

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2021 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, Lt. Michael Bennett, Service Department Director John Koehler, Planning and Zoning Administrator Eddie McCarthy and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present. Administrator Loretta Rokey was excused.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD JULY 28TH FOR ZC2021-002:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to reenter public hearing from July 28, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Freeman stated anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in.

Planning and Zoning Administrator McCarthy did a review from the last public hearing. A letter from property owner Mr. David Pommert does not wish to make any changes at this time. (attached letter from Mr. Pommert)

Trustee Kambelos motion to open the floor up to any speaker in support or opposed to the changes. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. Roll call: All aye. Discussion followed. Attorney Keating stated the board needs to be unanimous.

Trustee Kelly made the motion to put on tonight's agenda Option 3. Seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Trustee Kambelos motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:50p.m. and open the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Michelle Balside led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2021 Budget Hearing, July 22, 2021 Special Meeting and July 28, 2021 Public Hearing. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

DEPARTMENTAL CELEBRATIONS & UPDATES:

Police Dept.-Lt. Bennett reported National Night Out was a success. He thanked the Service Dept. and Fire Dept. for all their help. A Golden Ticket was given out to Joseph Dothauer for help apprehend a thief.

Fire/EMS-Fire Chief Wright stated COVID-19 is again on the rise across all 50 states. The police and fire dept. joint venture for a ATV, companies are behind in production.

Service/Streets/Cemetery-Service Director Koehler reported Bradbury Rd. is open. He will be interviewing for additional help for parks and cemetery. The service department replaced 2 culverts on Jenny Lind Rd. Have been doing tree and brush trimming. Congratulations to Class C Senior Ball Team the Bandits.

Parks-Doug Dresie-discussed having volunteer shirts made up using Pierce Township logo, to be used when working or at park events.

Parks Sub-Committee-Mark Cann promote community outings, focus on Groh Park, having a fall clean up day, November 13 from 9-1.

Planning & Zoning Activity-Updates-Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy talked about the number of permits issued for comparison 2020 and to date 2021. (attached report)

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Keating presented the investigator's report regarding staff issues. (attached report)

Chairman Freeman moved that the Investigator's Report be accepted and adopted by the Board, and that the employment management issue addressed in the report be referred to the Fire Chief and Administrator for further administrative action as suggested in the report. This motion is based upon the Pierce Township Policy Manual and a detailed investigation conducted by the associate of the Law Director, and the input of members of the Fire Department, the Fire Chief and the Administrator. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

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 July, 2021 for \$414,879.99. 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 bills for the month of July, 2021 for \$348,851.88 Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion to create the Cole Road OPWC Fund (total project budget is \$393,500 – OPWC grant providing \$196,750 and \$98,375 loan funding at 0% -25-year term. Pierce local share will be \$98,375.) Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for Resolution 2021-022, an emergency resolution to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of understand and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the Worxtime invoice in the amount of \$5,325.08. (Affordable Cares Act). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion for Resolution 2021-023, a resolution authorizing and directing the Fire Chief to enter into a Client Service Agreement with Medicount Management, Inc. for EMS billing services (authorizes the renewal of EMS billing service with Medicount Management for a period of four (4) years term with a fee increase of 25%). Trustee Kambelos requests a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director Koehler requests a motion to appoint Norman Darnell to the position of Maintenance Foreman (parks/cemetery/grounds) at the established rate of \$25.78 starting on the August 8, 2021-August 22, 2021 payroll. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2021-024, declaring improvements to parcels of real property located in Pierce Township, Ohio to be a public purpose under section 5709.73C of the Ohio revised code exempting such improvements from real property taxation authorizing the execution of such documents as may be necessary and establishing a tax increment equivalent fund (Glen Mary TIF incentive district). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy requests a motion for Resolution 2021-025, declaring the intent to conduct an internet auction for the sale of unneeded obsolete or unfit personal property of Pierce and Batavia Townships acquired from the former Village of Amelia. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning Administrator McCarthy ask for a motion to approve Option 3 Resolution 2021-021, a resolution amending the Pierce Township zoning map and zoning resolution to incorporate changes to the Amelia neighborhood business, general business and Amelia suburban business districts and amending text map of the downtown overlay. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Tim Rosser, Mrs. Sue Rosser, Mr. Rick Combs, Mrs. Renee Gerber and Ms. Michelle Balside all gave their opinions about the Investigator's Report. All spoke about the need for training, rules. Both men and women are treated as equals.

Ms. Mariam Blakely spoke about the National Night Out and speed limits on Locust Corner Rd. near the park.

Mrs. Sue Rosser asked about weed eating around a hydrant on Oak St.

Mr. Mark Cann asked about trail cams for Groh Park. Service Department Koehler reported two cameras have been purchase.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m., seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on September 8, 2021.

Chairman Allen Freeman, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

September 8, 2021 at 6:30p.m.