

Pierce Township Trustees
Special/Work Session Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for a Special/Work Session Meeting virtually at 6:00p.m., Wednesday, April 28, 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 Pete Kambelos and Chairman Allen Freeman were present at roll call. Administrator Loretta Rokey, Attorney Tom Keating, 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 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

The purposes of this meeting are to review and discuss COVID Economic Development Study, a presentation from State Representative Adam Bird on legislation regarding dissolution of village in the State of Ohio, Salute to Leaders nomination and other such matters as shall come before the Board.

WORK SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Chairman Freeman stated the purpose of the meeting is to present to the Board an overview and questions and answers of COVID impact study by Megan Haase from Kohler Design, CIC presentation by Brenda Wehmer from Dinsmore & Shohll, Economic Development tools presented by Administrator Rokey and presentation from State Representative Adam Bird regarding dissolution of villages.

Megan Haase from KEI presented an overview study of the COVID 19 Impact Study on St. Rt. 125. She reported on the assets, business, demographics and geology of the former Village of Amelia. Also stated the businesses and residents to focus on a vision, connections and communication strategies.

Brenda Wehmer from Dinsmore & Scholl gave a presentation on what a CIC Community Improvement Corporation) is and how it works. (attached presentation)

Administrator Rokey discussed Economic Development tools, such as tax abatements, enterprise zone, community reinvestment areas and port authority, grant and loan opportunities.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator Rokey stated the opt out letter for natural gas contract with Volunteer Energy had a wrong effective date of July 1 instead of June 1.

Trustee Kelly made the motion to amend the natural gas contract date per our consultant. Seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Freeman introduced the new member to the Zoning Commission, who will be the new alternate Catherine Neal.

The Park Committee recommends nominating Lori Wilson for the Salute to Leaders. Ms Wilson has put in a lot of volunteer hours in the parks and has worked and received donations and had fund raising benefits to earn money for the new dog park. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Freeman introduced State Representative Adam Bird District 66.

State Representative Bird along with Marisa Myers, Director of Legislative Affairs for Ohio Township Association presented to the Board a draft of a bill for village dissolutions. (attached power point) a path of how to dissolve a village going to townships.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Several questions were raised by the public, Mr. Mark Cann, Ms Renee Gerber, Mr. Ed McCoy, Mr. Tim Rosser, Mr. Chris Hicks and Police Chief Bachman. Such questions asked of State Representative Bird, did he reach out to the business and residents of the former Village of Amelia? The 30% of registered voters, building back safety services.

State Representative Bird stated he would look forward to meeting with residents and reaching out to the business in the former Village of Amelia. He is wanting to make the dissolution bill a good as he can.

AJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m., seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on. May 19, 2021

Chairman Allen Freeman, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer