

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR

Meeting

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

Held \_\_\_\_\_ **TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021** \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Open**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome Guests** – Pam Hickson - Stevenson, Executive Director, Akron-Summit County Public Library spoke about Issue #10, on the ballot for May 4<sup>th</sup>, a renewal of the current 1.9 mil operating levy that makes up 55% of the budget. The owner of a \$100,000.00 home would pay approximately \$4.21 monthly. This money is used to purchase books, magazines, newspapers and digital materials just to name a few. The Summit County Library has also been recognized as a “Star Library” through a publication that is sent out nationally. Ms. Hickson asked for the Board and the Township’s support. Mr. Koellner thanked the director for coming in to review this important information.

## **Board of Trustees**

**Executive Session** – pending litigation with Legal Counsel

### **Fiscal Officer’s Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer**

Ms. Peiffer provided job descriptions for the two people in her department.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of March 10, 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of March 22, 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of March 23, 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of April 6, 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Ms. Peiffer thanked Beth Siddall for her work in generating the minutes accurately and timely.

**24-2021 Resolution** approving a Then and Now Purchase Order in the amount of \$26,448.98 to Southwest Summit Council of Governments for IT services in the Service Department. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

February financial statements will be available soon.

### **Administration – Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator**

**25 - 2021 Resolution** accepting the transfer of property located in the Little Farms area of the Township from the Summit County Land Bank at a cost of \$1,800.00. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler; aye, Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

**26 - 2021 Resolution** approving a Purchase Order to Civic Plus in the amount of \$5,775.00 for implementation of CP Media providing the ability to stream meeting videos through the Township website and including unlimited storage for meeting videos. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

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

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## **Fire Department – Assistant Chief Keith Moore** **No Requests**

## **Police Department – Chief Michael Mier**

### Department Notes:

- Safety Town will be offered June 7-11 both in-person and virtually so families can choose their method of participation. Applications will be available at the Town Hall, Police Station and on-line.
- The Fairbridge Inn has been sold and has ceased operations as a hotel; all long term tenants have been removed.

### Monthly Report – March 2021

## **Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director**

**27 - 2021 Resolution** approving a Purchase Order to MOP Commercial Janitorial Service in the amount of \$18,240.00 for the second year of a two-year contract approved in March 2020. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

**28 – 2021 Resolution** approving a Blanket Certificate in the amount of \$390,000.00 for expenses to be incurred through Summit County Engineer’s 2021 Road Maintenance Program. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

**Motion** granting permission to create a new block of single-grave, in-ground burial lots designated as Section 10 in the Copley Township Cemetery. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

Trustee Schulte asked Mr. Mitchell if there has ever been consideration given to speed tables being used to slow traffic in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Mitchell responded that the City of Akron has done it before and he will get with them and Summit County to get pricing and information.

## **Community & Economic Development - Mr. Loudan Klein, Director**

**29 – 2021 Resolution** adopting the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan as designed by the Environmental Design Group. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Dressler, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

**30 – 2021 Resolution** granting permission to enter into an agreement with Copley Holdings, LLC for the exchange and transfer of property located at 1330 S. Cleveland- Massillon Road and 1278 Sunset Drive. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte. Roll-call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Dressler aye; Trustee Schulte aye.

**31 – 2021 Resolution** approving a Purchase Order to CESO, Inc. in the amount of \$79,900.00 for services rendered in connection to the Sunset Drive Improvement Project. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye, and Trustee Schulte aye.

**Motion** approving the appointment of Michael Karst to the Zoning Commission to complete a vacant term beginning April 14, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

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**Motion** approving the appointment of Gerald Morris to the Architectural Review Board to serve a new two-year term as an alternate beginning April 14, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

The 2020 Annual Report for the Community and Economic Development Department has been added to the Copley Web page.

### **Community & Economic Development Department's Arbor Day Celebration**

Arbor Day- 2021 will be celebrated on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. Tree giveaways, student contests, tree plantings, and a scavenger hunt are just some of the things planned for this event. Mr. Klein thanked his department including Shawna Gfroerer, Clarissa Hunt, and Jeff Newman for all the time and work they have put into their roles in the department as well as planning these kinds of events. Involving the community in these types of events, including local businesses, residents and our schools is so important and their efforts are appreciated.

### **Monthly Report – March 2021**

#### **Old Business**

The CERT Team has taken a poll of members to resume meetings:

- 50% have been vaccinated
- 90% would be comfortable attending meetings
- Asked if inside or virtual? 20% inside; 10% virtual; 70% doesn't matter
- The Board agreed that the CERT meetings should be back on the calendar

The Memorial Day Celebration is going to move forward, but with no parade and a smaller celebration at the cemetery. COVID guidelines given by the state will need to be followed.

The Neighborhood Ambassadors and Copley Community Volunteers would like to start scheduling meetings. The Board agreed that the meetings should resume.

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Correspondence**

Letter from Deputy Director of Engineering Services for the Summit County Engineer, Joe Paradise, to Mark Mitchell dated March 26<sup>th</sup> and a letter from Robert Hochevar to the Board of Trustees dated March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Both of the above letters referred to the Knox Road Bridge and Summit County's plan to put load restrictions on it until it can be repaired sometime in 2022. They stated that there is little funding for much of the infrastructure in the state of Ohio and there are many other bridges in worse condition. They also stated that the Township was aware of the inspections and compared the bridge to the Wright Road Bridge that was recently replaced. The Trustees did not think this was an accurate statement as the Wright Road bridge closing still offered optional routes for the Fire and Emergency crews to get to residents who were in life threatening situations. Limiting the weight on the Knox Road bridge will only put our residents in danger should there be a fire and the trucks carrying water and supplies are not able to cross the bridge. The County also stated in the letters that the inspections have been going on for years and the County didn't want to address the replacement of the bridge until they knew what the Township was going to do with the properties located on the other side of the bridge as they were in a flood plain and until then the money could be used elsewhere. The Trustees adamantly responded that these properties belong to residents who pay taxes and are entitled to the services that the rest of Copley Township residents depend on today. A meeting to address these issues in person was requested by Trustee Koellner with absolute support from Trustee Dressler and Trustee Schulte. The meeting needs to be scheduled sooner than later with the hope that the outcome will be different from what was implied in the correspondence from Summit County.

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The Township received notice from the City of Fairlawn that the plans for the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Rothrock and Cleveland Massillon Roads have changed, Originally, the exit ramp from I-77 to Cleveland Massillon Road and the portion of Cleveland Massillon from I-77 to Rothrock was to be closed 30 days followed by restricted access to south-bound traffic only for 150 days. The new plan calls for the entire area to be closed for 90 days beginning May 3, 2021 through August 3, 2021. The change is designed to lessen the overall period of time that the intersection is compromised and to avoid impacting school busses in the area. The detour routes motorists on county and state roadways and requests motorists to avoid residential streets. Additional information will be forthcoming at the Joint Safety Meeting scheduled on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Business from the Floor

None

### Executive Session

At 8:12 p.m., Trustee Koellner moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss benefits in all departments; pending litigation with legal counsel; second by Trustee Dressler.

Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

At 9:07 p.m. Trustee Koellner moved to reconvene and elect Mrs. Janice Marshall as Secretary Pro-tem; second by Trustee Dressler. All voting aye.

**Motion** to ratify a one-year contract with IAFF authorizing a 3% wage increase and a 10% insurance contribution retroactive to January 1, 2021. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

**Motion** granting permission to enter into a Compromise Agreement with the City of Akron agreeing to amend the JEDD agreement allowing the Tuscan Ridge Property to be included in the JEDD and asserting that the Redwood Development located on Ridgewood Road is not included in the JEDD. The agreement further stipulates that if the JEDD is later found unwarranted, then the property may be removed. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Trustee Koellner and Trustee Dressler voted aye; Trustee Schulte voted no

**Motion** to approve the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment to the JEDD agreement adding the Tuscan Ridge Property to the JEDD. Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Trustee Dressler and Trustee Koellner voted aye; Trustee Schulte voted no.

### Adjournment

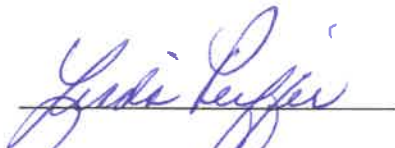
At 9:31 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Koellner; all voting aye.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:



Bruce Koellner, President



Linda Peiffer, Fiscal Officer