

Pierce Township Trustees
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2016

Call to Order

Chairman Robert Pautke called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. 950 Locust Corner Rd. Pierce Township Administration Building. Chairman Robert Pautke, Trustee Bonnie Batchler and Trustee Allen Freeman present at roll call. Other members in attendance, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Light, Assistant to the Fiscal Officer Claudia Carroll, Service Dept. Director John Koehler, Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey and Township Attorney Tom Keating.

Executive Session

At 5:46p.m. Trustee Batchler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Allen Freeman to enter Executive Session pursuant to ORC 122.22(G)(1) and ORC 122.22 (G)(1)(2) to consider the employment and compensation of public employees and property matters. Present at the executive session, Chairman Pautke, Trustee Batchler, Trustee Freeman, Fiscal Officer Schwey and Township Attorney Mr. Keating.

At 6:33 p.m. Trustee Batchler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Freeman to leave Executive Session, with no action being taken by the Board during Executive Session.

At 6:36 p.m., Chairman Pautke resumed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

Invocation

Chris Miller from Pathway Church led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Batchler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Celebratory Events

Captain Kamphaus of the Clermont County Sheriff's Office wanted to thank Ltd. Eddie Dye and Chief Jeff Bachman from the Pierce Townships Police Department for his assistance with the 2016 Junior Police Academy Summer Camp.

Trustee Batchler , Fire Chief Wright, Assistant Fire Chief Light and Nick Hultz went to Fire House Subs in Eastgate to thank Fire House Subs for the \$10,000 donation they received from them to purchase equipment.

Chairman Pautke stated employee Troy Baker sent a note thanking all the employees of the township for remembering him and his family with the loss of his brother Jim Baker.

Trustee Updates

Chairman Pautke reported the township administrator position to close at the end of August, 2016.

Trustee Freeman made the motion to have Kleingers Group to work on zoning projects and (not to be paid) and to focus on Ohio Public Works Application. Seconded by Trustee Batchler. Discussion Followed. Roll call: All aye.

Mr. Thompson, president of the Economic Development Committee, presented to the Board information regarding the extension of the Locust Corner Cell Tower Lease. He presented two options either to take a lump sum payout or to go with a long term lease with a 3% annual increase in fees. Chairman Pautke made the motion to authorized Attorney Mr. Keating to negotiate with American Tower with extension of lease. Trustee Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye. Chairman Pautke thanked Mr. Thompson for his good work on researching contract.

Approval of Minutes, Motions & Resolutions

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.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the June 8, 2016 Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve the June 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes with one correction. Should read as " Trustee Freeman and Service Department Director John Koehler are looking for ways to find funding **for** roads in Pierce Township." Trustee Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion followed: with the addition of the word for. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the bills from the month of June, 2016 as previously presented. Bill details can be found on file in the Fiscal Office. 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 the month of June 2016 as previously presented. Payroll details can be found on file in the Fiscal Office. 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 Fred Heflin in section 2B(AGS) lot 345 graves 5&6 in the amount of \$700.00. 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 accept the lowest and best bid from Morton Salt, Inc. for the 2016-2017 winter season to purchase up to 1,400 ton of road salt for a cost of \$75,614.00 at a rate of &54.01 per ton (dump delivery) or \$81,214.00 at a rate of \$58.01 per ton (piler delivery) with the option as ordered by Pierce Township. 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 accepts the lowest and best bid from Wm. Light Paving Co. for paving Old US 52 in the amount of \$11,775.00. 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 accepts the lowest and best bid from Wm. Light Paving Co. for paving East Locust Corner Road in the amount of \$30,215.00. 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 accepts the lowest and best bid from Wm. Light Paving Co. for paving Palestine Road in the amount of \$32,925.00. 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 accepts the lowest and best bid from W. E. Smith Construction for installation of pier wall on Bradbury Road in the amount of \$22,950.00. 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 and installation of (1) Rotary vehicle lift model #SMO14EL2 as quoted in the amount of \$6,325.00 which is to be divided according among the following fund: Fire \$1,686.00; EMS \$1,686.66; Road & Bridge \$1,686.67; Police \$632.51 and General \$632.50. 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 terminate the employment of part time Firefighter/EMT Steven Ross Burton for unsuccessful completion of his probationary period. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A resolution is made based upon the recommendation of the Pierce Township Trustees, that the Board agrees to adopt Resolution #016-006 appointing Scott Melvin as Pierce Township Zoning Inspector. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A resolution is made, based upon the recommendation of the Pierce Township Trustees, that the Board agrees to adopt Resolution #016-007 of necessity for levying tax exceeding ten mil limitation for the replacement of the levy for the collection and disposal of garbage or refuse, including yard waste, and requesting the county auditor to certify matters. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A resolution is made, based upon the recommendation of the Pierce Township Trustees that the Board agrees to adopt Resolution #016-008 determining the feasibility to acquire real estate adjoining the Beckjord Power Plant from Tri-State Improvement and Duke Energy Company pursuant to 1986 Settlement Agreement. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, by Chairman Pautke to approve the Records Commission Meeting Minutes held June 28, 2016. Seconded by Fiscal Officer Schwey. Roll call: All aye.

Open Floor Discussion

Mrs. Chamberlan ask if there has been any word from Fischer Homes and requested she be contacted when they are ready to begin work.

The OGSM is in need of being updated. Requested the 2020 plan be placed on the website.

Totals for payroll and bills to be included in the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:47 p.m., Trustee Freeman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Batchler to adjourn the meeting.

ATTESTED:

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

Debbie Schwey, Township Fiscal Officer

Robert Pautke, Chairman
Pierce Township Board of Trustees