

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, October 12, 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 James Barbieri, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Police Chief Paul Broxterman, Service Department Director John Koehler, Planning & Zoning Administrator Eddie McCarthy, Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Beverly Benzing led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the September 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and October 4 and October 5, 2022 Special/Work Sessions Meeting Minutes. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to approve the appointment effective October 30, 2022 of Christopher Chesney to a full-time sworn Patrol Officer per requirements of the Pierce Township Police Association collective bargaining agreement at a rate of \$39.82 (Step 4) per hour. (Mr. Chesney fills a vacated position within the department.) Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Trustee Kambelos requests a motion for approval of Resolution 2022-043, a resolution setting the permanent date and time for the annual Pierce Township Halloween celebration. Discussion followed. Dates set for October 31st from 6 – 8p.m. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS & UPDATES:

Police Dept.- Police Chief Broxterman informed the Trustees of some community events. For trick or treat the police officers will be visiting homes with children that have disabilities who are not able to go out. Fire Chief Wright and Police Chief Broxterman will be have a meet the public and greet at Bigby's Coffee beginning November 4th.

Fire/EMS-Fire Chief Wright reported with funds they received from a resident purchased a sonar unit. There have been 2 drownings this year within the township. Reported there is a movie being currently filmed in Ohio Township. At Eastgate Mobile Home Park there was a sewage leak. Chairman Kelly commended Fire Chief Wright for his effort to resolve the issues with multiple agencies.

Service/Streets/Cemetery-Service Director Koehler reported the parking lot and road paving have been completed for 2022. Work on Cole Road has begun and Nordyke Road will be closed beginning October 31 thru November 30, doing bridge work.

Parks-President Doug Dresie of the parks committee stated there will be the second annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Thursday, December 15th from 7 to 8p.m. (Brass Ensemble, ornament contest). Volunteer clean up day for Groh Park and Locust Corner Park, November 19th. The committee would like to buy a balled tree instead of buying a cut tree every year, the cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. The trustees agreed for the committee to have the service department purchase a tree.

Planning & Zoning Activity-Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy has received 550 responses on the survey that went out. There have been 85 new homes built (permits) this year and last month 5 new permits. The owners of 2825 Pond Run Rd. will be going to mediation at the county prosecutor's office. (Violations such as heavy equipment and (attached) Trustee Kambelos read a letter from neighbors on Pond Run complaints of the hours shooting is going on.) The property at 962 East Legendary Run is coming along and is now under roof. 3775 Vineyard the fence will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy received a letter from Pond Run Neighbors stating their concerns continue to object to both the agribusiness as well as a proposed bed and breakfast at 2825 Pond Run Rd. (attached letter.)

Administration- Administrator Williams reported to the Board the cost of upgrades to the tennis and pickle ball courts. (attached a bid from Schubert Tennis, LLC.) Chairman Kelly motion to table and have the administrator to collect another bid and wait until spring to do repairs. Trustee Freeman motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams spoke about the speed study, the range of speeds and amount of traffic on Green Rd. during the study period.

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 September, 2022 in the amount of \$420,235.33. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of the payment of bills for the month of September, 2022 in the amount \$367,196.51. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion for Resolution 2022-046, a resolution declaring certain township property in the Police and Fire Departments as surplus and authorizing staff the place such items up for public auction and/or disposal as set out in the Ohio Revised Code 505.10. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to purchase a new Police vehicle from Lebanon Ford in the amount of \$38,845.00 to replace Unit 12 which will be declared surplus. Chairman Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to pay an invoice of \$2,800.00 to Cincy Vinyl Wraps for wrapping the new crime scene trailer with the Pierce Police Department logo. (Funds for the trailer will be paid from a grant provided by the Amelia American Legion Bicentennial Unit 773.) Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to purchase equipment from Home Depot to supply the new crime scene trailer. The cost of the equipment not to exceed \$3,200.00. (The estimated amount was initially approved by the trustees at the June 8, 2022 trustee meeting. Since then the Amelia American Legion Bicentennial Unit 773 donated money to the Pierce Township Police Department to purchase and outfit the crime scene trailer.) Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to approve a purchase order to Bobcat Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of a T76/T4 Compact Truck Loader in the amount of \$73,592.88. (This is a reissue of the purchase order originally issued in April 2022 in the amount of \$68,939.30. The cost increased do to re-issue of bids by State of Ohio. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to authorize the carry-over of up to 8 hours of vacation time to 2023 for Mr. Koehler. Chairman Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

Administrator Williams requests a motion for Resolution 2022-044, a resolution approving a legal services contract with Ms. Katherine Barbieri for a three-year period commencing November 2, 2022 and concluding October 31, 2025 with renewal provisions. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion for Resolution 2022-045, a resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to execute required grant agreement documents with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the purchase of conservation property on Jenny Lind Road. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Ms. Amy Neuzil, resident of Green Rd. would like to have the results of the traffic study. Trustee Freeman spoke about the check list (go thru) making runs, timing (police & fire) and discussed the design flaw, no left turn. Police Chief Broxterman stated he will be having radar set up on Green Rd., the hours 4 to 5p.m.

Mr. Bill Gislason of 3030 Sprester Hill discussed with the Trustees his concerns about the cost to residents of Pierce Township with the renewal and increase of the Waste Levy that will be on the ballot in November.

Ms. Claudia Carroll, resident of Pierce Township spoke to the Trustees regarding the Nature Parks on Locust Corner Rd. Her, Norma Poe, Donna Nobis Tremper, Janet Burdsall and

Fernande McNabb also spoke about their concerns about putting a road out to Locust Corner Rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kambelos motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m., seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on September 14, 2022.

Chairman Nicholas Kelly, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer