

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR

Meeting

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

Held _____

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

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Open

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

Trustee Koellner moved approval to name Janice Marshall Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of Fiscal Officer Linda Peiffer; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Guests

Present for the meeting: Trustee Koellner, Trustee Dressler, Trustee Schulte, Janice Marshall, Clarissa Hunt, Mark Mitchell, Michael Mier and Chris Bower.

Opening of Sealed Bids

Trustee Koellner announced the opening of the sealed bids for a one year contract to clean the Township buildings. A total of three unopened bids were received.

- Environmental Control of Beachwood - \$52,788.00 per year or \$4,399.00 per month
- Miracle Cleaning Services - \$3,300.00 per month and \$100.00 per Police vehicle cleaned
- Janco Service Industries - \$30,828.00 per year

The bids will be available for the public on-line or by request.

Board of Trustees

Motion granting permission to enter into an agreement with the City of Norton to reimburse the city for expenses incurred through leasing equipment through DELL for the Southwest Summit Communications Dispatch Center. Norton will assume the lease and Barberton and Copley will pay one-third each of the annual cost for 5 years. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Discussion regarding the Ohio Senate Omnibus Budget amendment effectively prohibiting new construction, as well as the ongoing operation, of public owned broadband networks. The County and Township Association sent resolutions to the Senate opposing the amendment. Trustee Dressler stated he voted to oppose the amendment through the Ohio Township Association. Trustee Schulte supports the procedures in place today but does not want government controlling broadband service and perhaps eventually censoring it. He also stated he likes the Fairlawn GIG as a viable alternative for the Township and has provided a great service but doesn't want government owning the utilities. Trustee Koellner stated he supports competition as the current monopoly doesn't provide results to issues that arise believing more competition is better.

64-2021 Resolution opposing the Senate Omnibus Budget amendment effectively prohibiting new construction, as well as the ongoing operation, of public owned broadband networks was moved for approval by Trustee Koellner; second by Trustee Dressler. Trustee Koellner aye, Trustee Dressler aye, and Trustee Schulte, no.

Motion authorizing submission of a Notice of Intent regarding the Ohio EPA and the Townships order to be a co-permittee on the Summit County-wide MS4 permit was moved for approval by Trustee Koellner; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Fiscal Officer's Report – Secretary Pro-tem Janice Marshall

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of June 8, 2021. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

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65-2021 Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$202,620.06 to Southwest Summit Communications for the Dispatch and IT fees through the end of the year. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Motion acknowledging receipt of and approval pending audit of the May 2021 Financial Statements. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Administration – Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

Motion granting permission to enter into a Participation Agreement with Summit County to provide an Employee Assistance Program for Township employees through Ease @ Work at a cost of \$18.30 per year per employee totaling approximately \$2,200.00 for the year. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

66-2021 Resolution granting permission to contribute \$25,000.00 to the Copley Heritage Day Committee to partially cover expenses associated with the celebration on August 6-8, 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Fire Department – Chief Chris Bower

67-2021 Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$8,640.00 to the Summit County Fiscal Officer for radio maintenance fees for July through December 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Motion to accept, with regret, a letter of resignation from Chris Sorm effective immediately. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Motion to accept, with regret, a letter of resignation from Alan Leonard effective immediately. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Capital Projects/Overtime

- Chief Bower will be meeting with architects to discuss renovation plans for the Fire Department
- Looking for overtime numbers to go down with the hiring of new full-time employees

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

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

68-2021 Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$7,800.00 to the Summit County Fiscal Officer for radio maintenance fees for July through December 2021. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

69-2021 Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$40,000.00 to B&C Communications to purchase a camera package to replace and upgrade the current cameras in Montrose. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

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70-2021 Resolution granting permission to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$9,000.00 to Polytech Associates to conduct a promotional assessment for the position of Lieutenant 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.

Motion granting permission to accept the 4th quarter installment of the 2020-2021 DARE Grant in the amount of \$4,269.41. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Monthly Report – May 2021

Capital Projects/Overtime – update

Chief Mier thanked the Board for the approval to purchase the cameras for the Montrose area which was one of the capital expenditures for 2021 for the Police Department. Overtime is at 17%. The number compares with last year's numbers.

Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director

Motion granting permission to accept a release agreement with Maintenance Office Professionals (MOP) terminating the two year agreement for cleaning Township buildings. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

The Board asked Mr. Mitchell to review the bids for the new cleaning contract and make recommendations. A Special Meeting will be scheduled to award the cleaning contract prior to July 1.

Discussion on the implementation of speed tables in neighborhoods.

- Calls were made to the City of Medina to see how the data was gathered to determine policies and placement of speed tables.
- Surveys were sent out to gather input from residents about where the speed tables could be utilized
- Putting radar signs in specific neighborhoods to gather data while waiting for speed tables to arrive
- Four radar signs will be placed in the locations warranted through the collection of data.

Trustee Schulte stated that the data should not be collected for a long period of time as it will just delay the reason for getting the speed tables installed in the first place. The tables should be ordered at this time. Mrs. Marshall stated that there were only 234 respondents to the survey out of 17,000 residents in the Township and encouraged additional notifications. The areas where tables might be needed in the future will need to be addressed once the radar signs start producing data collected in neighborhoods. Although the information was in the papers and on social media as well as the survey itself, some people may not have seen it and feel that their area warrants a speed table more than another location that received one.

Capital Projects – update

The only outstanding project at this time is the park cameras. Waiting on quotes for the conduit.

Community & Economic Development - Ms. Clarissa Hunt,

Capital Projects – previously provided by email.

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Old Business

A letter was received from the state about an amendment being brought to the Ohio Senate floor that would include Townships in the American Relief Plan. If the amendment passes, the Township would receive approximately \$1.8 million dollars that would be issued in two installments of about \$900,000 each.

New Business

None

Correspondence

None

Business from the Floor

1). George Oeschman of Summit Road expressed concerns about the property at the corner of Summit Road and Cleveland Massillon Road. The Wolf Creek Barn and its venues are too loud for a residential neighborhood. The Board asked the Department of Community and Economic Development to look into the difference between high and low intensity sound and asked Mrs. Marshall to contact Mr. Oeschman when the department gives her its findings.

2). Jim and Judy Bonner of 2417 Summit Road appeared before the Board with additional complaints and numerous questions pertaining to the Wolf Creek Barn and zoning rules and regulations.

Executive Session

At 8:35 p.m., after a five minute recess, Trustee Koellner moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of personnel in the Fire Department; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Dressler, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

At 9:05 p.m. Trustee Dressler moved to reconvene the Regular meeting; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye.

Trustee Koellner moved approval to confirm conditional offers of employment to Greyson Henderson and Kevin Bishop following successful completion of pre-hire testing; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

Adjournment

At 9:10 p.m. with no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Koellner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:



Bruce Koellner, President



Linda Peiffer, Fiscal Officer