

Pierce Township Trustees
Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2013 6:00 PM

There was a Special Meeting held by the Board of Trustees of Pierce Township; Clermont County, Ohio. The Pierce township Trustees met in Special Session at 6:00 PM, on Thursday September 12, 2013 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Richard Riebel called the meeting to order. Trustee members answering roll call: Mr. Richard Riebel, Mrs. Bonnie Batchler, and Mr. Chris Knoop. Also, in attendance was Tim Hershner, Assistant Township Administrator for Planning, Zoning and Community Development and Mr. Tom Keating, Legal Counsel. The purpose of the meeting was to consider and discuss a Community Improvement Corporation and it was noted that the meeting was advertised for the Board of Trustees to conduct any other business, which came before the Board.

Mr. Thomas Keating – Overview of a CIC

Mr. Keating was asked by Chairman Riebel to provide an overview of a CIC to the Board and residents. Mr. Keating provided an overhead presentation outlining the historical facts of CIC's, the law under Ohio's constitution and what is allowed and is not allowed by a CIC. Further he covered the changes which allow a Township to lend money to companies for industrial and commercial uses, the Supreme Court rulings within the last fifteen years regarding the use or restriction of use of funds for private interests, and how a CIC can loan money to low income housing projects if the commerce will increase income producing revenue for the area. He stressed the proposal could developed for a not for profit organization and that surrounding communities are using CIC's successfully.

Discussion

Many residents voiced concerns over the potential use of CIC's by Pierce Township. Most residents expressed concerns of the financial impact of the CIC's on the Township's general fund. Residents also expressed concerns regarding the goals of a CIC to mitigate blighted areas, how blighted areas might be defined, and the concern that this Board or a future Board may not use a CIC appropriately.

Discussion continued regarding the financial risks, audit costs, who sits on the CIC Board and how the Board members would be chosen, along with qualifications of the potential Board members. The Board asked Tim Hershner to follow up with the County to proceed with purchasing the Water Departments property off Lewis Road, if possible, and the Board committed to comparing and speaking with other communities which have enacted a CIC for their communities.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:18 PM, Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Knoop that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

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

Karen Register, Township Fiscal Officer

Rich Riebel, Chairman
Pierce Township Board of Trustees