

Pierce Township Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM, on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Robert W. Pautke, Trustee Bonnie Batchler and Trustee Allen Freeman were present at roll call. Mr. Keating, Attorney, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Service Department Director John Koehler, Assistant to the Fiscal Officer Claudia Carroll and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:34p.m. Trustee Batchler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Freeman enter Executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22 ((G) (1) to consider the employment and compensation of public employees. Roll call: All aye.

At 6:30p.m. Trustee Batchler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Freeman to leave executive session, with no action being taken by the Board during the Executive Session.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

At 6:38p.m. Chairman Pautke asked everyone to stand for the Invocation to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Assistant to the Fiscal Officer, Claudia Carroll was in attendance.

**INVOCATION**

Capt. Gary Strunk led the meeting in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Batchler led the residents in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CELEBRATORY EVENTS**

Fire Chief Wright commented on the donation and letter he received regarding the rescue of a dog in a storm drain

Chairman Pautke commented on the compliments received from a family on the service that was given to them in their time of need.

**Clermont County Parks Director-Park Levy**

Chairman Pautke introduced Director Chris Clingman from the Clermont County Park District. Director Clingman discussed the need for the levy being placed on the November 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 ballot. Discussed also how Pierce Township and the Clermont County Park District can work together to help better all parks.

**TRUSTEE UPDATES**

Attorney Keating updated the Trustees on the negotiations of the Tri State Properties with Duke Energy. Also discussed the different restrictions on the 147 acre Tracts 1 and Tract 2. Duke Energy and Tri State agreed to extend the deadline to receiving or refusing to take the 147 acres to October 31, 2016.

Attorney Keating updated the Trustees regarding taking a buy out or continuing to receive funds on the cell towers located in Pierce Township. Also Attorney Keating updated the trustees on the issues raised by the Economic Development Committee such as raising the rent, height of towers and it was decided to take action at next month regular meeting being held November 9, 2016.

Trustee Freeman informed the trustees of his applying for an OKI Grant for Pierce Township Parks. The grant for the park is in the amount of \$187,000.00.

### **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 and requested the following motions.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Schwey, that the Board approve the September 7, 2016 Board of Trustees 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 in the amount of \$411,919.57 from the month of September 2016. 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 in the amount of \$244,411.26 from the month of September. 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 payment of the West Clermont School reimbursement second half in the amount of \$62,388.14. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Chairman Pautke, that the Board appoint Gregg Gentile to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term from 11/28/2016 thru 11/29/2021. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Police Chief Bachman, that the Board approve the purchase of a new 2017 Ford Explorer from Lebanon Ford at a cost of \$34,007.00. This cost includes the extended warranty, road ready package for vehicles. The vehicle will be ready in January for pick up, and will be paid for at that time. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation of Police Chief Bachman, that the Board approve the purchase of 4 used portable radios at a cost of \$2,720.50 each for a total of \$10,885.00. These radios were used briefly at The Republican National Convention in Cleveland, and were being offered at a discount rate. 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 approve the change of the 2 way stop at Vineyard Hills & Vineyard Woods Drive to a 4 way stop due to receiving a petition signed by the residents on Arbor Lane, Vineyard Hills and Vineyard Woods Drive due to the safety of their children. Petition is 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 Service Department Director Koehler that the Board approve to allow the Pierce Township Service Department to invoice residents for culvert pipe for culvert replacement. 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 approve three (3) new signs for the Parks with the recommendation from the Park Committee not exceed \$1,100.00 per sign which includes new signs and installation cost. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. 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 Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Hammerle effective September 14, 2016. He is leaving due to time constraints with his full time employment. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

A motion is made, based upon the recommendation for Fire Chief Wright, that the Board hire Nicholas W. Braun as part time Firefighter/EMT at the established rate pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements and a 1 year probationary period. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All Aye

Chairman Pautke made the motion to reject contract with Aramark Services and to have Service Department Director Koehler to explore other options for cleaning services and wearing apparel/rugs for service department and Administration rugs. Seconded by Trustee Batchler. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

### **OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION**

Mr. Tom Bixler introduced himself as running for Clermont County Commissioner. He gave a brief introduction of why he is running for commissioner.

Doug Dreiese from the Park Committee stated there will be a community hike on the new nature trails on Saturday, October 14, 2016 from 12:00p.m. until 4:00p.m.

The public hearing date for Fischer Homes is October 25, 2016 @ 6:30p.m. and Special Meeting after Public Hearing for Beckjord Property.

October 22, 2016, Pathway Church will be having a Trunk or Treat for anyone who wants to attend.

Trustee Batchler made the motion to go in executive session for personnel matters at 7:56p.m. Trustee Freeman seconded the motion. Roll call: All aye.

Trustee Freeman made the motion to leave executive session at 8:20p.m. Trustee Batchler seconded the motion. Roll call: All aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:20p.m. Trustee. Batchler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Freeman to adjourn the meeting. .

**ATTESTED:**

The Pierce Township approved the foregoing minutes of the Board of Trustees on: November 9, 2016

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Debbie Schwey, Township Fiscal Officer

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Robert W. Pautke, Chairman  
Pierce Township Board of Trustees