

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, September 14, 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. Administrator Tim Williams, Attorney Tom Keating, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Police Chief Paul Broxterman, Service Department Director John Koehler, Planning & Zoning Administrator Eddie McCarthy, Michelle Balside (parks committee) and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Attorney Tom Keating led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the August 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 23 and August 30, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the appointments of Desirae Moore-Murphy as a Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic at the established rate per the Collective Bargaining Agreement pending successful completion of all Ohio Police & Fire Pension physical requirements; obtaining certification as an Ohio Fire Safety Inspector or Hazard Recognition Officer and serving a one (1) year probationary period; noting that all expenses be that of the township. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the appointments of Elijah Hammonds, Tyler Schmidt and Morgan Haynie as a Full-time Firefighter/EMT's at the established rate per the Collective Bargaining Agreement pending successful completion of all Ohio Police & Fire Pension physical requirements; obtaining certification as an Ohio Fire Safety Inspector or Hazard Recognition Officer and serving a one (1) 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 aye.

Chairman Kelly then swore in Desirae Moore Murphy, Elijah Hammonds, Tyler Schmidt and Morgan Haynie.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy brought before the Board concerns and complaints regarding the property owner Mr. Michael Wiggins on 2825 Pond Run Rd. The zoning department has issues with the owner running an Air B&B (short term rental) without permission and not having any regulations, digging in the creek, disposing brush and limbs in the creek, putting up fencing without a permit, having a port-o-let on site, erecting a pole barn without a permit, the parking of heavy equipment and shooting of street signs.

The trustees heard from residents that live near Mr. Wiggins, Robin Willis, Stan Falk, Steve & Jennifer Taylor, Virginia Hall complaints with shooting all hours of the night, shooting of signs, heavy equipment and having an short-term rental without permits and regulations, and possibly using the log-cabin-like building in the flood plain as a residence.

The zoning department will be referring this matter to the County Prosecutor.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy brought before the Board regarding property on 100 Pond View Dr. A warning letter was sent to the property owner on August 15, 2022 concerns being a nuisance due to the presence of excessive weeds/vegetation. Mr. Vic Bradley of 7 Finch Rd. discussed this property being a nuisance.

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS & UPDATES:

Police Dept.- Police Chief Broxterman introduced Rita Fredricks and Kathy Hart from the Amelia American Legion Bicentennial, thanking them for kind donation to the Pierce Township Police Department, a check in the amount of \$15,900.00.

Police Officer Kevin Barkley has received and is now certified criminal investigator. Erica Haught is also a certified criminal investigator.

Good news item: New owners of the St. Andrews apartments is now known as The Links at Royal Oak, renovations is going on with every apartment. The property manager is working with Officer Jason Doerman to identify and address problem tenants, quality of life issues. As result, there is a great reduction in calls for service and crime has been dramatic.

Fire/EMS-Fire Chief Wright reported to give a special thanks to Jarrod Brewer, completing his medic training. Trustee Kambelos read a special thanks/tribute to both the Fire and Police Departments in remembrance of September 11th.

Service/Streets/Cemetery-Service Director Koehler reported Cole Road will be closed starting September 19th. The township parking lot paving will begin September 20th.

Tennis Courts/Administrator received report from The Kleingers Group. The trustees decided to hold off, courts are still playable. Mr. Denny Luken stated there needs to be an acceptable entrance, people walking to the courts on wet grass.

Parks/Greenspace: Representative Michelle Balside reported the committee discussed Groh and Locust Corner Parks, work to begin, having a Futsal Soccer Ball Court, planning concerts and movie nights in the park. Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 11, 2022 and setting date for Tree Lighting. Dedication to Mr. George Carpenter will be Sunday, September 18th.

Planning & Zoning Activity-Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy reported 7 new homes permits. Discussed legislation on solar and windmill regulations. Will bring back to the Board a plan of action next month.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion to approve edits to the Township Repair and Replacement Policy. Discussion followed. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2022-039, a resolution authorizing the township administrator to sign a maintenance agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), for acceptance of sidewalks on St. Rt. 125. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy discussed and informed the Board the status of the Premier Site. Recommendation having a comprehensive strategy for this site. Discussed due to the legal status and potential nuisance issues which impacts the surrounding neighborhood.

The Boards recommends taking to the prosecutor's office.

Administration- Administrator Williams verified with Trustees Work Sessions are scheduled for October 4 & 5th starting at 6:00p.m. He will be meeting with Duke Energy to discuss the rest of the lights in the former Village Amelia, (Pierce Township side), when they will be turned off. Working on the personal policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy reported on 962 E. Legendary Run is in full tilt renovation and will continue to monitor 962 E. Legendary and 3775 Vineyard.

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 August, 2022 in the amount of \$599,422.07. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of the payment of bills for the month of August, 2022 in the amount \$185,4657.45. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for Resolution 2022-034, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for Resolution 2022-035, a resolution accepting a request to utilize American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds for electric wiring of the Police Department storage building. Trustee Freeman motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion for Resolution 2022-036, an emergency resolution approving participation in Region 14 Governance Structure under OneOhio Memorandum of understanding. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion for Resolution 2022-037, a resolution approving a maintenance agreement for a surface stormwater retention pond at West Main Street, Amelia, Ohio. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion revising the township meeting room reservation policy allowing for waivers on frequency of use in unusual circumstances. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to pay an invoice from Roy Tailors Uniform Co. in the amount of \$2,659.24. (This expense is to replace body armor for two officers). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to pay an invoice from PowerDMS in the amount of \$2,500.00. (This is the annual subscription fee for Planit Police, the Police Departments online scheduling software system). Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the appointment of Spencer Abrahms as a part-time Firefighter/EMT at the established rate pending successful completion of a physical examination and shall serve a one (1) year probationary period, noting that the cost of the physical examination be that of the township. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion approve the Stryker ProCare services agreement for a four (4) year term covering the preventative maintenance inspection, and repairs to our Lifepack 15 cardiac monitors in the amount of \$26,193.60. 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 one (1) Getac A140 G2 fully rugged tablet PC and associated equipment for the Assistant Fire Chief's vehicle from Strategic Sourcing Inc. in the amount of \$5,109.00. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to approve the quote from The Dexter Co. for a repair on the roadside mower (R7038) in the amount of \$2,698.96. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to accept the resignation of Cody Smith in good standing. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Chairman Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to appoint Mike Casteel to the position of Maintenance Foreman (Road Crew) at the established rate of \$28.25/per hour starting on September 4 ,2022-September 17, 2022 payroll. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion for Resolution 2022-038, a resolution authorizing expenditure from American Rescue Plan Act funds and to rescind Resolution 2022-012 to accept the quote of \$93,941.00 for storm sewer rehabilitation on Holly Ridge from Insight

Pipe Contracting, LLC. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2022-040, a resolution authorizing approving the removal of excessive weeds and vegetation located on 100 Pond View Drive (parcel #290109.132.) No action taken/tabled.

Chairman Kelly requests a motion for Resolution 2022-041, a resolution commending Attorney Tom Keating. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Trustee Kambelos requests a motion for Resolution 2022-042, a resolution to designate Bring Back the Bell Day on September 23, 2022. (West Clermont Schools). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Carl Hartman who was representing property owner Mr. Paul Homan spoke to the Trustees regarding an access road off of Locust Corner Road/ Nature Trails. Mr. Homan is wanting to develop 14 lots with a minimum of 5 acres each. Mr. Homan is wanting to purchase property bordering the Nature Trails park. Mr. Hartman and Mr. Homan will come back next month (October 12th meeting) to discuss further.

No one in attendance representing Green Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Freeman motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m., seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on October 12, 2022.

Chairman Nicholas Kelly, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer