

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 7:12p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Allen Freeman called the meeting to order. Chairman Freeman, Trustee Bonnie Batchler and Trustee Nicholas Kelly were present at roll call. Administrator Loretta Rokey, Attorney Tom Keating, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Light, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Service Department Director John Koehler, and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Batchler led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from June 13, 2018. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Police Chief Bachman requests a motion authorizing the hiring of Caitlyn Powell as a part time police officer at the rate of \$18.52 an hour not to exceed 1,560 hours within a 12- month period with a hire date of July 13, 2018. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call. All yea.

Chairman Freeman swore in Officer Powell.

Chris Clingman, Director of the Clermont County Park District presented to the trustees grant funds for the parks new bridge.

The Police Department hosted lazier training.

Administrative Lieutenant Bennett completed

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

The fiscal office included and provided a cash summary by fund, a bank reconciliation report, receipt account report and an appropriation status report to the Board of Trustees.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approving the tax budget as presented. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for Resolution 018-012, authorizing adoption of an alternative method of apportionment of the undivided local government. Discussion followed. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve the resolution with the change from a 5- year renewal to 1- year. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of payroll for the month of June, 2018 in the amount of \$331,202.83. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of the bills for the month of June, 2018 in the amount of \$188,402.99. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for authorizing an agreement with Meeder Investments Management and a Custody Agreement with U. S. Bank. (Attorney Keating reviewed and approved these agreements.) Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for an amended certificate from the receipt of the final property tax paid by Duke Energy on the Tri-State Properties also known as Pierce Preserve. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for payment to Perry and Associates for their auditing of years January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$6,360.00. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Rokey requests a motion for Resolution 018-013, declaring improvements to parcels of real property located in Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio to be a public purpose under Section 5709.73(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, exempting such improvements from real property taxation requiring the owners of such parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes, providing for compensation to the New Richmond Exempted Village School District, providing compensation to the US Grant Career Center, and establishing a Township Public Improvement Equivalent Fund. (This is to establish the Beckjord TIF – the New Richmond School Board has approved an agreement for full compensation to the schools.) Discussion followed. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Rokey requests a motion for Resolution 018-014 authorizing the Pierce Township Administrator to submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required. (For the Bradbury Road Improvement Project Phase 1 applications are due August 10th). Discussion followed. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Rokey requests a motion for Resolution 018-015 or Resolution 018-016 authorizing Cooperative Agreement with the Clermont County Commissioners Water Resource Division for the Bradbury Road Improvement Project Phase 1. Discussion followed. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Rokey requests a motion to authorize an agreement with The Kleingers Group for professional services not to exceed \$46,000.00 in compliance with the ODOT LPA Grant program for the Pierce Park Path. Discussion followed. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Rokey requests discussion and consideration of a motion for Resolution 018-017 authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with the Village of Amelia and authorizing \$15,000.00 of road funds in 2019 toward local match for an OPWC application for a joint improvement with the Village of Amelia. Discussion followed. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to accept the resignation of full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Sarah Elizabeth Barrial effective July 21st 2018 @ 0:600 hours and that she is returning to the position of part- time Firefighter/Paramedic with a starting rate of \$13.75 per hour. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to authorize the purchase of personal protective equipment (fire gear) from the Vogelpohl Company in the amount of \$18,089.00 noting that this amount includes shipping and handling. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Compass Minerals America, Inc. for the 2018-2019 winter season to purchase up to 1,000 tons of road salt for a cost of \$80,880.00 at a rate of \$80.88 per ton (dump delivery) or \$86,180.00 at the rate of \$86.38 per ton (piler delivery) with the option as ordered by Pierce Township. (Note: Compass Minerals America, Inc. is requiring participants to agree to purchase up to 80% of the stated quantity and Compass Minerals America, Inc. agree to provide up to 100% of the quantity. Several townships may dispute this requirement.) Discussion followed. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Freeman made the motion directing Administrator Rokey and staff to work with the Pierce Township Zoning Commission on reviewing the existing "transitional zoning" code language and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees for significant improvement. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AND UPDATES:

Police – (moved to beginning of meeting)

Fire/EMS – Fire Chief Wright updated and let everyone know of the motorcycle wreck that Austin Caldwell was involved in. The Fire Dept. went to Portsmouth, Ohio, which had a major water main break to haul water to their hospital. There was a fireworks injury which required the states fire marshal to be called in and the owner of residents who own vison was attacked by one of the vison.

Service/Streets/Cemetery/Parks – Received park bridge funds.

Administration – Administrator Rokey discussed getting on the November ballot for residents to vote on going with aggregation for electric and gas suppliers.

Trustee Batchler made the motion to go with Trebel as the aggregation broker. Seconded by Trustee Kelly. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

Also still looking into the white board for the parlor.

Economic Development – The committee is reviewing the St. Rt. 125 TIF's. Chairman Freeman would like to plan an infrastructure work session with the committee. Develop a marketing document.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Freeman made the motion directing the Administrator and staff to work with the Pierce Township Zoning Commission on reviewing the existing "transitional zoning" code language and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees for significant improvement. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Andrew Chamberlain discussed moving to Pierce Township, would like to purchase property on Motz and Pond Run Roads.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:45p.m. Trustee Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township approved the foregoing minutes of the Board of Trustees on: August 8, 2018.

Chairman Allen Freeman, Pierce Township Board of Trustees

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

SPECIAL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Special Meeting/Public Hearing to be held July 18, 2018 at 5:00p.m. to receive Zoning Commissions recommendation for ZC 2018-0003 Red Hawk Apartments.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

August 8, 2018 at 6:30p.m.