

Pierce Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Pierce Township, Clermont County, Ohio met for their Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m., April 10, 2024 at 950 Locust Corner Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45245.

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. Attorney Katie Barbieri, Fire Chief Craig Wright, Police Chief Paul Broxterman, Service Department Director John Koehler, Director of Community Development & Planning Eddie McCarthy, Administrator Tim Williams and Fiscal Officer Debbie Schwey were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Service Department Director John Koehler led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes held on March 13, 2024 and the Special Meeting Minutes held on March 6, 2024. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Public Presentations & Actions:

No public presentations or actions.

Departmental Updates:

Police Chief Broxterman reported the police department will be doing the county-wide active shooter training program that the county sheriff has authorized.

Fire Chief Wright reported the fire department will be doing their spring fire hydrant maintenance. This is done twice a year. Thanks to Mr. Jim Meyer for volunteering his services for reverifying all trails with in the Pierce Preserve on Pond Run Rd. The NOPE committee is okay with marking the trails. An 18-month-old went into cardiac arrest, is doing ok.

Service Department Director Koehler reported the service department is proceeding with the first payment on county paving bid. A railing was put in place of the slide at Locust Corner Park.

Chairman of Parks & Greenspace Doug Dresie reported the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. Thanks to all that helped. The committee will be purchasing an Easter Bunny costume and a photo background. The first concert in the park is June 22nd and first movie night May 16th.

Community Development & Planning Director McCarthy updated on CDBG and ARC Planning projects. There are ongoing code enforcement efforts. There will be two (2) vacancies coming up.

Administrator Williams discussed with the Board of changing the township of Limited Home Rule designation. There are specific rules with population exceed 15,000. The Board to have the administrator to go forward with looking into the township becoming a Home Rule township.

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 payroll for the month of March, 2024 in the amount of \$498,995.65. 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 bills for the month of March, 2024 in the amount of \$301,253.55. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Fiscal Officer Schwey requests a motion to approve payment of the township's annual Workers' Compensation Rating program to Sedgewick MCO in the amount of \$5,830.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2024. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion of the Board of Trustees to adopt Resolution 2024-008, a resolution supporting application for the Clermont County Parks District Improvement Grant in the amount of \$12,000.00. The grant would complete work on the new ballfield at Locust Corner Park that was omitted from the original engineering plans. The township match would be a combination of in-kind services and remaining funds from ARP. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve as amended, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Administrator Williams requests a motion to approve payment to Leroy Ellington Productions in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2024 Pierce Township summer concert series. The dates of the concerts are June 22nd and August 24th. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to purchase three pole mounted radar signs from A&A Safety for \$10,965.00. The departments radar trailer is not operable. We believe the cost to fix the trailer exceeds the value. Pole mounted radar signs are easy to install and move around and would be less cumbersome than a radar trailer. Additionally, the pole mounted signs provide the same data as a trailer. ARP funds would be used to purchase these radar signs. The department also requests permission to sell the current radar trailer on GovDeals. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to purchase five (5) training rifles with magazines and marking rounds from Unit Solutions for \$4,542.08. These rifles would be used in the department's annual active shooter training. ARP funds would be used to purchase these training rifles. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Police Chief Broxterman requests a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Adam Rolph effective Friday, April 7, 2024. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to appoint the appointment of Avery Danislav as a Part-Time Firefighter/EMT at the established rate pending successful completion of an Ohio BCI criminal background check and pre-employment physical. (noting that we are awaiting results of the background check and physical). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Fire Chief Wright requests a motion to accept the resignations of Part-time Firefighter / Paramedic Tyler Cahill and Part-time Firefighter / EMT Joe Crago effective April 1, 2024. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Service Director Koehler requests a motion to approve the purchase of a rust prevention application for fourteen (14) vehicles by Laserline in the amount of \$3,300.00. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Community Development and Planning Director McCarthy requests a motion to approve Resolution 2024-009, a resolution to take action regarding zoning violations for a junk vehicle per ORC 505.871 regarding the property located at 20 Main Street, Pierce Township, Ohio (290107.1). Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Community Development and Planning Director McCarthy requests a motion to approve Resolution 2024-010, a resolution to take action regarding zoning violations for a junk vehicle per ORC 505.871 regarding the property located at 3608 Turnberry Drive, Pierce Township, Ohio. (282813A138). Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Michelle Balside discussed with the Board of Trustees regarding Yard Sale Day in Pierce Township, making it an annual event the first full weekend in June. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve Yard Sale Day and annual event beginning the first full weekend in June, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Michelle Balside stated she sees that Groh Park is so utilized now. She thanked the Board for cleaning up the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Sherry Berger of Red Fox Dr. thanked the township for working on cleaning up the township. Removing cars out of front yards. The need to step up on property maintenance code.

Donna Cann discussed have someone out on the road at least three (3) days a week, enforcing zoning codes.

Stan Shadwell asked about the administrator contract and review.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Freeman requests a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:10p.m. as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) to discuss imminent or pending litigation. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Freeman requests a motion to adjourn into Executive Session as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment, dismissal, discipline, or compensation of a public employee. Trustee Kambelos made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

Chairman Freeman requests a motion to adjourn into Executive Session as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) to discuss potential purchase or sale of township property. Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

Trustee Kambelos made the motion to leave executive session at 8:45p.m., with no action being taken by the board, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll call: All aye.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m., seconded by Trustee Kambelos. Roll call: All aye.

ATTESTED:

The Pierce Township Board of Trustees approved the foregoing minutes on April 10, 2024.

Chairman Allen Freeman, Pierce Township Board of Trustee

Debbie Schwey, Pierce Township Fiscal Officer

Next Regular Meeting: May 8, 2024 at 6:30p.m.