

Pierce Township Trustees
Meeting
Minutes

December 10, 2014

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met in Regular Session at 6:30 PM, on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Batchler asked everyone to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chairman Bonnie Batchler asked Trustee Richard Riebel to lead the meeting in prayer.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonnie Batchler called the meeting to order. Board members answering roll call: Mrs. Bonnie Batchler, and Mr. Robert Pautke and Mr. Richard Riebel. Also present were Fire Chief Craig Wright, Assistant Fire Chief Scot Light, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Township Administrator Tim Hershner, Public Works Manager, John Koehler, and Assistant to the Fiscal Officer, Claudia Carroll and Legal Counsel, Tom Keating.

Administrator Updates

Mrs. Batchler requested any Supervisor updates. The following items were noted:

- Administrator Tim Hershner introduced Larry Gross, the new Pierce Township Part Time Zoning Violations Officer to the Board and the residents.
- Administrator Tim Hershner informed the Board that Bill Bockenstette resigned his position on the Pierce Township Zoning Commission and asked Mr. Bockenstette to stand and allow the Board to thank him for his years of service.

Bill Bockenstette Resignation Accepted – Zoning Commission

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke to accept the resignation of Bill Bockenstette effective December 31, 2014. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Celebratory Events

Mrs. Batchler requested any Supervisor or Trustee updates and/or celebratory events.

The following items were noted:

- Administrator Tim Hershner introduced Paul Houston, Dick Schuler, Stan Shadwell, Bob Sanders Members of the Zoning Commission and Karen Rebori, Alternate member.
- Mr. Pautke thanked Doug Dresig for his efforts to stepping up for public parks.
- Mr. Pautke thanked Jenny Newcomb for the newsletters and media plan.
- Mr. Pautke thanked George Carpenter for assistance in coordinating residential surveys.
- Mr. Pautke thanked Chief Wright and the members of Fire Department for implementing the reading program at Locust Corner Elementary School and he read a thank you letter from the school which thanked the Fire Department for noticing one child who needed shoes and for the firemen going out and purchasing new shoes for this child. The letter from the school told the Fire Department just how thrilled the child was when the child was pulled out into hallway and given the new shoes that afternoon.
- Trustee Bob Pautke then thanked the Police Department and Police Chief Jeff Bachman for the “Shop with a Cop” program which was started and continues to be offered by the Police Officers for needy children in the community.
- Trustee Bob Pautke noted that Tim Hershner is now on the Chamber of Commerce Finance Committee.
- Trustee Bob Pautke proposed to the County Engineer that the Engineers Office coordinates a cooperative association for all of the different Road Departments throughout Clermont County so that communication and when needed purchasing power be encouraged. He compared the idea to what the County Police Chiefs and the Fire Chiefs Association do to help support safety services.
- Trustee Richard Riebel informed the Board and the residents that the 2014 road paving project was finished.
- Trustee Richard Riebel also addressed the upcoming plans from Duke Energy regarding the removal of the clay out of their property off Pond Run, and Nelp Road.
- Trustee Richard Riebel also shared that Sam Hoh from Evans Excavation alerted the Township that the Hiker – Biker path may be paved next Spring versus this year since it is late in the year and paving the path will be better in warmer weather.

November 24, 2014 – Minutes Approved

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke to approve the minutes of November 24, 2014 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Resolution 014-020 – Declaring a Public Nuisance for 3567 Lewis Rd.

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of Township Administrator Tim Hershner the Board approve Resolution 014-020 declaring a public nuisance on property 3567 Lewis Road, Amelia, Ohio 45102 with the costs associated with the cleanup of the nuisance assessed against the property owner. Roll call on motion: All aye.

New Ambulance Stretcher - Approved

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Assistant Fire Chief Scott Light, the Board approve the purchase of a new ambulance stretcher in the amount not to exceed \$7,428.00 to replace the stretcher that was damaged in the wreck on August 25, 2014, and it is noted that this expenditure has already been funded by the insurance reimbursement which the township has already been received on November 26, 2014. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Termination Part Time Employees – Approved

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Assistant Fire Chief Scott Light that the Board terminate part time employees, Ryan M. Pennekamp and Christopher J. Eisenecker for failure to successfully complete their probationary period. Their departure status shall be considered in poor standing with the Township and become effective immediately. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Bobcat Enterprises Repairs - Approved

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Public Works Manager John Koehler that the Board agrees to have Bobcat Enterprises repair the Skid steer Loader for the cost of \$3,664.00. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Katie Gausmann Thielmeyer – Hired Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke based upon the recommendation of Assistant Fire Chief Scott Light that the Board to hire Katie Gausmann Thielmeyer as part-time Firefighter/Paramedic at the established hourly rate based upon the successful completion of a 1 year probationary period noting that any financial expenses for required physical, drug screening, and background check be the expense of the township. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Repair by Summit Fire Apparatus - Approved

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke based upon the recommendation of Assistant Fire Chief Scott Light that the Board approve the payment to Summit Fire Apparatus for the repair of the 2006 Ford F-450 Ambulance which was completed on October 31, 2014 in the amount of \$14,707.51 after the insurance reimbursement was received by the Township. Roll call on motion: All aye

Fiscal Office Reports and Motions

The fiscal office included and provided a cash summary by fund, a bank reconciliation report, receipt account status report and an appropriation status report to the Board of Trustees and requested the following motions.

Payment of Bills – October 29, 2014

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from

October 29, 2014 in the amount of \$62,574.90 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye

Payment of Payroll – November 5, 2014

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer the Board approve the payroll of November 5, 2014 in the amount of \$103,688.33 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye

Payment of Bills – November 11, 2014

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from November 11, 2014 in the amount of \$20,171.22 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye

Payment of Bills – November 12, 2014

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from November 12, 2014 in the amount of \$152,593.91 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye

Payment of Payroll – November 19, 2014

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer the Board approve the payroll from November 19, 2014 in the amount of 125,996.54 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye

Payment of Bills – November 21, 2014

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from November 21, 2014 in the amount of \$93,633.53 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye

Payment of Bills – November 26, 2014

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer; the Board approves the bills from November 26, 2014 in the amount of \$17,936.09 as previously provided. Roll call on motion: All aye

Payment of Dump Truck

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer the Board approve the payment on the dump trucks in the amount of \$50,584.00. Roll call on motion: All aye

Agency Fund 27

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Township Fiscal Officer the Board authorize the activation of Fund 27, the Agency Fund for the purpose of accounting for the stale dated checks which have never been presented for payment. Roll call on motion: All aye

Transfer to Agency Fund 27 - Approved

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to transfer to the newly activated Agency Fund #27, the amount of \$6,009.89. from the stale dated checks. Roll call on motion: All aye.

General Public Discussion

Mrs. Batchler opened the floor for public input and residents made comments regarding the Beckjord losses, the need for more public education and input about the Beckjord closure and the lost revenue to the township. Then the discussion moved to the Board setting the meeting dates for 2015. After receiving a complaint from a resident regarding the Board rescheduling numerous 2014 meetings, it was noted by the Board that the Board's Regular meeting dates were only changed twice in 2014 and both changes were made with more than 30 days of public notice. No decision regarding meeting dates for 2015 was made.

Executive Session

At 8:31 PM, Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke to enter into Executive to discuss personnel matters, candidate and interview schedule, real estate sale and counsel with legal Attorney Tom Keating pursuant to ORC 121.22 (1), (2) and (3). Roll call on motion: All aye.

At 9:36 PM, Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel, to leave executive session, with no action being taken the Board during the Executive Session.

Karen Rebori – Appointed to Zoning Commission

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator Tim Hershner to appoint Karen Rebori to replace Bill bockenstette's term to Zoning Commission effective January 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Tom Sill – Appointed as Alternate Zoning Commission Member

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator Tim Hershner to appoint Tom Sill to replace Karen Rebori's term as an Alternate Zoning Commission Member effective January 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Bob Sanders – Zoning Appeals Commission Member

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator Tim Hershner to appoint Bob Sanders

to a Full Term Zoning Appeals Commission Member effective November 29, 2014 to November 28, 2019. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Salute to Leaders - Nomination

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to nominate Jeff Mazzaro and the Stillmeadow Country Club as the Salute to Leaders nominee. Mrs. Batchler and the Board noted that Stillmeadow Country Club and Mr. Mazzaro and his business partners had made a major investment and continue to contribute to the community. Roll call on motion: All aye

Negotiations Authorized with Duke Energy

Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to authorize Tim Hershner to negotiate terms with Duke Energy on three key issues: First, the access to Nelp Road and the road status during the upcoming clay removal by Duke Energy. Second, the needed repairs by Duke Energy to Nelp Road after the use of heavy earth haulers on the Township roads by Duke Energy. Third, the property acquisition of any donated property from Duke Energy to Pierce Township of specifically, a track of 5.221 acres that is composed of two parcels: 272803D002 and 272803D065. Roll call on motion: All aye

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:12 PM, Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to adjourn the meeting. 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

Mrs. Batchler, Chairman
Pierce Township Board of Trustees