

Pierce Township Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for a Special Meeting virtually at 10:00a.m., Friday, January 22, 2021 at the Pierce Township Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Road.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Allen Freeman called the meeting to order. Trustee Nicholas Kelly, Trustee Peter Kambelos and Chairman Allen Freeman were present at roll call. Administrator Loretta Rokey, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Service Department Director John Koehler, Planning & Zoning Administrator Eddie McCarthy and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Kelly everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

The purposes of this meeting are to discuss 2021 budget/appropriations and to discuss such other matters as shall come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to certify the record of Pierce Township mileage for 2020 at 67.390 miles per the documentation provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation (9.988 miles added from the former Village of Amelia). Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Rokey requests a motion to approve the payment of membership dues for 2021 to the Center for Local Government in the amount of \$3,825.00. Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye. (Professional Association provides access to CLG Health Benefits Pool and other and other professional services for local governments in the region).

Administrator Rokey requests a motion to approve the payment of \$2,700.00 to CSM, Inc. for prepaid IT Services. (reduces billing rate to \$90.00 per hour). Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Wright reported to the Board about the destruction of the Beckjord Station. A picture sent to him showing debris falling into the river. Fire Chief Wright followed up with pictures he took on the Kentucky side of the river showing the same thing. He has contacted and has informed the Ohio EPA of the situation. Fire Chief Wright stated he would stay on top of this situation.

WORK SESSION: 2021 APPROPRIATIONS/STREETS/WASTE LEVY/PARKS/AND OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chairman Freeman and the Board discussed line items regarding road improvements. Administrator Rokey provided a report showing resources available for appropriation for this project. By using the Gasoline Tax and Permissive Motor Vehicle License plus with the permission in the new Senate Bill 4 using 25% of funds in the Wal-Mart and Kroger TIF'S can be used for road improvements. The service department is looking at doing approximated 20

roads within the township plus township parking lot and including some of the former Village of Amelia roads located now in Pierce Township. This project are estimated to cost approximately \$722,335.17. (attached charts)

Service Department Director Koehler will be putting an ad out for road paving bids for 2021.

Discussed by the Board was the short fall within the Garbage & Waste Levy. Much discussion regarding the former Village of Amelia, when will the township receive tax revenue from the former Village of Amelia, now Pierce Township residents. The Waste Levy contract is up next year and the Rumpke contract is up May of next year. Discussed also the former Village of Amelia residents feel they are being double billed. Chairman Freeman and Trustee Kelly and Administrator Rokey explained that taxes are 6 months in the arrears and if a new levy is not passed the last 6 months is covered by what funds are left in that fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Tim Rosser discussed with the Board concerning the streetlights within their subdivisions. He discussed postponing the petition to assess the residents for one year and to keep their lights on because of the Covid situation. The cost to keep the lights on is approximately \$40,000 a year. In addition, he discussed the payout of former Village of Amelia employees is approximately \$391,000.

Administrator informed the Board to start thinking about the Dynergy Contract that is expiring soon.

Discussed also by the Board is the Jenny Lind Township owned property. Need a legal opinion saying if it a park or not and if liable if someone gets hurt on that property because it is fenced in.

AJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45p.m., seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on. February 10, 2021

Chairman Allen Freeman, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

