

Pierce Township Trustees
Meeting
Minutes
April 13, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM, on Wednesday, April 13, 2015 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Pautke, Trustee Bonnie Batchler and Trustee Allen Freeman were present at roll call. Fire Chief Craig Wright, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Light, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Township Administrator Tim Hershner, Service Department Director John Koehler, Legal Counsel Tom Keating and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey.

Executive Session

At 5:30pm, Trustee Batchler made the motion, seconded by Trustee Freeman to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees and purchase property pursuant to ORC 121.22 (1) and (2) with Legal Counsel Tom Keating. Roll call: All aye. Also present in executive session, Administrator Hershner, Fire Chief Wright and Fiscal Officer Schwey.

At 6:35 PM, Mrs. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Freeman to leave executive session, with no action being taken by the Board during the Executive Session.

Chairman Pautke called the Regular Meeting of the Board back to order at 6:35p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Chairman Pautke asked Pastor Larry Bechtol from Locust Corner Methodist Church to lead the meeting in prayer.

Clermont County Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Pautke introduced Tracy Hawkins and Matt VanStant from the Clermont County Chamber. Mr. VanStant introduced Ms. Hawkins as the new director of the small business development center. Ms. Hawkins explained her role as the new director.

Celebratory Events

Fire Chief Wright presented to Officer Mark Weitzel commendation for bravery. The Board congratulated Officer Weitzel for an outstanding job in helping out in a tuff situation.

Police Chief Bachman and his department made a Facebook Arrest. Chief Bachman explained how this arrest came about on Facebook.

Committee Updates

Mr. George Carpenter presented an overview of the Park/Greenspace Committees Park & Nature Space Master Plan. The committee also is looking into grants and sponsorships for the park. Mr. Carpenter gave an update on how the July 23, 2016 Park Fest is progressing.

Mr. Doug Thompson of the Pierce Township Economic Development Committee updated the Board on how the Economic Committee is progressing. They are looking for more members, reviewing tools of TIF's and JED's, reviewing process for the Comprehensive Plan, and brainstorming short term projects and community involvement.

Trustee Updates and Administrator Updates

Trustee Freeman has been working with the Service Department. The department has been looking at culverts and getting details of road conditions within the township.

Administrator Hershner and the Service Department is also looking at building a spreadsheet for road and bridge data base and developing a road maintenance plan.

Administrator Hershner and Director Kohler reported the Hike/Bike Trail will be completed by May 21, 2016 and is so far coming under budget.

Administrator Hershner will have results of the employee survey for next month's Board Meeting.

Administrator Hershner presented to the Board for their review a draft for Merit Performances Timeline.

Chairman Pautke stated that a new family moved to Pierce Township from San Francisco and said how friendly everyone in the community are so friendly. They were impressed and could not believe that a police officer waived at them when passing on the road.

Approval of Minutes, Motions and Resolutions

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the March 9, 2016 Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the March 29, 2016 Board of Trustee Special meeting minutes.

Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the March 29, 2016 Board of Trustees Public Hearing meeting minutes. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 8, 2016 in the amount of \$93,690.34 as previously presented. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 14, 2016 in the amount of \$18,989.16 as previously presented. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 18, 2016 in the amount of \$67,835.91 as previously presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 25, 2016 in the amount of \$17,226.60 as previously presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the bills from March 29, 2016 in the amount of \$56,266.05 as previously presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the payroll from March 23, 2016 in the amount of \$117,927.18 as previously presented. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey that the Board approve the payroll from April 6, 2016 in the amount of \$122,342.09 as previously presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Service Department Director Koehler that the Board approve the sell back of a grave purchased by Gladys Adams in section 1A lot 018 grave # 9 in the amount of \$180.00. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Service Department Director Koehler that the Board authorize Director Koehler to enter into a contract for the best bid for paving services for the final portion of the Hike/Bike Path for an amount up to \$10,972.50. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board hire Kyle Katherine Moore as part time Firefighter/EMT at the established rate pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements and a 1 year probationary period noting that all associated expenses be that of the Township. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board approve the purchase order of ten (10) sets of firefighting gear from Vogelpohl in the amount of \$23,710.00 per quote #VFEQ7060. (See attached). Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board terminate the employment of part time employees Matthew Logan Pressler and Thomas William Fleming for failure to successfully complete their probationary period. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board accept the resignation of part time employee Theresa "Tracy" Ann Wright effective April 11, 2016. Trustee made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Pierce Township Trustees and the Pierce Township IAFF Local 4979 regarding the employment of Jeffrey Thomas Ashpaw. (see attached document) Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright that the Board rescind the acceptance of March 9, 2016 resignation of Jeffrey Thomas Ashpaw and reinstate him to the rank of Lieutenant effective April 24, 2016 at 06:00 hours. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Zoning Inspector Tim Hershner the Board authorize Legal Counsel Tom Keating to file an injunction against Robert and Laura Giles, 3921 Nicklaus Court, for violation of the Pierce Township Zoning Resolution, Article 11, Table 11.06-I, wherein a maximum number of two recreational vehicles is permitted on the subject property. Multiple violation notices have been issued regarding the three recreational vehicles which remain stored on the property. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Zoning Inspector Tim Hershner the Board authorize Legal Counsel Tom Keating to file an injunction against Ronald E. Thief, 3620 Merwin Ten Mile Road, for the violation of the Pierce Township Zoning Resolution, Article 4.06(F)(5)(a),(c),(d),(f),(h),and(n), wherein a home occupation is regulated as an internal, accessory use. Multiple violation notices have been issued regarding the ongoing sale and posting of signs on the property. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Discussion followed on last two previous motions. The Board instructed Legal Counsel Tom Keating to first send warning letters to both residences and if no response by the next trustee meeting to then proceed with the formal motions. This gives the residents an extra 30 days to abide by the zoning resolutions.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Administrator Hershner that the Board approve registering and attendance of the Administrative Lieutenant Bennett for LEAD Class 2016-2017 at a cost not to exceed \$2,250.00. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Open Floor Questions

Questions and discussions were in regards to zoning changes, economic development within Pierce Township. How planning, the zoning board and the economic committee can work together.

Adjourn

At 9:34p.m. Trustee Batchler made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting and seconded by Trustee Freeman.

ATTESTED:

Debbie Schwey, Township Fiscal Officer

Robert W. Pautke, Chairman
Pierce Township Board of Trustees