

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Bonnie Batchler called the meeting to order. Chairperson Bonnie Batchler, Trustee Allen Freeman and Trustee Nicholas Kelly were present at roll call. 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:

Fiscal Officer Schwey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from December 27, 2018, Public Records Meeting from December 27, 2018 and Public Hearing from December 27, 2018. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

No public presentations.

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 approval of payroll for the month of December, 2018 in the amount of \$410,887.81. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of the bills for the month of December, 2018 in the amount of \$375,978.45. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of the payment for EMS Equipment to Stryker in the amount of \$42,252.24. This is for 4 Cardiac Monitors, 2nd of 3 payments at 0% interest. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion to authorize a payment of \$4,631.00 to Careworks for the Ohio Township Association 2020 Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of Resolution #2019-003 due to House Bill 312 Amendments to Regulate the Usage of Townships Credit and Debit Cards. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of Resolution #2019-001 for PUD-R zone change for Case #ZC2018-001. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Batchler. Discussion followed. Roll call: Trustee Kelly, yea, Chairperson Batchler, yea and Trustee Freeman abstained.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion to continue the Transitional Zoning Moratorium for 60 days. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Discussion followed with Township Attorney Keating explaining the moratorium and the decision to continue or not to continue the moratorium. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion for Resolution #2019-002 to approve an adjustment in rates for certain interments and services in the Pierce Township Cemetery effective January 1, 2019. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion for the Board to appropriate in 2019 \$10,000.00 for gravel for miscellaneous use on the township roads. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Township Attorney Keating asked questions and testimony was given by Fire Chief Wright regarding the property at 564 Hal Cor Lane. He stated this property has been a nuisance since 2015. Pictures were presented to the Board from 2015 and current pictures that were taken in 2018 and 2019. Fire Chief Wright and Police Chief Bachman both agreed this property continues to be a nuisance. (photos attached)

Chairperson Batchler requests a motion for approval of Resolution #2019-004 a resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement for property located at 564 Hal Cor Lane. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AND UPDATES:

Police – Annual Shop with the Police event. The Pierce Township Police Department attended the annual AAA Traffic Safety Awards Banquet and the townships police department received the Platinum Award, which is the highest level possible. The department has received their new radar trailer.

Fire/EMS – The Pierce Township Fire Department played Santa Claus to 12 families within the township. Thanks to the Trustees who helped with shopping at Wal Mart.

Service/Streets/Cemetery/Parks – The departments put on a Christmas Lunch for employees. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Administration – Nothing at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Freeman informed everyone how the Park Grant was coming along. Hopefully to start on the parks learning center building in the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Painter stated that on June 28, 2019 at the engineers office there will be a meeting regarding local government funds.

Mr. John Miller asked the Service Department Director about a large drop off along the curb on Gaskins Rd. Service Department Director Koehler stated the county is responsible for that repair and they were the ones who placed the orange cones along the road. Mr. Miller also asked the Fiscal Officer about the franchise taxes, if we received any from Cincinnati Bell. Fiscal Officer Schwey stated she will look into this matter and will get back with Mr. Miller.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15p.m. Trustee Freeman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on: February 13, 2019.

Chairperson Bonnie Batchler, Pierce Township Board of Trustees

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

SPECIAL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing to be held January 16, 2019 at 5:30p.m. to receive Zoning Commissions recommendation for # ZC2018-002 Stillmeadow and ZC2018-009 PUD-MU Pierce Overlay.

Work Sessions January 16, 2019 at 6:30p.m., January 24, 2019 at 5:30p.m. and February 6, 2019 at 10:00a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

February 13, 2019 at 6:30p.m.