Earth Day Event. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

2020-36 Resolution to approve a Purchase Order for \$3061.00 to CareWorks Comp for Copley's participation in the Ohio Township Association's Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program. A purchase order currently exists with a balance of \$1,283. The total participation cost is \$4,344.00. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

2020-37 Resolution to enter into a five-year agreement with Pitney Bowes for a new postage meter at the cost of \$143.33 per month for a total cost of \$8,599.80 for five years. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

Motion to approve the renewal of the Township's Medical Insurance with Medical Mutual of Ohio with a 12% increase in premium and an increase in the deductible effective April 1. The health care committee majority agreed to the recommended increase in deductibles. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte; the motion carried.

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Motion to approve the renewal of the Dental Insurance with The Standard with a 3.99% increase in premium effective April 1. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Motion to approve the renewal of the Township's Life and AD&D insurance with The Standard with no increase in premium effective April 1. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Motion to approve the renewal of the Township's Short Term Disability Insurance with The Standard with no increase in premium effective April 1. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Motion to approve the renewal of the Township's Vision Insurance with The Standard with no increase in premium effective April 1. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Fire Department-Chief Chris Bower

Chief Bower presented a summary of the MTD versus YTD calls, indicating the calls are down 17% from last year. Chief Bower reported that a new senior center has just opened and sometime in May, the former Fairlawn Rehabilitation center site will have a new rehab center opening.

Motion requesting permission to donate 2 Motorola XTL1500 mobile radios valued at \$300 each to SWSCOM for use as back-up radios. SWSCOM will pay for maintenance costs. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Motion to approve a six-month Leave of Absence for part-time Fire/Paramedic Robert Evans effective immediately. Mr. Evans received a fulltime job with the Green Fire Department. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Request for an Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel in the Fire Department.

Chief Bower reported that the state of Ohio has reported three COVID-19 cases in Cuyahoga County. Chief Bower reminded everyone of hygiene protocols. Discussion followed on the virus' effects on age groups.

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

2020-37.1 Resolution approving the purchase and specialized training of the new K-9 Officer, Chip in the amount of \$13,500.00 payable to Vonderhaus Gill German Shepherds. Officer Ken Porter will be the handler of the dog. Current K-9 Niko will be decommissioned and reside with Officer Porter and his family. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

Motion granting permission to join the Ohio Organized Crime Commission Task Force created by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. This is a hotel-drug-interdiction task force cooperative with Medina and Summit County Sheriff's. A grant would pay for the officer's full-time salary for a period of two years. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Chief Mier submitted the monthly report for February 2020. Chief Mier reported that police officers are prepared to respond to emergency calls with appropriate personal protective equipment that both protects the officers and the public involved.

Service Department - Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director

2020-38 Resolution to approve a Purchase Order for \$4,581.81 payable to Rush Truck Centers for repair of Truck #1561. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee

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Koellner. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

2020-39 Resolution to approve a Purchase Order for \$2,749 payable to Majestic Trailer & Hitch for an 18-foot tandem axle landscape trailer. Majestic will give \$500 toward the 1986 12-foot trailer. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee

Koellner. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

2020-40 Resolution to amend the Temporary Appropriations in Account No.2031-760-740-0000 with an increase of \$6550.00 received the auction of the utility truck. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

2020-40.1 Resolution to award the 2-year cleaning contract to Maintenance Office Professionals (MOP) for \$18,240.00 per year. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

2020-21 Resolution was clarified by Mr. Mitchell on the cost for the service department garage doors. The reported cost was \$4,590; the actual cost is \$3,576.

Community & Economic Development – Mrs. Shawna Gfroerer, Zoning Inspector

2020-41 Resolution declaring the structure located at 1768 Knox Blvd. a nuisance and ordered the abandoned structure to be secured. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Schulte, Aye.

Mrs. Gfroerer gave an update on active projects. Fifteen site plans, modified and regular, are underway and reported there has been \$1.6 million reinvestment dollars into the community for January and February. The Code Enforcement Officer is monitoring 52 active sites.

Arbor Day celebration is scheduled April 25 at Copley Park.

Motion to waive the \$50 zoning permit for a shed installation on the Copley High School baseball field for Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. Discussion: Trustee Koellner suggested that the Trustees have a policy that would allow a waiver for zoning permits for non-profits instead of having to come before the Board each time. Trustee Dressler called for the vote; the motion carried.

