

Pierce Township Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for a Special Meeting at 5:15p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Nicholas Kelly called the meeting to order. Trustee Kambelos, Trustee Allen Freeman, and Chairman Nicholas Kelly were present at roll call. Planning & Zoning Administrator Eddie McCarthy, Fire Chief Craig Wright and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Fire Chief Craig Wright led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

The purpose of this meeting is to consider candidates for Assistant Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief and any other matters as shall come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the full-time appointment of James Watkins to the position of Assistant Fire Chief and authorizing an employment agreement detailing all other associated benefits, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements and serving a one (1) year probationary period; noting that all associated expenses be that of the township. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All yea.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Masterson to the position of Deputy Fire Chief at a salary of \$77,000.00 with all other associated benefits and serving a one (1) year probationary period. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) modular workstations for the Chiefs' offices from Office Furniture Connection in the amount of \$4,250.00. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for Resolution 2022-007 authorizing the use of ARPA funds for the design and bidding of Groh Park playground improvements in the amount of \$24,000.00. (note: agreement already approved by motion for \$43,900.00-this resolution is to document the use of ARPA Funds for this portion of the project.) Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Kelly did the swearing in of Assistant Fire Chief James Watkins and Deputy Fire Chief Michael Masterson.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy reported to the Board a request from Duke Energy to have the service department remove 10' feet of fencing at Groh Park by two

transformer boxes. (attached exhibit). The Board decided to table and get details and wait and see what the Service Department Director Koehler recommends and act at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Congratulates to both Chiefs'. Fire Chief Wrights stated it is daughter Addison's birthday who was at the meeting. Trustee Freeman had everyone sing happy birthday to her. Big 13.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Freeman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45p.m., seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on: April 13, 2022.

Chairman Nicholas Kelly, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer