

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, February 2021 as a Zoom-Conference & Live Streaming Meeting.

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. Administrator Loretta Rokey, Attorney Tom Keating, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Police Chief Jeff Bachman, Planning and Zoning Administrator Eddie McCarthy and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Kambelos led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, January 22, January 27, January 29, 2021 Special Meeting minutes. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Rokey discussed the streetlight situation in the subdivisions in the former Village of Amelia. A petition is being prepared to assess the residents in the subdivisions. Administrator Rokey is working on legal description, number of parcels. Waiting to hear from Duke to get the best number of lights and cost.

Mr. Rosser again asked for the former Village of Amelia to pay for one year of street light service. Attorney Keating will discuss situation with former Village of Amelia attorney Kathy Ryan.

Trustee Kelly reported State Auditor stated that the former village should pay the streetlight bill thru the transition until the village has been dissolved.

Mrs. Gerber reported the village is to have their last meeting February 19, 2021.

The Trustees are having the administrator to move forward regarding the lighting district assessment.

Planning and Zoning Administrator McCarthy provided update on TR Zoning, postcards are being prepared, also to extend the moratorium for a brief period of time until a public hearing is scheduled. In addition, documents will be posted on township website.

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 January 2021 for \$400,879.49. 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 bills for the month of January 2021 for \$327,822.79. 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 Pierce Township and Batavia Township property tax bills for jointly owned property in the former Village of Amelia in the amount of \$2,892.40 with 35% of the cost to be reimbursed by Batavia Township. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Bachman requests a motion for the purchase of one rifle rated ballistic shield and carrying bag in the amount of \$6,801.87 made by Paraclete Armory. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to accept the resignation of Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Fogle effective January 30, 2021. Trustee Kambelos requests a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to accept the resignation of Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Chance Cavanaugh effective February 3, 2021. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the final payment for the 2017 Horton ambulance to Park National Bank in the amount of \$38,342.58. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to approve the purchase of new signage from Sherman Signs in the amount of \$5,962.50 for Groh Park and Spencer Shank Park. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Planning and Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2021-003, a resolution authorizing Pierce Township to participate in the Ohio Enterprise Zone program (to include the former Village of Amelia). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Planning and Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2021-004, a resolution authorizing Pierce Township administrator to submit an application for CDBG funds and enter into any necessary contracts for the expenditure of the CDBG Grant funds (for sidewalk improvements). Discussion followed. Roll call: All aye.

Planning and Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion to extend the Transitional Residential District (TR) moratorium until April 10, 2021 per Resolution 2020-019 initiating a zoning moratorium for real property located in Pierce Township in the vicinity of 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 for Resolution 2021-005, a resolution authorizing temporary wage continuation for work related absences due to COVID-19. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AND UPDATES:

Police Dept.- Police Chief Bachman stated he received donations for Shop with a Cop at Christmas time. (showed pictures of children with police officers shopping). A search warrant and an arrest was made for someone in the township who watching child porn on the internet (Ohio Internet Against Child Porn). The Clermont County Drug Unit stopped a car who had meth and a loaded firearm and an arrest was made.

Fire Dept.- Fire Chief Wright received a lot of support from the community for their Christmas program. The department shopped for one family last year. The US Army Corp. of Engineers are monitoring the situation with debris going into the Ohio River at the old Beckjord Station. The fire department was called to a home whose water main broke and flooded their basement. A neighbor's home is attached to the same water line and so the water was turned off. Brian Sims of the fire department purchased and donated water to the neighbor.

Service Dept.- No report. Hats off to the service department for doing a great job of keeping the roads cleared during the snowstorm. Thank you to police officer Weitzel for buying the service department pizza.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Doug Dresie term is expiring February 28, 2021 on the Parks/Greenspace Committee. Mr. Dresie is willing to continue to serve. The township will advertise for this position.

Planning and Zoning Administrator to participate in CLG Leadership Academy (virtual). The cost is \$650.00 at 1 day a month. Trustees in full support.

Trustee Kelly requests to reschedule the May 12 trustee regular meeting. The trustees agreed to move the meeting to May 19th.

RED TIGER/KOLAR STUDY PRESENTATION:

Discussion by Red Tiger and Kolar updated the Trustees on their findings in the business district on St. Rt. 125. They presented their recommendations for areas of improvement, discovery phase, existing obstacles and their key findings.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Gerber ask about the Rumpke billing.

Mr. Rosser asked about formerly owned by the former Village of Amelia police cruisers.

Mr. Falk discussed the use of a 30-acre parcel between Fagins Run and Pond Run Rd. The owner wants to use it as a Wedding Barn/Winery Event Center. Mr. Falk is not in favor of this.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05p.m., seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

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

Chairman Allen Freeman, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

March 10, 2021 at 6:30p.m.