

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Held _____ TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 _____ 20 _____

Open

Trustee Koellner called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion - Trustee Koellner moved to approve Mrs. Marshall as Secretary Pro-tem; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

At 6:01 Trustee Dressler moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss a grievance at request of the grievant; second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

At 6:30 p.m. Trustee Dressler moved to reconvene; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye. Trustee Dressler then moved to close the hearing; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Guests

Board of Trustees

44-2021 Resolution approving a donation of \$8,000.00 to the Copley Bandstand Committee to support the 2021 concert series. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Trustee Koellner wanted the public to know that the Board is considering options for requests to put in speed tables to monitor speeding in neighborhoods where cars are cutting through. He noted that Mr. Mitchell will be reporting on the latest details during his address to the Board.

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of May 11, 2021. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

45-2021 Resolution amending the Permanent Appropriations for:

- Fund #1000 - General Fund - \$19,035.40 to cover payment to the Summit County Emergency Management Agency.
- Fund #2921 – Wellness Grant - \$1,224.46 to allow expenditure of remaining grant funds from previous years.
- Fund #2272 – Local Coronavirus Relief Fund - \$837.32 to allow expenditure of funds resulting from a voided 2020 warrant.

Trustee Dressler moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

46-2021 Resolution authorizing a Then and Now Purchase Order in the amount of \$97,391.68 to cover the first half of expenses associated with the Summit County Emergency Management Agency and the Summit County General Health District. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

47-2021 Resolution authorizing a Purchase Order in the amount of \$97,391.68 to cover the second half of expenses associated with the Summit County Emergency Management Agency and the Summit County General Health District. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

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Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL AND REGULAR

Meeting

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

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Motion to acknowledge receipt of the February Financial Statements.

Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Motion to acknowledge receipt of the March Financial Statements. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Administration – Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

48-2021 Resolution approving rules and regulations governing Mobile Food Service Vehicles. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Motion to approve scheduling an additional Movie Night for Heritage Days on August 6, 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Discussion surrounding the listing of restrictions in Township facilities related to Ohio Department of Health orders for COVID-19. Effective June 2, 2021, face masks, hand washing and temperature taking will no longer be required, however, should any individual visiting Town Hall to meet with Township employees request that masks be worn, all employees would be required to accommodate the request. Sanitizing of Township buildings will continue twice per week and air purifiers will remain in service. Public meetings will still be broadcast via Go to Meetings so participants can choose to be virtual.

Capital Projects – update

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

Fire Department – Chief Chris Bower

49-2021 Resolution approving a Blanket Certificate in the amount of \$12,000.00 for costs associated with the 2021 Hydrant Maintenance Program. The Board discussed and asked if the billing/invoicing process to the City of Akron and invoicing for reimbursement be added to the Resolution. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

50-2021 Resolution approving a Purchase Order to Poly Tech/ISSG Consulting in the amount of \$12,000.00 to conduct a promotional assessment in the Fire Department. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

51-2021 Resolution approving a Purchase Order to F&M Mechanical Services in the amount of \$4,500.00 to repair the vehicle exhaust system in the Fire bays. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, ay; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Motion to approve selling by auction a 2008 Braun ambulance on GovDeals.com. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Capital Projects/Overtime – update

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

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Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

52-2021 Resolution requesting a Blanket Certificate in the amount of \$5,000.00 for training expenses in the Police Department. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Capital Projects/Overtime – update

Safety Town - scheduled for June 7th through June 11th.

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

Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director

Motion granting permission to submit a Request for Engineering to the Summit County Engineer's Office to determine proper pipe sizing for the replacement of a culvert pipe under South Hametown Road. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Motion to approve waiving rental fees for a pavilion rental at Copley Community Park for the Copley Chamber of Commerce when holding monthly membership meetings for June 2021 through September 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Discussion – implementation of speed tables in neighborhoods. Mr. Mitchell explained and showed pictures of the different types of speed tables that might be considered for use in the cut-through neighborhoods where there is a lot of speeding reported. Traffic Lazix offers a unit that has a ramp up and down and comes in pieces. It would require 200 bolts to attach it to the street and costs approximately \$4000.00 each. Another example is a bit more expensive at \$4,200.00; both options would require pavement markings and informational signs posted. The Board discussed gathering speed data and surveying the various neighborhoods for input as well as determining the labor cost in order to decide if this would be a cost effective solution.

Capital Projects – update

Executive Session request to discuss pending litigation with Legal Counsel.

Community & Economic Development - Mr. Loudan Klein, Director

53-2021 Resolution approving a Purchase Order to Enviro Science in the amount of \$5,960.60 to perform a wetland delineation on the property donated to the Township by Tri-State Petroleum. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Dressler, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Capital Projects – updates

- Street lights are now working in Montrose; the Township is working to be reimbursed from the property owners.
- Enterprise Zones are still being researched as well as the possibility of creating a sewer district.
- Cleveland Massillon Road sidewalk replacement project is not able to be on the project list for repairs this year. The county engineer stated that due to an increase in road projects this year it can't be scheduled. The Township will possibly pursue the project by negotiating a separate contract with the company who receives the County's contract to pave the road.

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- The department is pursuing a project to improve the Township property at the corner of Collier Road and Copley Road in hopes of installing an eastern gateway sign; considering additional uses of the property in connection to either a commercial or recreational use.
- A new program under the Community and Economic Development Department called BOOST –Business and Organizational Opportunity Support Team- reaching out to local businesses, community groups and volunteer organizations to promote Copley Township. The first project is to develop an annual magazine highlighting the services and personnel that make up Copley Township. Businesses will be able to advertise and have their location pinpointed on a map which will be included in the magazine, The magazine will be updated annually and distributed to new residents and made available to local businesses.

Noted: Jeff Newman worked with contacts he has at the Veterans Association to get a working well for a resident who had no running water. The well is now installed and the resident is very grateful to Jeff for all of his efforts to help her. The Board thanked Mr. Newman.

Old Business

Discussion – Ohio EPA MS-4 Permit – Initial research conducted by legal counsel David Firestine has indicated that Summit County can mandate townships’ involvement and is authorized to set the structure and fees accordingly. The effects of adopting Limited Home Rule with regard to the MS4 permitting process is still under review.

54 -2021 Resolution requesting financial statements from the City of Akron JEDD Office showing revenues received by each individual Copley Business and a record of payments made by the City using those funds. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

New Business

Special Meeting scheduled for June 8 at 5:30 p.m. to meet with Dan Rice, President and CEO of the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition to discuss trail and greenway plans in the Township.

Business from the Floor

Mr. Jim Kirk of 2430 S. Hametown Road thanked the Board and Mr. Mitchell for efforts on his behalf. The blockage on his road was taken care of and his yard is not flooding.

Correspondence

Received a thank you from a Copley High School senior for advertising and supporting the school newspaper.

Fiscal Officer Linda Peiffer received an anonymous request to ask if the old Motel 6 that was shut down by our Police Department as well as Summit County, was going to be used to house homeless people for a \$600.00 charge and why the Board of Trustees was not being upfront and telling the public what was happening. . Every Board member said they knew nothing of this proposed use and asked Chief Mier if he, in fact, knew anything about this proposed use of the building. Chief Mier stated he did not and that in the future if individuals would like to call his office to find out what is really going on they are free to do so. Homeless people are not being sheltered at the Motel 6. Ms. Peiffer referred the public to a website called “We the People” commenting that it is a place to go for transparency concerning the Township.

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Executive Session

At 8:50 p.m., Trustee Koellner moved to enter into Executive Session, after a five minute recess, to discuss benefits of personnel in all departments and the hiring of personnel in the Fire Department; hiring/promotion in the Police Department; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Schulte, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye.

At 9:45 p.m. Trustee Schulte moved to reconvene; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Motion giving permission to extend a conditional offer of employment to Greyson Henderson and Kevin Bishop as part-time Firefighter/Medics pending successful completion of pre-hire testing. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

55-2021 Resolution giving permission to post an opening for position of Lieutenant in the Police Department and to authorize a Blanket Certificate for \$8,000.00 to cover the cost of the assessment for Lieutenant. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Motion approving the confirmation of full-time employment to Joe D'Attoma as a Firefighter/Medic in the Fire Department following a successful completion of pre-hire testing. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Motion to ratify contract for Teamsters for one year on behalf of the Service Department. - 3% wages and 10% insurance contribution. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Motion to authorize a pay increase for non-union, contractual personnel - 3% wages and 10% insurance contribution retroactive to January 1, 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Motion to permit Chief Bower to keep his car on a permanent basis. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Adjournment

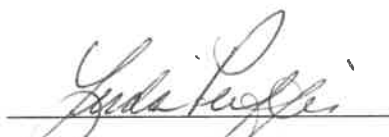
At 9:50 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Schulte moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Koellner; all voting aye.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:



Bruce Koellner, President



Linda Peiffer, Fiscal Officer