

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018 20

Open

President Scott Dressler convened the regular meeting of the Copley Township Board of Trustees at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Fiscal Officer's Report – Ms. Linda Peiffer

Linda Peiffer presented the following:

65-2018 Resolution to approve the Board of Trustee's Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2018 and the Special Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2018. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Humphrys. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

66-2018 Resolution to approve the renewal of the Certificate of Deposit for the Mitchell Estate for 3 years at 2.80% interest rate. Trustee Humphrys moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Ms. Peiffer reported on the following:

The Ohio Department of Taxation sent notice that the property at 1558 S Cleveland Massillon Road purchased by the township was exempted from property taxes for 2017 forward.

Also, received notification from the City of Fairlawn that a recent audit of vehicle registrations from July 2017 to June 2018 resulted in registrations totaling \$80 belonging to Fairlawn were incorrectly assigned to Copley.

Administration - Mrs. Janice Marshall, Administrator

Janice Marshall presented the following:

67-2018 Resolution to enter into an agreement with Be Well Solutions to provide three (3) seminars to employees as part of our Wellness Program at a cost of \$250 per seminar. Purpose is to use Grant Funds as prescribed by Bureau of Workers Compensation. Trustee Humphrys moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Ms. Marshall requested an executive session to discuss employment of personnel in Fire Department and benefits of employment in Police.

Fire Department - Assistant Chief Keith Moore

Assistant Chief Moore reported on the following:

- Both public and private schools in Copley Township had fire inspections before school resumed.
- Bath, Copley and Fairlawn Safety Forces participated in a charity fund raiser organized by Copley Police Officer Ballinger and Copley High School Football Coach Scott Chouinard. Entry to the game was a backpack filled with school supplies.
- Firefighter/Medics attended a training session addressing stress and depression.
- The pickup truck and the two chief's cars are ready for delivery.
- The pumper that was damaged in an accident is repaired and painted.
- The young men who painted the fire hydrants have returned to school. Fifty hydrants left to paint.

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Police Department – Chief Michael Mier

Chief Mier presented the following:

68-2018 Resolution to approve a Blanket Certificate for \$10,000 for employment testing. In the process of hiring part-time Police Officers and Sergeant promotions. Trustee Humphrys moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Chef Mier reported:

- The L.E.A.D.S audit for the Police Department is scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 9:00am. Sandy Bittner will meet with the Auditors. This occurs every 2-3 years. It confirms compliance with established regulation and policies.
- Police officers patrolled the bus stops beginning with the first day of school. Officers are also on hand at each school in the morning and afternoon. Off-duty officers have been assigned to the middle school and high school during the day paid for by the school.
- The annual Kylie Rose Run had a huge response from the community. Chief Mier acknowledged the police officers and CERT volunteers who helped with traffic control.
- Another successful Coffee with A Cop was held at Chick-fil-A. Plans to do it again the third week in September. The rash of burglaries in northeast Ohio have caused concern to the people who have stopped for coffee. Chief Mier said the coffee is another way to interact with the community.

Service Department – Mr. Mark Mitchell, Service Director

Mr. Mitchell presented the following:

69-2018 Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order to Cargill Salt for \$21,000 and to Increase Appropriations Accordingly. Trustee Humphrys moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. Mr. Mitchell said Cargill raised the price of salt to ODOT from \$39 to \$84 per ton and this purchase will top off the salt bin before the contract expires, and before a price increase. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Mr. Mitchell reported:

- The concrete road program is progressing along. Pinewood Spur is being worked on now. Heritage Woods will be the next area targeted between Adena Trace and Hollythorn.
- The annual brush collection begins September 10 for the east side and September 17 for the west side.

The annual recycle day will be October 6 at Copley Community Park from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Document shredding from 9 – noon only. Also included are tires, used oil, batteries, scrap metal, and refrigerator units. Televisions, computer monitors will be taken but there will be a charge; \$40 for televisions and \$10 for computer monitors. Discussion on how to handle receiving of money followed. It was agreed to issue receipts if the township handles the money but a preference was to have someone from the company to be on hand instead.

Community & Economic Development – Mr. Matt Springer

70-2018 Resolution to Apply to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the Funding of a Phase 2 Environmental Study at 2811 Copley Road. This is commercial property that has gone through tax foreclosure. The Summit County Land Bank is taking title and a Phase 1 Environmental Study will be conducted. This site is directly to the west of the Copley Super Fund site. This grant will not be a cost to the Township. The US EPA will deal directly with the company to conduct the Phase 2 assessment. From a liability standpoint, the Phase 2 is needed. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Humphrys. Trustee Dressler stated the Township paid to

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demolish the building and the Township has a lien on the building. Matt answered the tax delinquency is over \$300,000. The Township's lien is \$49,000. Long-term plans with the township and the CIC are redevelopment. It is in a mixed use overlay district with an area of just over 3 acres with access to water and sewer. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Report from the Director:

- Reminder to the Trustees of their continued Public Hearing for 447 Rothrock Road from Medium Density to High Density is scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Summit County Planning and the Copley Zoning Commission both recommended disapprovals.
- The rezoning of the parcels, approximately 7 acres, on Medina Road and Scenic View from Office Neighborhood retail to General Retail should get to the trustees sometime in September.
- The partnership with Summit County Public Health resulted in the collection of 65 tires in the Little Farms area. The program is ongoing, and Mr. Springer encouraged people to report abandoned tires.
- Project Building Blocks resulted in over 30 volunteers who showed up to help rehab a home on Betula Avenue on August 25. A tentative construction timeline for the specific projects for the home will be listed on the website for volunteers to sign up to help. The goal is to complete the rehab by December 1st. Channel 8 News covered the event on August 25.

Old Business

Mrs. Marshall presented the following:

58-2018 Resolution to retain Clemans, Nelson & Associates for labor counsel from June 2018 through May 2019 at a cost of \$2100.00. This was tabled at the August 14th meeting. Trustee Humphrys moved approval, second by Trustee Koellner. The request to table was by Trustee Koellner. He stated that since then, he met with Janice Marshall and his concerns were answered. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

- Township officials were invited to a neighborhood block party in Kingsbury Trace to discuss Home Rule on September 8 from 1 - 5. Trustee Koellner said he would be available. Ms. Marshall said it would be the first outreach for Home Rule.
- Feasibility Study for possible Fairlawn GIG expansion to Copley. Received two quotes that were in opposite ends of the spectrum. IT System Administrator Nick Sattler will review in an apples to apples comparison.
- At the last meeting, Selma Muller was appointed Human Resource Generalist. The job position we approved was titled, Human Resource Manager. Selma's title is Human Resource Manager. Generalist is not a job description in our categories.
- September 9 at 1:00 p.m. is another Bicentennial Event at Copley Community Park with an old-fashioned baseball game, corn hole tournament, Farmer's Market, food trucks, art chalk in the park, etc.

Regarding Home Rule, Trustee Humphrys added that in response to a resident's request from the August 14 meeting for an analysis of current Home Rule townships, she has sent a response to the 57 home rule townships in Ohio for their feedback.

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Business from the Floor

Mr. Jim Ciskos from Ridgelawn Estates presented the trustees with a petition signed by the residents of the subdivision except for two residents. Mr. Ciskos said something has to be done. The residents want a portion of Cotswold vacated at Ridgewood Road. Discussion followed. Summit County Council approved the funding for the county engineer to begin the construction of the turn lanes at the Ridgewood / Cleveland Massillon intersection. The construction schedule would have been later if the township trustees didn't provide \$100,000 to expedite the construction to 2019. Mr. Ciskos was asked whether more police patrols would help or if speed bumps or calming devices were installed, would satisfy the residents. Mr. Ciskos answered they did not want speed bumps and patrols haven't helped. Mr. Ciskos said there are one or two cars that never stop at the stop signs. The traffic is huge. Trustee Koellner said he would like to see the construction of the turn lanes and light signal first. He said as long as they are driving 25 MPH is it legal. He was answered, yes. Could we place signs for local traffic only? He was answered that local traffic only is based on road weight limits. Mr. Ciskos emphasized that it is the volume of cars. Peak time of heavy traffic is school in and out times. Busses no longer go through the subdivision. The trustees were not in favor of the closing the road. Referring to a study in Grapevine, Texas, Trustee Koellner said speed bumps or tables will slow down the traffic and discourage it. Ticketing traffic violators will also discourage cutting through the subdivision. Discussion followed on portable tables as traffic calming enforcement. The trustees were not in favor of closing the road. The plan of action with the construction of the turning lanes may solve the issue. All discussion is on tape and on file.

Mr. Charles Myrick, 1200 Kirkwall Drive, asked what is the procedure to prevent overnight parking on Kirkwall Drive? Mr. Myrick referred to the top of Mull around into the portion of the private roads near the condos. He cited it as a safety issue especially when they park on both sides of the street opposite of each other. Chief Mier said cities are allowed but not townships, but parking directly across from another car is illegal. Trustee Humphrys said the township can ban parking with an Emergency Snow Ban resolution during the winter. Trustee Koellner also suggested an article in the Copley Connection. All discussion is on tape and on file.

Correspondence

Mrs. Marshall received a request from a resident on Westview Drive regarding speeding in the neighborhood. He asked that the speed limit sign be moved to the east end of the road at Silver Ridge or add another. He also requested a three-way stop because he heard it was put in the Cotswold area and it was successful. Mrs. Marshall sent it to service and police.

Received a letter from a resident on Misty Lane regarding neighbors' parking on the street intermittently supposedly to slow down speeders. He was requesting no parking signs on one side of the road so emergency vehicles can get through. Mrs. Marshall said the police chief and service director are reviewing both.

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New Business

Mrs. Marshall reported:

- Researching the possibility of receipting credit card payments to the township.
- Attended a seminar on Community Cyber Security today with plans to share the information not only to employees but out in the community as well.

Received the fact-finding report for the fulltime police officers. It came back with the recommendation of 2.5% in 2018, 2.25% in 2019 and 2% pay adjustment in 2020 plus a \$520 cash stipend. Mrs. Marshall recommended approval.

71-2018 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Fact-Finding Report for Fraternal Order of Police, OLC, Inc. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Humphrys. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

Trustee Dressler asked again for Business from the Floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion for Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel in Fire Department and benefits of employment in Police at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Dressler. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

The session ended at 8:50 p.m. with a motion by Trustee Koellner, second by Trustee Humphrys; the motion carried.

Trustee Koellner presented the following:

72-2018 Resolution to Move Officer Perona to Step 4 Pay Scale. Trustee Koellner moved approval, second by Trustee Humphrys. **Roll call: Trustee Dressler, Aye; Trustee Koellner, Aye; and Trustee Humphrys, Aye.**

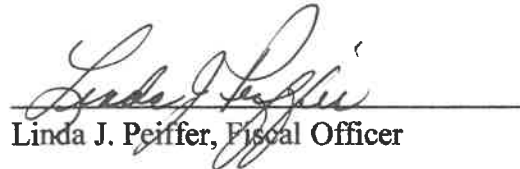
With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Dressler moved to adjourn at 8:52 p.m., second by Trustee Koellner; the motion carried.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:



Scott D. Dressler, President



Linda J. Peiffer, Fiscal Officer