

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR

Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

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

Held \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Open**

Trustee Dressler called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Welcome**

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board held a discussion surrounding the reopening of Copley Community Park for summer events, sports teams, and pavilion rentals. Service Director Mark Mitchell stated the pavilions and playgrounds would remain closed. Restrooms will be open with the recommendation of one person at a time and the use of hand sanitizers. The fields will reopen as soon as a policy is created encouraging masks to be worn and the social distancing guidelines followed. The fields will be striped and dragged on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Trustees Meeting scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day); rescheduled for Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually.

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

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of March 16, 2020.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of March 19, 2020.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of March 31, 2020.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of April 6, 2020.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of April 8, 2020.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of April 13, 2020.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of April 27, 2020.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of April 30, 2020.

**Motion** to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting minutes of May 1, 2020.

The Board requested additional time to review the documents; all to be considered at the next Board Meeting.

**2020 -71 Resolution** requesting approval of a Then and Now Purchase Order in the amount of \$98,034.16 for a lease payment on the Fire Department Water Tender. Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte; Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte aye.

**2020 -72 Resolution** approving a Purchase Order to Summit County EMA in the amount of \$5,090.74 for services rendered in 2020 and deducted from Real Estate taxes collected by the county. Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte; Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

**2020 -73 Resolution** amending the 2020 Certificate of Estimated Resources. Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

**Motion** to accept \$69,577.66 from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation as a relief payment from the state to ease the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte; all ayes, the motion carried.

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

**Motion** granting permission to enter into a 36-month contract with IGS for electricity at

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a rate of .03900/kwh. Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Schulte; all  
Held ayes, the motion carried. \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion** authorizing the Township Administrator to sign all documents and in all ways act as the Authorized Agent relative to the Public Assistance Grant Program for FEMA-DR-4507-OH. Trustee Dressler moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner; all ayes, the motion carried.

**Discussion** regarding additional Motor Vehicle License Tax available to levy upon operators of motor vehicles. It was decided that the Board would conduct two Public Hearings to discuss further on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Schulte moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler: all voting aye.

**Request** for an Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel in the Community and Economic Development Department and appointment of contractual personnel in the Community and Economic Development Department.

### **Fire Department – Chief Chris Bower**

**Discussion** regarding fire hydrant maintenance for 2020. Chief Bower said that the hydrants would all be flushed again by the City of Akron as they have in former years except 2019. He stated there shouldn't be any issues as long as Akron does what they say they are going to do. Trustee Koellner inquired about the painting and repair of the hydrants by on-duty personnel. Trustee Dressler advised Chief Bower to review the maintenance with the Township's legal counsel.

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

Chief Bower submitted the Fire Departments Monthly Report for April, 2020. Call volume was down 27%.

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

**Discussion** held on correspondence received from the HOA of the Twin Creeks neighborhood concerning someone using firearms in the neighborhood. A bullet hit a resident's home and the HOA was inquiring what could be done. Trustee Dressler, Chief Mier and Attorney for the Township, David Firestine, will have a discussion with the HOA about their options. Chris Myers, representing the HOA on the call, thanked the Board of Trustees for their diligence and for following up on the nuisance calls. Trustee Dressler replied we will all work together to be part of the solution.

**2020 -74 Resolution** approving a Purchase Order to Blackinton and Company in the amount of \$7,650.50 for the purchase of Police Officer badges. Trustee Koellner moved for approval, second by Trustee Dressler: Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

**2020 -75 Resolution** approving Blanket Certificates for the Police Department for 2020. Trustee Dressler moved for approval, second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

**Discussion** held about the Transient Vendor Permits. Chief Mier stated that no company or person is permitted to be out in the township knocking on doors due to the COVID -19 virus. He mentioned that there have been a lot of roofing companies canvassing neighborhoods without permits. A permit for a food truck that wanted to open up on the east side could possibly be issued.. The Board will discuss further at the May 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Schulte indicated that he really wants to move things toward normalcy.

Safety Town will take place this year in a virtual format. A five day schedule with YouTube videos etc. are being considered. Trustee Koellner thanked Chief Mier for pursuing the matter.

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

**2020 -76 Resolution** granting permission to enter into a contract with Sable Asphalt & Concrete for the construction of a trail connecting the Copley Heights neighborhood to Copley Community Park at a cost of \$27,282.94 and the repair of existing trails throughout the park at a cost of \$19,523.87. The Board of Trustees received a grant from Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be used towards the new trail. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

The Concrete Road Program bid is \$138,970.00; enough to cover 1500 square yards. Work will begin June 1, 2020. A pre-construction meeting for the 448 Asphalt replacement program is scheduled for May 14, 2020.

Trustee Schulte asked if plans were in place from the County Engineer to repair the damage done on Ridgewood Road and Rothrock Road due to construction in those areas. Mr. Mitchell will look into the issue and follow-up.

## **Community and Economic Development – Ms. Shawna Gfroerer**

**Request** to schedule a Public Hearing for a text amendment to the Zoning Resolution Article 16 – Tree Preservation on June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The Community and Economic Development Department had 19 permit applications received in March; 13 applications in April; 12 to date in May. The ARB accepted 6 applications in March and 3 in the month of April. The Board thanked the whole department for all the work they did during the shutdown including the gateway sign getting installed.

**Request** for an Executive Session to discuss appointment of personnel to the Copley Township Architectural Review Board and acquisition of property.

## **Executive Session**

Trustee Dressler moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel in Community and Economic Development Department, contractual personnel in the Community and Economic Department, appointment of personnel on the Architectural Review Board, acquisition of property, employment of personnel in the Fire Department and employment of personnel in the Administration Department. Second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye. A five minute recess was called; the session began at 8:15 p.m. At 9:15 Trustee Dressler moved to reconvene; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Trustee Dressler moved approval to have the Part-time Fire hourly wage rate increased to \$23.21 effective May 16, 2020. Trustee Koellner, second; all voting aye.

Trustee Koellner moved approval to appoint Chris Mong to the Architectural Review Board. Trustee Schulte, second; all voting aye.

Trustee Koellner moved approval to engage EDG as a consultant to the Township in the area of Economic Development with the contract as proposed. Trustee Schulte, second; all voting aye.

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## **Adjournment**

At 9:20 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:

  
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Scott D. Dressler, President

  
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Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer