

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 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 Katie Barbieri, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Police Chief Paul Broxterman, Service Department Director John Koehler, Planning & Zoning Administrator Eddie McCarthy, Zoning Inspector Andrew Higgins and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Randy Nice from Green Rd. led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the May 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and May 19, and May 23, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Kelly read Resolution 2022-021, resolution recognizing Ms. Katherine Troxell calling the communication center reported an agitated customer who made threats to shoot up a school. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Kelly read Resolution 2022-022, resolution commending Police Officer Mark Weitzel resolved that by virtue of his responsiveness and diligence for his actions taken to protect the citizens of Pierce Township, Clermont County and our schools. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Kelly congratulated Administer Rokey on her up and coming retirement.

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS & UPDATES:

Police Dept.- Police Chief Broxterman Resolutions 2022-021 & 022. (Katherine Troxell and Police Officer Mark Weitzel.)

Fire/EMS-Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the promotion of Joshua Watren and Timothy Smith to the rank of Captain to fill existing vacancies effective June 26, 2022 at the established rate per the collective bargaining agreement and both shall serve a one-year probationary period. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Kelly then swore in Joshua Watren and Timothy Smith.

Service/Streets/Cemetery-Service Director Koehler reported that prep work for road repairs is just about completed. Contacting the NOPE Group about work on Pond Run Rd.

Parks- Michelle Balside reported The Kleingers Group is hoping to have bids going out for the parks. The committee took another look at the Parks Master Plan. Movie Night in the Park hit a snag and is being tabled until next summer. Working on the 4th of July Parade.

Planning & Zoning Activity-Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy introduced new Zoning Code Enforcement Assistant Andrew Higgins. Staying on track with permits. Former Assistant Kristin Cannon will be still helping out on the Land Use Committee.

Administration- Administrator Rokey reported the changing of street lights along St. Rt. 125 to LED lighting. Street off of Cleveland Lane was approved by the county commissioners to Samplewood Ln.

OLD BUSINESS:

The trustees discussed the property that was fire damaged located at 962 E. Legendary Run, to consider Resolution 2022-013 resolution authorizing further action if needed.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion to revise the May 19th Board of Trustees motion concerning Legendary Run and Resolution 2022-023 to read as follows: specifically, staff requests a motion to obtain a quote for an engineer report and secure the property in accordance with the report in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 as it pertains to 962 Legendary Run. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Rokey brought before the trustees Resolution 2022-020 a joint resolution of Batavia and Pierce Township authorizing the advertisement and potential sale of real estate located at 44 Main St. and Intersection of Maple and Oak Street in the former Village of Amelia. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

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 the payment of payroll for the month of May, 2022 in the amount of \$321,687.19. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of the payment of bills for the month of May, 2022 in the amount \$452,653.50 Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for Resolution 2022-023 authorizing adoption of an alternative method of apportionment of the undivided local government fund for calendar years 2023 through 2027. Fiscal Officer requested to table this motion. Trustee Freeman motion to table this request, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion to approve a contract for dental benefits through Delta Dental effective August 1, 2022 with reduction in rates. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for Resolution 2022-024 to proceed with submission of the question of levying a renewal of 2.3 mills and an additional one (1) tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation for the collection and disposal of garbage or refuse including yard waste (RC 5705.19(V)). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Note: a renewal of the current levy either a .75 or 1 addition mill are to be considered.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion to approve renewal of Dental Benefits through CLG Benefits Pool with Dental Care Plus with a 10% reduction in rates effective January 1, 2023. Trustee Kelly requests to table this motion to have more research done, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion to approve a supplemental increase of a \$100,000.00 in R&B Dept. for salaries. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to pay the invoice for Gil & Mike's Transmission in the amount of \$2,592.22. (This was to repair the transmission and replace the real catalytic converter in marked police vehicle #12, a 2012 Ford Explorer.) Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to purchase a new cargo trailer from Turner Trailer Sales of Bellefontaine, Ohio in the amount of \$5,350.74. (This piece of equipment would be outfitted as a crime scene trailer which can be transported by our police vehicles to process complex and extensive crime scenes.) Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to made the motion to allocate an additional expense to vinyl wrap the crime scene trailer by Cincy Wraps in the amount of \$2,800.00. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion for the appointment of Mr. Adam Curtis to the full-time position of Police Technician, effective June 26, 2022 at the rate of \$22.00 per hour. Mr. Curtis will be responsible for the oversight and management of the body worn camera (BWC) program; management of the police departments property room and administrative duties associated with public records requests. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to accept the retirement of Lt. Bryan Burke, effective July 31, 2022 and the re-employment of Lt. Bryan Burke at his current title and rank effective August 1, 2022 in accordance with the re-employment policy approved by the Trustees in 2013 and included the terms of the current police contract agreement for supervisors' section 14.21. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion to appoint Andrew Higgins as an additional Zoning Inspector in accordance with 2.06 (A)(8) of the zoning resolution. (Position

is required to be bonded.) Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Randy Nice from Green Rd. brought before the Board requests from residents about Green Rd. (Attached E Mail)

Resident on Green Rd. to contact Zoning Enforcement Andrew Higgins on property blithe located near her home.

Trustee Kambelos proposed the establishment of an annual old fashion Ice Cream Social to be held in its inaugural year in one of the township parks in the former village of Amelia as a way for the police department to network with the children and all area township neighbors establishing close relations and benefitting the entire township. Trustee Kambelos made the motion for the police department to look into setting up an old fashion ice cream social. Seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Freeman made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:25p.m. as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1)- to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of a public official. (Regarding candidates for township administrator.) Seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:50p.m., seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to set up interviews for the following four candidates for township administrator, Ms. Pam Haverkos, Mr. Eddie McCarthy, Ms. Traci Stivers and Mr. Tim Williams. Seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Dates for special meeting for interviews were set. Monday, June 13th at 5:30p.m. and Wednesday June 15th at 5:30p.m. Half hour block set for each candidate.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Freeman motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00p.m., seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

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

Chairman Nicholas Kelly, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

