

Pierce Township Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 950 Locust Corner Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45245.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Allen Freeman called the meeting to order. Trustee Peter Kambelos, Trustee Nicholas Kelly and Chairman Allen Freeman were present at roll call. 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:**

Police Chief Jeff Bachman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REORGANIZATION:**

Chairman Freeman made the motion to appoint Trustee Kelly to Chair the Board of Trustees for the year of 2022, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Freeman made the motion to appoint Trustee Kambelos for Vice-Chair the Board of Trustees, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the December 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and December 27, 2021 and January 4, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes and Records Commission Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2021. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

A public presentation for Police Chief Bachman, who is retiring from the Pierce Township Police Department. Police Chief Bachman was presented with a plaque showing his many years of service with the department, Cincinnati Police Department and the Dallas Police Department.

**DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS & UPDATES:**

Police Dept.- Police Chief Bachman reported and showed pictures of kids doing Shop with a Cop. Thanks to Walmart and residents of the township for being very generous and giving to the Shop with a Cop program.

Fire/EMS-Fire Chief Wright reported the police & fire departments new UTV should be here around March or April. Water main replacement on St. Rt. 125 will begin after the former Village of Amelia has been dissolved. An employee survey has been sent out.

Service/Streets/Cemetery-Service Director Koehler reported the service department has been doing tree trimming on rural roads. The service department was noticed by residents and other townships at how well the roads were taken care for the townships first snow.

Parks- Randy Page of the Parks Commission reported the first annual Christmas Tree Lighting was a success. The parks committee will be planting a tree in place of the temporary tree. There will be one Easter Egg Hunt and will be held at the Locust Corner Park. The baseball field grant for fencing was not able to be used and so the funds will be returned.

Planning & Zoning Activity-Updates-Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy reported there is a 25% increase for permits in 2021. There will be a meeting with the Land Use Committee sometime in February.

Administration- A thank you for the group who played at the Christmas Tree Lighting and a thank you to Lauren Freeman for leading the caroling,

**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 approval of payroll for the month of December, 2021 for \$434,260.56. Trustee Kelly 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 December, 2021 in the amount of \$1,789,958.49. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Bachman requests a motion to donate or destroy old vehicle equipment that is no longer of use to the police department. Such as push bumpers, light bars, siren and light control panels, plastic patricians, det. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2022-001, a resolution to establish the procedure to notify the public of regular and special meeting pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(F). Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Township Administrator Rokey requests a motion presented by Planning and Zoning Administrator McCarthy to authorize membership renewal for the Center for Local Government in the amount of \$3,442.50 (reduced 10% from 2021) Note: membership is required to access our health benefits pool. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Michelle Balside stated why the park committee made the decision to have the egg hunt at Locust Corner Park is because of the parking situation. She also thanks Chief Bachman for his service.

Chief Bachman stated that Michelle Balside a great job with the Christmas Parade.

Chief Bachman reported the Sheriff's Office lost an officer due to Covid.

Trustee Kambelos reported on the status of ash being moved at the Beckjord Station. EPA issued new plans to regulate ash pits.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Kambelos motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m., seconded by Trustee Kelly.  
Roll call: All aye.

**ATTESTED:**

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on 2022.  
February 16, 2022.

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Chairman Allen Freeman, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

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Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

February 16, 2022 at 6:30p.m.