

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE SPECIAL MEETING** Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS - 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

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Trustee Bruce Koellner convened the Special Meeting of the Copley Township Board of Trustees at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trustee Helen Humphrys, Trustee Bruce Koellner, Administrator Janice Marshall, CED Director Matt Springer, Service Director, Mark Mitchell, Chief Michael Benson

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various Township projects underway:

Expansion of the Fairlawn GIG to Copley Township – Had a presentation by Phil Belanger, CEO of PB Ventures Limited, discussing various options for extending internet services from Fairlawn to areas in Copley Township. While Fairlawn used an approach that connected their entire city, other options are available to connect individual neighborhoods or small pockets of the Township; some with underground cable as in Fairlawn or some using existing poles; some fiber connections and some wireless. The Township needs to determine how they would execute a plan and how they could fund the project. It was suggested that the Township develop a Request for Proposals for a feasibility study that would identify assets and the Township's access to them, provide a general idea for implementation of the service and a general cost to the resident. The Township could then ask the residents if they would support the project if the service was provided under specific parameters.

Bessie Williams Superfund Site – Mr. Springer provided an update as to the status of the property after meeting with the US EPA, the Ohio EPA, and the Summit County Land Bank. The current owner is delinquent in paying taxes providing a possible avenue for the Land Bank to acquire the property. The Land Bank would only acquire the property, however, if they knew the Township would be interested in assuming ownership of the property. In order for the Township to acquire the property, long-term liability questions would need to be answered and funding for clean-up of a contaminated area would need to be secured. The property is located near restored wetlands and other parcels owned by the Township. The Board advised Mr. Springer to consult with Legal Counsel and the County Land Bank for future actions.

Wellness Program – Interested in promoting Prevention with the new year's wellness initiative by offering a \$50.00 gift card to any employee who obtains an annual physical and complies with joining one of several wellness program during the calendar year 2018. Could be a precursor to future programs tied into reducing employee insurance contributions if employees comply with set parameters. Will discuss further at March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Social Media – Began discussion surrounding all uses of Social Media – employee use while at work, employees' personal social media posts about their employment and the Township's use of Social Media. Noted that there are many positive aspects of using Social Media to reach residents and communicate a specific message. The discussion will continue as more information is gathered from other public entities and from those who specialize in using Social Media for communication.

Rothrock Road Roundabout – Trustee Koellner asked for contact information for AMATS and CMAQ funding sources; requested that the Township Resolution opposing the roundabout be sent to these agencies.

Home Rule – Trustee Koellner asked Trustee Humphrys for pros and cons for placing the issue of Home Rule on the ballot for residents to vote on versus the Township adopting Home Rule after providing information at public meetings. Trustee Humphrys indicated that the public meetings would provide education and transparency as much as a ballot issue and would not cost the taxpayers the expense of an election. She reiterated that

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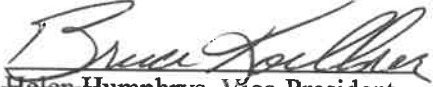
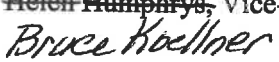
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Home Rule would not change the culture of the Township but would enhance its ability to enforce zoning and property maintenance codes, extend the time for borrowing funds and provide for the Township's own Engineer and Legal Counsel. The Board will discuss "Home Rule" in more detail at the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 27, 2018.

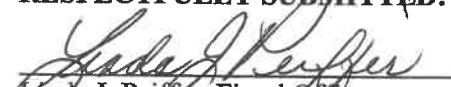
## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Humphrys moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 11:21 a.m., second by Trustee Koellner; both voting aye.

## APPROVED BY:

  
Helen Humphrys, Vice-President  


## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer