

Pierce Township Trustees
Meeting
Minutes

November 24, 2014

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met in Special Session at 6:30 PM, on Monday, November 24, 2014 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road for the purpose of conducting business and to consider Zoning Case Z2014-002 (Merwin Ten Mile and White Oak Road).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bonnie Batchler called the meeting to order. Board members answering roll call: Mrs. Bonnie Batchler, Mr. Robert Pautke and Mr. Richard Riebel. Also present were Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Township Administrator Tim Hershner, and Legal Counsel, Tom Keating.

September 25, 2014 – Minutes Approved

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

November 3, 2014 – Minutes Approved

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to approve the minutes of November 3, 2014, Regular Meeting with the one modification recommended by Mrs. Register. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Part time Police Officer James Kelleher Resignation Accepted

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel to accept the resignation of part time police officer James Kelleher effective November 24, 2014, noting that James Kelleher is to be considered in good standing. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Authorization – Mr. Hershner to Contract with an Energy Retailer

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator, Mr. Hershner, the Board authorize Tim Hershner to compare rates and pricing of different energy retailers and to contract for up to 36 months with the energy retail provider that offers the most competitive rate and best savings to the Township. Roll call on motion: All aye.

PUBLIC ZONING HEARNG ON ZONING CASE Z 2014-002

Mr. Hershner provided an overhead presentation of the property which would be affected by a zone change and then showed a colored chart of the potential development of the Ferguson property. Mr. Hershner noted that the Zoning Commission had denied the zone change and

suggested that the zone change be tabled for ninety days (90) with the Board setting a meeting at that time to reconsider the case citing that this might allow some progress on the development plans. Mr. Hershner further outlined that the Board could approve, deny or approve the zone change with modifications.

Numerous residents spoke against the change at this time since there were no firm plans in place and Mr. Riebel who had initially motioned for the case to be continued, withdrew his original motion to continue the case and made a motion that Zoning Case Z2014-002 be denied. Mr. Pautke seconded Mr. Riebel's motion to deny the Zone change. Roll call on the motion for denial: All aye.

Withdrawal of Application for the Clean Ohio Grant

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel based upon the recommendation of Legal Counsel Tom Keating to withdraw Pierce Township's application for the Clean Ohio Grant for the Ferguson property since the Zoning Case was denied. It is noted that Mr. Hershner will explain by letter that Pierce Township and the Board made every attempt to resolve the issues with the property owners, to no avail. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Executive Session

At 7:49 PM, Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke to enter into Executive to discuss sale of real estate property, and reviewing negotiations of bargaining sessions with public employees with legal Attorney Tom Keating pursuant to ORC 121.22 (2) and (4). Roll call on motion: All aye.

At 9:05 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.

Special Meeting – December 29, 2014

The Board agreed that a special meeting would be needed for Monday 12/29/14 for both a Records Meeting @ 6:15 PM and a Special Year End Clean Up and Reorganization Meeting for 6:30 PM, no formal motion was made on this matter.

Carl Hartman Proposal of Services - Approved

Mr. Pautke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riebel that based upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator Tim Hershner to authorize Mr. Hershner to accept and move forward with the proposal of services from Carl Hartman subject to Clermont County's equal participation in producing a concept development plan for 25.17 acres of township owned property on Young Road at a maximum of \$2,250.00 payment for Mr. Hartman's services. Roll call on motion: All aye.

Pierce Township Authorizes the Selling of .701 Acres

Mr. Riebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pautke that based upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator Tim Hershner to sell .701 acres (portion of 28-28-07A-104) for an amount not less than \$75,000 to Chandra Parbhu Property Managements, Inc. via a quick claim deed. Roll call on motion: All aye.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 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