

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR

Meeting

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

Held _____ TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 _____ 20 _____

Open

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Guests

Present for the meeting: Trustee Koellner, Trustee Dressler, Trustee Schulte, Linda Peiffer, Janice Marshall, Loudan Klein, Mark Mitchell (virtually), Michael Mier, and Chris Bower.

Board of Trustees

Trustee Koellner stated that he would not be able to attend the next scheduled Board Meeting on August 24, and asked if it could be rescheduled for August 31. All ayes.

Trustee Koellner announced that the meeting will not initially follow the agenda and Mr. Mitchell would lead the meeting with requests from the Service Department.

Service Department – Director Mark Mitchell

Motion granting permission to continue the Senior Snow Plow Program for the 2021-2022 winter season. Letters will be sent out to the current list of those seniors who qualify. There is money left from last year that was not spent due to the low snowfall rate. Contractors will be hired and routes will be designated by the Service Department.

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

Cemetery Deed – The Revesz Family

Monthly Report – July, 2021

Discussion – Speed Tables

Data has been collected; the Service and Police Departments will review to make a recommendation. Chief Mier asked Mr. Mitchell what his recommendation would be based on his expertise and what he collected from the data and the surveys that were sent out. Mr. Mitchell responded that two tables could be placed on opposite ends of Ridgecrest Road, two tables on the long stretch of Westmont Road and one speed table on Creekledge. Trustee Schulte asked if the alternate routes had been assessed with the speed signs and data to ensure that tables were not needed in those areas. Chief Mier agreed with Mr. Mitchell on the idea of at least two speed tables on Ridgecrest Road. He stated the Service Department collected a lot of data to show that the tables were very much needed to help with speeding on that particular road.

The Board wants this to be done sooner than later and asked that speed tables be placed on the Ridgecrest Road locations now to test the waters while other locations are reviewed. Trustee Schulte moved to approve two speed tables to be placed on Ridgecrest Road; second by Trustee Koellner, all voting aye. The other locations will be decided at a later date. Letters will be sent out to inform residents living on Ridgecrest that the speed tables would be installed and to please contact any of the Trustees if there are any questions. The Board is eager to hear what the resident's feedback will be.

Fiscal Officer's Report – Linda Peiffer

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes of July 27, 2021. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

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

The state audit has begun at a cost of \$15,375.00. The auditors are expected to be on site through September, 2021.

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Administration – Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

83-2021 Resolution authorizing payment in 2021 to the City of Norton for DELL equipment leased for use by SWSCOM IT partners. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

84-2021 Resolution to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 national opioid settlement agreement. Law Director David Firestine recommended participation in the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement that would allow Copley Township to receive monies for specific uses towards the fight against opioids. The exact money amount has not yet been determined. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Dressler, aye; Trustee Koellner, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

Capital Projects – update on Civic Plus Media

Trustee meetings will be streamed through the Township’s website using Civic Plus Media beginning September 2021. The public will be able to view meetings but will need to appear in person to participate in conversation.

Executive Session to discuss hiring of personnel in the Service Department and benefits of employment in all departments.

Fire Department – Chief Chris Bower

85-2021 Resolution approving a Purchase Order to Poly-Tech Associates for a promotional assessment for the position of Lieutenant 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.

Motion to accept, with regret, a letter of resignation as a part-time Firefighter/Medic from Quintin Brown effective immediately. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Capital Projects/Overtime

Discussion: received approval from legal counsel on the contract received from the architect regarding the fire and police department renovations.

Chief Bower noted that overtime remains at around 13% as indicated in his last report and is the average number year over year. There is not a lot of fluctuation month to month.

Monthly Report – July, 2021

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

Chief Bower thanked the Fire Department crew as well as support from the Board of Trustees for the great open house held for Assistant Chief Moore’s retirement.

Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

Motion to close roads as necessary for the Annual Kylie Rose’s Run scheduled for 4:00 p.m. - August 29, 2021 beginning at Copley High School. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

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Capital Projects /Overtime

Capital projects update remains the same with dash cams being installed and the order for cameras in Montrose still on order. Chief Mier was on vacation and will provide overtime information to the Board as soon as possible.