Mrs. Gfroerer requested an executive session to discuss land acquisition.

Old Business

Mrs. Marshall reported on the March 4th neighborhood meeting for Westview Estates to get their input on the vacant land south of the Town Hall. Suggested was a parklike setting, water pad, basketball court, museum or 501.c.3 activity there. Some residents need water. Residents will be kept informed via email.

Farmers Market Proposal at Copley Circle- Trustee Schulte moved to take the February 24 Motion to approve the Farmers Market at the Circle from the Table, second by Trustee Koellner.

Mr. Koellner reported he met with Mrs. Chrien and even though he likes the idea, he cannot see it happening this year. Trustee Schulte said he was a supporter and it was tabled because of the hours of the event and if the vendors could shut down by 9:00 p.m. Trustee Dressler said besides the hours, the other issue is the CIC being a partner, which was not resolved. Trustee Dressler said he agrees with Trustee Koellner that he

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wants to make it successful, but not at this time. Trustee Schulte asked Allison Chrien to speak.

Allison Chrien was accompanied by Jessica Schneider, who grew up in Copley. Ms. Schneider spoke to the culture of Copley and felt with the help of possibly state troopers (Copley Road is a state route), scouts, and volunteers, the safety issue could be resolved. Allison said she spoke to the vendors and they would be agreeable to the earlier hour. And, she could find another non-profit if the CIC doesn't work. Discussion followed.

Trustee Dressler called for the vote: Trustee Schulte, Aye; Trustee Dressler, Nay; and Trustee Koellner, Nay.

Correspondence

Mrs. Marshall received three different letters requesting sidewalks on Ridgewood Road where the Redwood construction project is underway. She said that she responded to the residents that it would not be possible since the project is already underway on a county roadway. Trustee Schulte said he knows the company that is doing the construction and asked if they could connect the neighborhood to the east to the existing sidewalk that connects to the high school.

Mrs. Marshall said she was successful in getting Akron to extend water to the neighbors along the water line that is being installed. With the tie-in location, the water hook would be reasonable, but the neighbors would have to hook up immediately.

Business from the Floor

Mark Wasick, 1888 Jacoby Road, brought to the Board's attention an issue that has been open for 24 years. The 95-acre property was a superfund site in the mid 90's across from Copley Community Park. An advisory committee of residents (CAR) was formed to advise the use of the property. It was the intention of the Board that existed then that the site would become available for public use for passive recreation. This was discussed over a period of years with the zoning board because the site is zoned industrial and it borders Broadview Road, which is zoned, residential. Years ago, a lot on Broadview, which is adjacent to the industrial property, was rezoned industrial. Mr. Wasick asked the Trustees, why is the property still vacant and asked the Trustees to review it.

Trustee Dressler said the trustees met with 3M. He said the property is a brownfield – they trucked the contaminated materials from the park land and buried it across the street and covered it with liners. The Township doesn't own the property.

Trustee Schulte said it may be an opportunity for a trail and would research it.

Bill Daniel thanked Trustee Koellner for his help on the Ridgewood Road problem.

Executive Session

Trustee Dressler moved to enter executive session for employment of personnel in fire, land acquisition, employment of a contractual professional, and employment of personnel in Economic Development. Second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; and Trustee Koellner, Aye. The time was 8:28 p.m.

Trustee Dressler moved to go public at 9:31 p.m., Trustee Koellner, second; the motion carried.

Trustee Dressler moved to make a Conditional Offer of Employment to John Zabala as a fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic pending successful completion of pre-employment testing. Second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

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Trustee Dressler moved to accept a donation of land at 1724 Knox Blvd. from Westfield Bank. Second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Trustee Koellner moved to retain Attorney David Firestine as Township Legal Counsel, second by Trustee Schulte. Vote: Trustee Koellner, Aye; Trustee Schulte, Aye; and Trustee Dressler, Nay. The motion carried.

The Trustees approved placing an ad for a Director for the Community and Economic Development Department and to also ask for a Statement of Qualifications for Capital Planning Consulting Services with a motion by Trustee Dressler. Second by Trustee Schulte; the motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted:



Scott D. Dressler, President



Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer