

Pierce Township Trustees
Meeting
Minutes

June 12, 2012 6:30 PM

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM, on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Chris Knoop called the meeting to order. Board members answering roll call: Mr. Christopher Knoop, Mrs. Bonnie Batchler, and Mr. Rich Riebel. Also present were Township Administrator, David Elmer, Township, Fire Chief Aaron Boggs, Chief Jeff Bachman, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Tux Maxson and Public Works Director Luke Mantle arrived late due to a traffic delay.

Mr. Knoop introduced to the residents Mr. Thomas Keating, Pierce Township's new law director and Mr. Tim Hershner, Pierce Township's new Assistant Administrator who will be overseeing Planning, Zoning and Community Development.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of May 8, 2012 – Special Meeting

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 8, 2012 as submitted. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2012 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of the May 8, 2012 of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Minutes of May 21, 2012 – Special Meeting

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 21, 2012 as submitted. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Approval of Minutes – May 29, 2012 – Special Meeting

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler to approve the Special Meeting minutes of the May 29, 2012 of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Approval of Minutes – May 30, 2012 – Special Meeting

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler to approve the Special Meeting minutes of the May 30, 2012 of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Roll call on motion: All aye.

POLICE CHIEF JEFF BACHMAN SWORN IN

Chairman Chris Knoop introduced Jeff Bachman as the new Police Chief. Mr. Knoop then invited the members of the Board to join him in the front of the meeting room to witness Chief Bachman as he was sworn in as the new Police Chief. After Chief Bachman was officially sworn in, everyone present joined in congratulating Chief Bachman for his selection as Police Chief.

DRAINAGE ISSUE - MAPLEWOOD

Mr. David Cannane of 3723 Maplewood Amelia, Ohio 45102 expressed the need for assistance from Pierce Township to address a drainage issue, which runs along Maplewood Drive. He was directed to Luke Mantle, our Public Works Director for assistance in resolving the issue.

CLERMONT 20/20 LEADERSHIP

Mr. Matt Van Sant and Mr. Chris Smith from Clermont 20/20 Leadership addressed the Board. First, Matt Van Sant explained that the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce had created a 501-C-3 to separately and independently establish their oversight of Clermont 20/20 through a separate Chamber Foundation. Mr. Smith then explained that Clermont 20/20 was now seeking candidates for their class of 2013 and both asked that Pierce Township consider sponsoring or sending a qualified candidate. The Board took no immediate action on this request.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Chief Jeff Bachman presented the monthly report. Chief Jeff Bachman reported that his department had participated in the National Police Memorial Week, which was held May 13, 2012 to May 19, 2012. The Police Department also participated in "Click it or Ticket" which resulted in 52 traffic stops.

Chief Bachman congratulated Officer Bryan Burke for obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree from the Union Institute & University.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Chief Boggs presented the monthly report of the Fire Department to the Board and he reported that the recent spike in auto accidents was due to better weather and school being out. Chief Boggs asked approval on three motions.

Purchase of Two APX6000 Radios

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler that based upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, the Board authorizes the purchase of two APX6000 radios based on current state bid pricing in the amount of eight thousand four hundred and twenty four dollars (\$8,424.00). Roll call on motion: All aye.

Resignation Accepted – Duane Willis

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Boogs to accept the resignation of Duane Willis as a firefighter/EMT effective June 12, 2012, noting that Duane should be considered in good standing. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Fire Code - Resolution 012-015

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to adopt a resolution approving the Ohio Fire Code Roll call on motion: All aye. See attached Resolution 012-015

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Luke Mantle presented the monthly report for the Public Works Department. Mr. Mantle publicly thanked the community including Mr. Dean Johns for volunteering to spread the playground mulch. Mr. Mantle also thanked his department for the efforts to improve the appearance for the Cemetery for Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Mantle asked for approval for two items.

Amendment - 2012 Curb and Gutter/Catch Basin Replacement Program

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler that based upon the recommendation of the Public Works Director to approve an amendment to the 2012 Curb and Gutter/Catch Basin Replacement Program with Innovative Concrete and Utility Construction to increase the number of catch basins from two to ten at an additional cost of \$4,000.00 which is the same per unit cost as the original bid. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Easement with Tate Monroe Water

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler to authorize Dave Elmer to negotiate and sign an easement with TATE Monroe Water Association to erect, construct and install, lay and thereafter use, operate, inspect, repair, maintain, replace and remove water lines, service lines, hydrants, valves, controls, and appurtenances with the least amount of damage on Pierce Township's behalf. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Flexamat Purchase Authorized

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to approve a motion to purchase nine (9), four foot by fifty foot rolls of Flexamat for the purpose of maintaining highly erosive ditch lines on Bradbury Road, from Motz Enterprises at a cost of \$4,400.00. Roll call on motion: All aye.

GREENSPACE COMMITTEE

Mr. Knoop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to appoint Pat Hogan to replace Jessica Metzger for the Greenspace Committee. Mr. Hogan is to serve a three-year term on the Greenspace Committee effective July 1, 2012. Roll call on motion: All aye.

ZONING COMMISSION

Mr. Knoop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to reappoint Stan Shadwell to the Zoning Commission for a 5-year term beginning immediately. Roll call on motion: All aye.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS

Special Meeting Date Set

Mr. Knoop made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler to set a zoning hearing for the Board to consider rezoning 150+ parcels on St. Rt. 125 from B Business to GB "General Business" for Monday June 18, 2012 at 5:30 PM. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Mr. Elmer presented his report and then Mr. Owings asked to address the Board regarding his concern that Pierce Township had been in negotiations to extend the thirty year agreement with Duke Energy that is due to expire in 2016. Mr. Owings asked the Board if the Board intended to extend the contract with Duke. Mr. Knoop indicated that all three affected parties including NOPE (Neighbors Opposed to Pit Expansion) would need to meet and come to a consensus regarding any extension. Mr. Elmer acknowledged that Duke Energy had circulated a draft proposal regarding an extension back in 2011, but the Board had opted not to consider it.

TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

Cash Fund Balance Report

Mrs. Register also provided a cash summary by fund, a bank reconciliation report, receipt account status report, and an appropriation status report to the Board for their review. There were no inquiries relative to the reports.

Special Meeting Date Set

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to set the July Budget Hearing for July 10, 2012 for 6:00 PM. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Payment of Bills – April 30, 2012

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from 4/30/12 in the amount of \$48,611.70 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Payment of Bills – May 04, 2012

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from 5/4/12 in the amount of \$190,116.31 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Payment of Bills - May 14, 2012

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from 5/14/12 in the amount of \$36,119.85 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Payroll - May 15, 2012

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the payroll from 5/15/12 in the amount of \$111,708.19 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Payment of Bills – May 18, 2012

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from 5/18/12 in the amount of \$83,591.68 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Payment of Bills - May 21, 2012

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from 5/21/12 in the amount of \$24,995.05 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Payment of Bills – May 30, 2012

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from 5/30/12 in the amount of \$103,825.40 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Payroll - May 31, 2012

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the payroll from 5/31/12 in the amount of \$170,564.88 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Salary Adjustment – Police Chief Jeff Bachman

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler to re-establish the salary of Police Chief Jeff Bachman from \$79,000.00 as approved by the Board on May 30, 2012 to \$82,927.00 retroactively to June 1, 2012. Roll call on motion: All aye.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 PM, Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Batchler that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call on motion: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township approved the foregoing minutes of the Board of Trustees on:

Karen Register, Township Fiscal Officer

Chris Knoop, Chairman
Pierce Township Board of Trustees

