

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR

Meeting


BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

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President Bruce Koellner called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Trustee Koellner welcomed  Troop 382 Boy Scouts Jacob and Joshua Auerbach and asked them to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Trustees

Trustee Koellner asked Summit County Engineer's representative, Tim Boley, to give a status update on the Wolf Creek bridge. Mr. Boley said that the idea to replace the bridge with a culvert would not work and it has been decided to rehab the current bridge by cutting off the abutments and rebuild it. Wolf Creek (Barberton Reservoir) would have to be lowered one foot down in order to repair the bridge. Mr. Boley said it should be completed this year.

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

111 -2019 Resolution to approve May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting and May 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes and to Acknowledge Receipt of April 2019 Financials Pending Audit. **Trustee Dressler moved approval, Trustee Humphrys second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

111.1-2019 Resolution to acknowledge the full-time hire with benefits of Janet Iverson as an Accounting Clerk in the Fiscal Office and to Authorize the hourly rate of \$21.81 per the salary schedule. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

111.2-2019 Resolution to accept \$4157.16 from the Summit County Prosecutor's Office to be receipted into the Drug Law Enforcement Trust Fund #2221 and to Amend the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Final Appropriations. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

112-2019 Resolution to approve new Fund 2928 for the 2019 Bureau of Workers Compensation Grant for the Service Department and to Amend the Certificate of Estimated Resources and Final Appropriations in the amount of \$5,932.50. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Board of Trustees Discussion

Trustee Koellner said he had a couple of items for Board discussion and asked the Trustees if they had anything. Trustee Humphrys was concerned about the volume of water that would be released for the bridge repair. Trustee Dressler was concerned about the backup as well. Tim Boley answered it would be considerable, but they will lower the water very slowly.

Trustee Koellner said at the last meeting the Trustees discussed funding the fire and police building. Trustee Dressler said a presentation should be prepared with options and not until the cost of the building is solidified. Trustee Koellner asked if could be done by the next meeting. Township Administrator Janice Marshall said she will check with Mr. King.

Home Rule

Trustee Koellner wanted to discuss Home Rule and reminded the Board that last August 14, the Board passed a resolution to put the question of Home Rule on the ballot. He said the deadline to place it on the November ballot is quickly approaching.

Trustee Dressler suggested to postpone it indefinitely. Trustee Humphrys said the

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Township already has the Property Maintenance Code. The only thing lacking is that fines can only be done through the courts unless the Township was Home Rule. Trustee Humphrys said she was keen on Home Rule and always has been reminding the audience that Home Rule does not affect agriculture or gun laws. However, she was at a meeting earlier today and was reminded about Summit County Council setting up a task force to look at property maintenance countywide for Townships and looking for the language the Township Association wanted since Summit County Council was asked by the Township Association of Summit County on behalf of Sagamore Hills Township to adopt a countywide property maintenance code and allow the Townships to levy and collect fines. The first meeting of the task force is June 24, 2019. Trustee Humphrys asked Zoning Inspector Shawna Gfroerer to represent Copley on the property maintenance task force. Based on the information that Summit County Council has created a task force to look at a countywide property maintenance code, **Trustee Dressler moved that Home Rule is on hold until 2020. Trustee Humphrys, second; the motion carried.**

Township Administrator – Mrs. Janice Marshall

113-2019 Resolution to approve a Purchase Order payable to the Copley Bandstand Committee for \$9,000 for the 2019 Summer Concert Series. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

114-2019 Resolution to adopt the Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan as Amended. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second.** Trustee Koellner asked both safety chiefs if they had any comments. Neither commented. Trustee Humphrys said former Chief Benson worked extensively on the plan with county officials. Mrs. Marshall said Copley's projects were submitted to the plan in order to get money from FEMA for flooding events. Hearing no more discussion, Trustee Koellner asked for the roll call.

Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.

115-2019 Resolution to add 1554, 1558, 1572, and 1576 S. Cleveland Massillon Road to the Copley-Akron Joint Economic Development District. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Fire Department – Fire Chief Chris Bower

116-2019 Resolution to approve a Purchase Order for \$8,740 payable to Fire Safety Services Inc. for four sets of turnout gear and to be drawn from Account No. 2191-220-420-0902 Fire/EMS Clothing Allowance. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

117-2019 Resolution to approve a Blanket Certificate for \$10,000 for the 2019 Fire Hydrant Maintenance Program and to be drawn from Account No. 1000-110-360-0000 General Fund Contracted Services. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

118-2019 Resolution to approve a Purchase Order for \$4,767.84 payable to B&C Communications to replace batteries in seven tornado warning sites and to be drawn from Account No. 1000-110-323-0931 General Fund Repairs and Maintenance Technology. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Chief Bower reported that on May 17th at 2100 hours (9 pm) the fire department

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participated in observance and remembrance for firefighter suicide. This was done nationwide. Apparatus was pulled out and lights were turned on for 60 seconds. A family stopped by and placed two yellow roses on the engine.

Chief Bower requested an Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel in the Fire Department.

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

119-2019 Resolution to approve a Purchase Order for \$12,311.27 payable to Starchase LLC for equipping two cruisers with the Starchase Tracking System device and to be drawn from Account No. 2081-760-740-0000 Police District Machinery/ Equipment. Chief Mier said he is only placing the devices on two cruisers to make sure it works. The devices were discussed in detail in the capital budget meeting. Trustee Koellner asked that since the capital budget had all the patrol cars slated for the devices, is the cost for two in line with the original amount? Chief Mier answered in the affirmative. Fiscal Officer Linda Peiffer asked if there were any additional fees? Chief Mier answered after the first year, he believed it would be \$900 per car. **Trustee Dressler moved approval, Trustee Humphrys second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

120-2019 Resolution to approve a Blanket Certificate for Operating Supplies for \$5,000 to be drawn from Account No. 2081-210-420-0000 Police District Operating Supplies. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Chief Mier reported on the following:

Transient vendors who have been approved by the Police Department to solicit in the Township must now carry a plastic ID Card with a number on it that corresponds to their approved application. Those without the card or without the card that is properly associated with their application will have their license revoked. Chief Mier reminded everyone about the Do Not Knock list that would prevent transient vendors from soliciting if signed up on the list.

The Kingsbury Trace Homeowners Association will dedicate their Citizenship Flagpole and Award to “First Responders” on June 22, 2019 for police and fire outstanding and dedicated service. The flagpole will be placed in the boulevard island at Ridgewood and Kensington.

Arrowhead Elementary held their annual Fun Run on May 22, 2019; participants were accompanied by Bike Patrol Officers Daniel Rafferty and Daniel See as they ran a course on Raleigh Blvd.

Fort Island Elementary students were escorted by the Bike Patrol Officers (Daniel Rafferty and Daniel See) as they rode their bikes to school; the students started at the park on Ridgewood Road and biked to Fort Island via Brunsdorf Road.

Officer Tom Ballinger was honored by the students at Copley Middle School for his work with the DARE program. Officer Ballinger will be working as a detective in the Copley Police Department; his duties with DARE will be assumed by Officers Dan Rafferty and Jeff Harris.

Service Department – Mr. Robert Blachaniec, Assistant Service Director

121 -2019 Resolution to approve a Blanket Certificate for \$375 for the buy-back of single grave in the Copley Cemetery Section 7 Lot 227 to be drawn from Account No. 2041-410-599-0000. **Trustee Dressler moved approval, Trustee Humphrys second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

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122-2019 Resolution Authorizing the Obligation of Funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed Copley Community Park Band Shell Project and to become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the Nature Works Grant Program. The Band Shell project was discussed in the Capital Budget meeting. **Trustee Humphrys moved approval, Trustee Dressler second. Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Community & Economic Development - Director Matt Springer

Mr. Springer reported on the following:

The Community and Economic Development Department held an Open House at Copley Community Park to reveal the updated Land Use Plan; about 40 neighbors attended and were treated to a cookout provided by the department. The updated plan will be sent to the Planning Commission for a hearing sometime in July.

Mr. Springer thanked Bob Blachaniec and Jeff Newman for their help in loading the tires as part of the Ohio EPA Tire Recycling Clean-up Grant program. Over 300 tires were collected during the 2019 Earth Day Event were collected and recycled.

The Copley Road site known as Charlie's Ribs is slated for demolition on June 10, 2019

The ARB will be considering three applications: Arby's at the old BP gas station on Route 18; Caliber Collision near the new villas in the Heritage Woods area; Urban Air, an indoor adventure park, purchased the old HH Gregg building and will be occupying the space.

Mrs. Marshall thanked everyone in the Community and Economic Development Department for the excellent presentation on the Land Use Plan. Based on the comments received and the questions asked, Mrs. Marshall thought that in the future it should be considered to get out into the neighborhoods and discuss township business.

Old Business

Mrs. Marshall spoke to the upcoming Bicentennial events:

June 1, 2019 – Bike Rodeo

June 23, 2019 - Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Historical Society during the Summer Concert series at the Circle

June 27, 2019 – “Spirits of the Bicentennial” wine tasting at Wolf Creek Winery - \$20 tickets available includes etched wine glass, 5 tastings and appetizers. Also included is a Silent Auction sponsored by the Copley Chamber of Commerce

June 29, 2019 – Community Day at Concordia – family activities, food trucks

July 14, 2019 – Classic Car Show at Copley Community Park

Mrs. Marshall reported that she and Trustee Koellner met with Fairlawn officials today about the Fairlawn GIG. They received information about different neighborhoods in Copley that are interested. The resident consultant that is helping Copley has been very helpful and informative.

Trustee Koellner feels that in the next few months the Township should have something solid from Fairlawn to consider. Trustee Koellner said the resident consultant has put in countless hours and would like to see him formally recognized.

New Business

Trustee Humphrys spoke to the 2020 Complete Count program. There is a Temporary part-time job opportunity for a Census Coordinator. There are also job opportunities for

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census takers. Resumes for the Census Coordinator may be sent to 2020censu@summitoh.net.

Trustee Humphrys was asked about planting a tree in the park for a loved one who recently passed away. Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Blachaniec both said there is a policy for such requests. Trustee Humphrys asked Assistant Service Director Blachaniec to contact the person who made the request with the policy information.

Business from the Floor

In response to the Trustees' request to investigate the speed limit question on Coon Road, Mr. Boley said Coon Road was never journalized with the Ohio Department of Transportation. If it were a platted subdivision it would be 25 but Coon is not in a platted subdivision. General discussion followed with no conclusion.

Executive Session

Trustee Dressler moved to hold an Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel in the Fire Department at 7:20 p.m. Trustee Humphrys second. **Roll Call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

The session ended at 7:18 p.m. with a motion by Trustee Dressler, second by Trustee Humphrys; the motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, **Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., second by Trustee Humphrys; the motion carried.**

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted:


Bruce D. Koellner, President


Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer