

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2018

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 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 July 11, 2018, Public Hearing from July 11, 2018, Special Meeting from July 18, 2018, Public Hearing from July 18, 2018 and Special Meeting Minutes from July 31, 2018. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to hire Jared Michael Boots, Timothy Matthew Goodman and Christopher Latham Hines as full time Firefighter/Paramedics at the established rate pending successful completion of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund physical, polygraph examination, psychological examination and a (1) year probationary period noting that all associated expenses be that of the Township. (starting dates yet to be determined). Furthermore, it is noted as a condition of continued employment, that all of the above named employees have one (1) year from date of appointment to become a certified Ohio Fire Safety Inspector (if not already carded). Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to promote Austin Wade Brown and Joshua Terrance Watren from full time Firefighter/Paramedic to full time Lieutenant at the established rate pending successful completion of a one (1) year probationary period. (effective date yet to be determined). Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to promote Nicholas Tyler Hultz from full time Lieutenant to full time Captain at the established rate pending successful completion of a one (1) year probationary period. (effective date yet to be determined). Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Freeman then swore in the new hires and promotions of Firefighters/Paramedics.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to accept the resignation of part-time Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle James Egbert effective immediately. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to hire Miranda Lyn Vearil as part-time Firefighter/EMT at the established rate pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements and a one (1) year probationary period noting that all associated expenses be that of the Township. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to purchase ballistics steel plates and carrier equipment in the amount of \$3,225.87 (includes freight cost) as listed on the itemized quote from the Galls Company. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to authorize materials to stabilize the berm on Bradbury Road in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

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 approval of payroll for the month of July, 2018 in the amount of \$377,840.12. 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 July, 2018 in the amount of \$220,516.37. Trustee Batchler made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Rokey requests a motion for Resolution 018-022 requesting a speed study for Jenny Lind Road (TR202) in Pierce Township. Discussion followed. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Rokey requests a motion for Resolution 018-023 Cooperative Agreement to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Jenny Lind Road improvement project. Discussion followed. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye. (this replaces Resolution 018-017)

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AND UPDATES:

Police – National Night Out was a huge success. Golden Tickets were given out to Peter O'Connor who observed an individual committing a theft and 6 young men assisted a broke down motorist along St. Rt. 749.

Fire/EMS – The fire department placed 2nd at Park Fest'18 chili cook off. Fire/EMS employees crew, Captain Tom Schenz, Firefighter/Medic Brian Sims and Firefighter/EMT Steve Lantman are to be commended for their help with Betty Council, resident of Pierce Township for their help transporting her to Bethesda North on July 21, 2018. She stated they were three of the best caring and professional people she has ever met.

Jim Pemberton, Fire Chief of Stonelick Township Fire & Rescue thanked Pierce Townships Medic Unit for helping out at the 2018 Clermont County Fair on July 26, 2018.

The Pierce Township Fire Department was awarded \$40,000 Grant from the BWC for power cots for the 2 life squads. Captain Mike Masterson worked and met all the requirements to receive this grant.

Mr. Mark Eppley thanked the fire department with pizza for helping complete strangers in need and by putting their own safety on the line every day.

Service/Streets/Cemetery/Parks – Service Department Director Kohler received a thank you for the new blacktop that was placed at the entrance of Hopper Hill Farms. Also was thanked for the grass cutting along Pond Run Rd.

Assistant to the Service Department Laura Waczovszky was thanked for reaching out to Rumpke to have them remove a couch for a family whose wife passed away on that couch.

Service Department Director Kohler thanked Assistant to the Fiscal Office Carroll for their OTRMA Grant of \$500.00.

New Richmond thanked the service department for helping out with mowing on Short Hill.

Administration – Fiscal Officer Schwey stated that the township will be receiving \$3,600 from BWC Transitional Works Grant. Assistant to the Fiscal Officer Claudia Carroll worked and met all the requirements to receive this grant.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustees approved the committee for the dog park to host a Halloween Costume Parade on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Details to follow.

Administrator Rokey updated everyone on the OPWC application for Bradbury Road.

Discussed doing a question and answer session with Trebel for the public. Trebel will handle everything. The proposed date October 9, 2018.

There was a press release for the parks new bridge along with the Clermont County Parks Board. Pierce Township Parks received a grant to replace the old bridge.

Discussed the TIF on Prestwick Place and discussed the JEDD for the Beckjord property.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Carpenter reported they are still getting funds in from Park Fest '18. So far they have collected around \$9,000.00.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

September 12, 2018 at 6:30p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:32p.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: September 12, 2018.

Chairman Allen Freeman, Pierce Township Board of Trustees

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer