

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 950 Locust Corner Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45245.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Pete Kambelos called the meeting to order. Trustee Nicholas Kelly, Trustee Allen Freeman and Chairman Pete Kambelos were present at roll call. Attorney Katie Barbieri, Administrator Tim Williams, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Watkins, Police Chief Paul Broxterman, Service Department Director John Koehler, Director of Community Development & Planning Eddie McCarthy and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. David Vornholt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Fiscal Officer Schwey made the motion to approve the July 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2023, and July 12, 2023, July 19, 2023 and July 25, 2023 Special Sessions Meeting Minutes. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve and seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Mr. David Vornholt brought to the Board of Trustees facts and information regarding the Ohio River. (attached his information)

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Fire Chief Craig Wright requests a motion to approve the appointment of Nicholas Chiarenzelli as a Full-time Firefighter / EMT at the established rate per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending successful completion of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund physical, obtaining his Ohio Fire Safety Inspector or Hazard Recognition Officer certification within one (1) year, and to serve a one (1) year probationary period, noting that all associated expenses to be that of the Township. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Assistant Fire Chief Watkins recognized Rita Fredrick representatives from the Ladies Amelia American Legion Auxiliary 773 for their recent donation of over \$12,000.00 in equipment to the fire department.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

Police Chief Broxterman reported on the success of his first National Night Out with Pierce Township. Chief Broxterman thanked all the departments who helped out with the National Night and everyone who volunteered their help also. It was a great collective effort who all was involved.

Chairman Kambelos reminded everyone of the Ice Cream Social being held at Spencer Shank Park on August 11, 2023 from 6-8p.m. (Free ice cream and pizza)

Fire Police Chief Wright spoke about the FEMA property buyout on Old US 52. The owner has accepted the property appraisal. The department applied for a grant and received for employee retention funds of \$20,000.00.

Service Department Director Koehler reported on work being done on Pond Run Rd. This project is going very well. Rain has had some delays. It has been seeded and strawed and have installed a French drain. Work should be completed by end of next week.

Parks & Greenspace Committee Chairman Dresie, the Concert in the Park/Car Show is being held August 26th and Movie Night September 16th.

Director of Community Development & Planning McCarthy reported on the current grant application for sidewalks near St. Rt. 132, the Ohio Public Works Commission grant cycle, working with ODOT and the county regarding White Oak Rd. and the Congress for Urbanism in the former Village of Amelia area.

Administrator Williams reported on the work being done by Pierson Consulting, LLC regarding the tax levy analysis. Also reported on the status of NRAC property purchase on Jenny Lind Rd. This has been a slow process with doing the survey and lot split.

Mr. Dan Schuster thank the Board and Legendary Runs HOA for their approval to be able to build his family home and become a future resident of Pierce Township.

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 the payment of bills for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$293,474.98. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion for approval of the payment of payroll for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$463,651.973. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion to adopt Resolution 2023- 023 approving a change to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions and Reservations of Easements recorded on March 12th, 1998 between Traditions Investments-Pierce Inc and Pierce Township excluding from the approved uniform construction and design standards Lot 515, also known as "Parcel G". The Legendary Run Home Owners Association Board, successors to the Declaration

and subsequent Consent Decree, has proposed this amendment to the construction and design standards. The petitioner (property owner) has agreed to pay the Township legal fees associated with review and filing of the revisions to the Consent Decree. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion to renew the time block with Computer Systems Management (CSM) for \$3,000. (30 hours of support). Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: Aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to sell firearms and ammunition to Vance's Law Enforcement for \$7,220.80. The inventory of items that the police department proposes to sell to Vance's includes various weapons and ammunition from its property room. This includes 12 police shotguns recently removed from the police vehicles, firearms from a 2022 court-approved forfeiture hearing, donated firearms, and ammunition. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to purchase three less lethal 40 mm sponge launchers, 25 sponge rounds, and one training kit from Vance's Law Enforcement for \$4,676.75. If approved, this purchase will be funded thru the sale of the aforementioned firearm and ammunition sale to Vance's. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Paul Broxterman requests a motion to pay an invoice from the Ohio State Highway Patrol for \$3,000. The invoice covers the cost of LEADS access for the police department's 12 terminals (10 police vehicle mobile data computers and two station computers). The invoice covers the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Paul Broxterman requests a motion to sell Police Vehicle 4, a 2015 Ford Explorer, on GovDeals. The vehicle, which has 117,112 miles, has been out of service since late last year with significant engine issues. The cost of repair exceeds the vehicle's market value. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Paul Broxterman requests a motion to pay an invoice from Juggler Dave and Friends LLC, dba Cincinnati Circus Company, in the amount of \$3,564. The invoice covers carnival games, a tent, and other items rented for Pierce Township's National Night Out on August 2, 2023. Private donations to the police department earmarked for this event will cover the cost. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to approve the appointments of Joe Crago, Donald Davis, and Madelyn Enderle-Montoya, as Part-Time Firefighter / EMTs at the established rate pending successful completion of an Ohio BCI criminal background check and pre-employment physicals. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director, John Koehler, requests a motion to make the final payment in the amount of \$198,216.00 to Clermont County Engineer for the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Service Department Director, John Koehler, requests a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Compass Minerals America Inc. for the 2023-2024 winter season to purchase up to 1,000 tons of road salt for a cost of \$99,470.00 at a rate of \$99.47 per ton (dump delivery) as ordered by Pierce Township. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Community Development and Planning Director, Eddie McCarthy, requests a motion to consider Resolution No. 2023-024 pertaining to Text Amendment Case ZC2023-004. Trustee Freeman made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Community Development and Planning Director Eddie McCarthy requests a motion to extend Moratorium Resolution No. 2022-059 for a period of 10 days, through September 8th, covering 3.06 C) Effective Date and Referendum. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve as corrected month from August to September, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Community Development and Planning Director Eddie McCarthy requests a motion to consider Resolution No. 2023-025 to enforce the Zoning Resolution regarding an abandoned sign at 1401 SR 125 Pierce Township, Ohio. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

Community Development and Planning Director Eddie McCarthy requests a motion to consider Resolution No. 2023-026 to enforce ORC 505.87 regarding excessive vegetation at 1401 SR 125 Pierce Township, Ohio. (issue has been resolved)

Community Development and Planning Director Eddie McCarthy requests a motion to consider Resolution No. 2023-027 to enforce ORC 505.87 regarding excessive vegetation at 1691 Stella Drive Pierce Township, Ohio. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kelly motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35p.m., seconded by Trustee Freeman. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on September 20, 2023.

Chairman Pete Kambelos, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer