

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 950 Locust Corner Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45245.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Nicholas Kelly called the meeting to order. Trustee Peter Kambelos, Trustee Allen Freeman and Chairman Nicholas Kelly were present at roll call. Administer Loretta Rokey, Attorney Tom Keating, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Service Department Director John Koehler, Planning and Zoning Administrator Eddie McCarthy 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 January 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and January 4 and 18, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE – PAUL BROXTERMAN:

Comments from the Trustees saying thank you for all who applied for the position of Chief of Police for Pierce Township.

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve the appointment of Paul Broxterman to the position of Pierce Township Chief of Police pending successful completion of all associated pre-employment requirements and pursuant to the conditional offer of employment dated February 16, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS & UPDATES:

Police Dept.- Police Chief Bachman reported the police department received a grant for police body cams.

Fire/EMS-Fire Chief Wright reported the fire department received a training reimbursement grant. The Polaris should be in sometime in March or April. The Army Corp of Engineers came permission to clean up the river from the debris that fell in from the implosion of the stack at the former Beckjord Station.

Service/Streets/Cemetery-Service Director Koehler reported the snow storm made things a little crazy but the service department kept up with the removal of the snow. The Board of Trustees were very happy and appreciated how great the roads looked. Thanks to the fire department staff for making the service department breakfast.

Parks- Randy Page of the Parks Commission reported that at their last meeting they are prioritizing the projects and event planning. The committee has decided to move forward at looking at 501C3 and would like to meet the attorney. The Board agreed to let them do so.

Planning & Zoning Activity-Updates-Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy reported receiving 7 new applications for new dwellings. Working with the county on state funding. Looking at connecting sidewalks at St. Rt. 132 at Casey's gas station. Demo of houses one on Nordyke Rd. and the other on Cole Rd.

Administration- Administrator Rokey reported there is a survey on the web-site for doing a waste survey. Assistant to the Fiscal Office Claudia Carroll and Administrator Rokey have been working on the personal policy. Legendary Run Lighting District is looking at changing their street lights for more energy saving lights.

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 Resolution 2022-002, a resolution adopting the standard allowance and authorizing expenditures from American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the appointment of Trevor Chas Cummings as a part-time Firefighter/EMT at the established rate pending successful completion of all associated pre-employment requirements and a one-year probationary period noting that the cost of all associated pre-employment requirements is that of the township. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Bachman requests a motion to approve the payment of additional cost for the Police Storage facility in the amount of \$5,047.60 to Moore S. Property Restoration LLC using Cares Act Funds. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion certify the record of Pierce Township mileage for 2022 at 67.390 miles per the documentation provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion for Resolution 2022-003, a resolution amending Pierce Township Cemetery rules and regulations and indigent burial policy. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to approve the buyback of lot 323 grave 7 & 8 in section 2-B (AGS) in Pierce Township Cemetery in the amount of \$700.00 from Mr. & Mrs. Dever with Mr. & Mrs. Dever giving up all rights to said lot. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Koehler requests a motion to accept the quote of \$3,019.25 for repair the ABoon mower to the Dexter Company. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2022-004, a resolution ordering a portion of Orchard Road vacated pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 5553.04 (E). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2022-005, a resolution changing the street name of Cleveland Lane identified on record plat for Woodside Park Section 4A (a new street accessible only from Cedarwood) to West Cleveland Lane (to avoid conflict with existing Cleveland Lane which does not connect and is accessible only from St. Rt. 125). Discussion from resident of Cleveland Lane Dennis Thomas voiced his opinion as to why not name the street West Cleveland Lane along with Karen Fissie. The Board of Trustees agreed to hold off on changing the name of the street until the February 28th Special Meeting.

Township Administrator Rokey requests a motion to accept a proposal from Stephen Ewan a certified Ohio Appraiser for appraisal of 3 properties jointly owned with Batavia Township in the amount of \$5,000.00. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Township Administrator Rokey requests a motion to accept a proposal from Stephen Ewan, a certified Ohio Appraiser for the appraisal of 3 former Amelia properties jointly owned with Batavia Township (located in Batavia Township) in the amount of \$2,500.00. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Township Administrator Rokey requests a motion to accept a proposal from Duke Energy to upgrade St. Rt. 125 lighting to LED 4000K fixtures in the amount of \$13,634.87 for 23 roadway lights. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Township Administrator Rokey requests a motion to authorize the township administrator to sign a lease agreement by and between Batavia Township Board of Trustees and Pierce Township Board of Trustees with H&M Surveying (Lessee) located at 119A W. Main St. Amelia, Ohio. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Salute to Leaders nominations due by Friday, February 25th (Clermont Chamber event is April 26th)

The Board of Trustees set date to have the swearing in of the new Police Chief of Pierce Township Paul Broxterman and to work on the budget, Monday, February 28th starting at 6:30p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:45p.m. as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section(s) 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment and compensation related to public officials and ORC 121.22(G)(3) to confer with the law director regarding pending litigation and ORC 121.22(G)(4) to review negotiations with bargaining unit employees. Seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:10p.m., seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kambelos motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10p.m., seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on March 8, 2022.

Chairman Nicholas Kelly, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

March 8, 2022 at 6:30p.m.