Noted:

- Revere High School Music Association will be collecting donations from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on August 14 in the northeast quadrant of the Township.
- The Mercury Rocket will be delivered for repairs to Thomarios on Wednesday, August 11.

Discussion: A contract was included in the packets that the architect submitted with his recommendations of what needed attention in the Police Department as far as repairs and improvements. The projects could be addressed one at a time or altogether.. Trustee Schulte asked why an architect was needed when he thought that they would be fixing windows, gutters, roofing etc. not adding on rooms and changing the entire layout. Chief Mier stated that upon inspection of the building, it was revealed that there were some structural issues and they would address those at the same time. Trustee Koellner stated he didn't want to put a lot of money in the buildings but they still need to be maintained in case they are sold later if/when a new Safety Center would be built. Trustee Dressler acknowledged that at least general repairs, (windows) could be made now instead of waiting for a long review of the recommendations. Trustee Schulte said he agreed and that some of the changes should be made now and a general contractor is what may be needed not an architect. Trustee Koellner will reserve his opinion until he speaks with Mark Mitchell on the matter.

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Loudan Klein, Director

Discussion: Copley Circle - Business Promotion Event - promoting new businesses' for a one day or one evening event sometime in September or October. The Department will be looking to propose a branding for the event that will be taking place at the circle. Trustee Koellner suggested a two or three hour event. Trustee Schulte said it will be a good event to promote the Circle and Trustee Dressler agreed.

Capital Projects – Update

- Sunset Drive – dedicated road connecting to Cleveland Massillon to provide marketable parcels and eventual Safety Center – all with utilities, curbs, sidewalks etc. Will use as an anchor for improvements to the Circle.
- Trail Projects – committee set – meeting on August 26 to discuss concerns and identify target projects.
- Senior Playground – met with a second vendor – waiting for quote; applying for CBDG funding.
- Draft of lease with Copley-Fairlawn City Schools for a parking lot at the Middle School under way.

Monthly Report – July 2021

Executive Session – to discuss potential sale of property

Old Business

Administrator Janice Marshall thanked Claudia Prinzo and her Heritage Days Committee for their work in coordinating the Heritage Days weekend; the celebration was a lot of work to put together, particularly in a year following the pandemic and the uncertainty it created. Mrs. Marshall also thanked the Township personnel who played a role in the planning and execution of the weekend events.

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Discussion – Capital Projects/Financing

Trustee Schulte asked where the applications for grants stood for projects we are working on -

The Township will pursue a Township stimulus grant through the county for replacement of the sidewalk along Cleveland Massillon Road connecting the Middle School to the Circle and a water extension grant through the City of Akron.

New Business

JEDD Meeting scheduled October 27, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Agenda items include:

- Discussion on properties requesting to be removed from JEDD
- How Akron can facilitate the extension of sewer in the Township
- Community and Economic Development's present/current work with the county
- Townships investment and preliminary designing; Trustee Dressler wants all items to be included in CED's presentation. Trustee Schulte wants partner to be prepared; give Akron presentation on revenue sharing before meeting to review.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Jodi Mirman asking for her \$25.00 fee to be waived by the Trustees for a girls' soccer team dinner she will be holding in one of the pavilions at Copley Community Park. Trustee Koellner asked that the fee for the pavilion be waived. Trustee Schulte moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Business from the Floor

None

Executive Session

At 8:45 p.m., after a five minute recess, Trustee Koellner moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss hiring in the Service, and Fire Department; benefits in all departments; potential sale of property; second by Trustee Dressler. Roll call vote: Trustee Koellner, aye; Trustee Dressler, aye; and Trustee Schulte, aye.

At 9:30 p.m. Trustee Koellner moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

Motion - Trustee Koellner moved to name Janice Marshall Secretary Pro-tem; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

Motion to confirm a conditional offer of employment after successfully completing pre-hire testing for Sage Ward as part-time Firefighter/Medic. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Schulte, all voting aye.

Motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Troy Labbe as part-time Firefighter/Medic pending successful completion of prehire testing. Trustee Koellner moved approval; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Adjournment

At 9:32 p.m. with no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Koellner moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee Dressler, all voting aye.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted by:



Bruce Koellner, President



Linda Peiffer, Fiscal Officer