

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on January 13, 2014 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Rosiello, present; Trustee Linnenberg, present; Trustee Boiman, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Trustee Boiman moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of December 20, 2013. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Chairman Rosiello recognized Boy Scout Danny Cione, from St. Catherine's, was present to work on his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-A

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the financial reports as submitted. Trustee Boiman seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-B

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution approving the Estimated Resources for 2014. Trustee Boiman seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-C

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution approving the promotion of Mitch Hill to a Green Township Police Lieutenant with a starting hourly rate of \$39.08 per hour and a start date of January 25, 2014. Trustee Boiman seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Police Chief West gave a brief history of Mitch Hill's background and described the selection process during which Mr. Hill was selected as the best qualified candidate.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus swore in Lt. Mitch Hill. Lt. Hill thanked family, friends and coworkers for their support.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-D

Trustee Boiman moved to pass a resolution authorizing the hiring of Ben Pritchard and Joel Baumer as Part Time Firefighters with an effective start date of January 18, 2014 at pay grade FF3 with a starting salary of \$13.79 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Fiscal Officer Thomas Straus swore in Firefighters Ben Pritchard and Joel Baumer.

Firefighters Baumer and Pritchard introduced their family and friends that were present.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-E

Trustee Boiman moved to pass a resolution authorizing out of state travel for Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Scherer to attend the PRSBI Terrorism Course at New Mexico Tech from February 10, 2014 to February 14, 2014 at no cost to the Township. All course fees, travel costs, meals and lodging are paid by the Federal Government. Chairman Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-F

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to approve the Rental Rate Recommendations for the Nathanael Greene Lodge and Reception Hall effective January 1, 2014. Trustee Boiman seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-G

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to approve the Rental Rate Recommendations for the Green Township Senior Center effective January 1, 2014. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-H

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution authorizing the hiring of Matt Flamm as Road Maintenance Worker/Operator with an effective start date of January 25, 2014 and a starting salary of \$39,774.00 per year. Trustee Boiman seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-I

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution clarifying the position of the Green Township Trustees on the Enhanced High Rate Treatment (EHRT) facility at the corner of Werk and Westbourne. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Administrator Celarek read the resolution clarifying the position of the Green Township Trustees that will be forwarded to the Metropolitan Sewer District and the Hamilton County Commissioners.

Trustee Linnenberg gave background information regarding the Muddy Creek sewage problems and stated his expectations regarding resolution of the problems in that area and how critical this project is for the area.

Gary Dressler, Sidney Road, stated that the Metropolitan Sewer District still has the Werk and Westbourne project on their agenda. Trustee Linnenberg stated that it is the County who is now trying to change the project resolution.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-J

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to approve the Annual Green Township Inventory for 2013. Trustee Boiman seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-K

The following properties were declared as nuisances. The Township Attorney was directed to notify the owners of the properties listed below of this resolution:

1. 4184 Quakerhill Drive (550-0112-0002), Motion made by Trustee Boiman and seconded by Chairman Rosiello. All voted Aye.
2. 5529 Windridge Drive (550-0180-0052), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. The Ohio Department of Liquor Control has sent notice of application from:
 - a. T and T Westbourne Sunoco LLC, DBA Westbourne Sunoco Express Mart, 3217 Westbourne Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248. The Police Chief had no objection. The Trustees had no objection.
 - b. Gran Fiesta Inc, DBA El Rancho Grande, 6121 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. The Police Chief had no objection. The Trustees had no objection.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that for the end of the year 2013 the Township received approximately \$41 million dollars and expended approximately \$37 million dollars. The General Fund received approximately \$5.7 million dollars and expended approximately \$5.1 million dollars. Fiscal Officer Straus pointed out that approximately \$2.9 million dollars came from the Ohio Estate Tax which will no longer be coming into the Township this year. He also reported that the Local Government Fund went down by \$181,000 and the Real Estate collection went down by approximately \$372,000. Mr. Straus stated that next year the Township will be running a deficit in the General Fund even though there is currently a positive balance in the bank. He also reported that expenses went down last year, operating expenses and medical insurance also went down. Due to the mild winter last year there were not a lot of salt and overtime expenses. In the TIF Fund the Township received approximately \$23 million dollars and expended approximately \$20 million dollars, therefore, the TIF is in good shape. Overall, the Township is in good shape financially but the General Fund is going to be hurt because of the elimination or reduction to the Ohio Estate Tax, Local Government Fund, the Tangible Personal Property Tax, Real Estate valuations and interest income on investments being low. Mr. Straus stated that working in the Township's favor are the three JEDD's operating which took in a little over \$100,000 in 2013, and is expected to increase to over \$1 million dollars over the next two to three years. Mr. Straus restated that the Township will be losing nearly half of the General Fund revenue due to the loss of the Estate Tax revenue.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated that he had nothing to report.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported on four items:

1. The Hamilton County Treasurer's Office did not put their return

address on the tax bills that were recently sent out. The address is Hamilton County Treasurer, P.O. Box 740857, Cincinnati, OH 45274-0857.

2. A few people have wondered about which channel is their cable access channel. He stated that it is Channel 8 on digital models.
3. The Hoxworth Blood Center has an emergency need for blood due to the recent snow storms. They are having a big blood drive between January 2nd and January 31st. If you donate blood during January they are giving away a 75th Anniversary fleece blanket.
4. Sandy McCann will be the new President of the Monfort Heights - White Oak Community Association. Mr. Celarek and Joe Lambing will be meeting with her this week.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that so far this year the Township has had significant snowfall and they have faced the challenges it presented.

District Chief Kevin Hummeldorf, reporting in the absence of Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, stated that he had nothing to report.

Police Chief, Bart West, stated that he has reviewed the Crime Statistics for 2013. Out of the nine major crime categories, seven of those went down in numbers and only two went up. Chief West stated that he was pleased with the decrease in crime numbers since 2012. Chief West announced that Oak Hills is presenting a video that they produced to teach students how to react in the unlikely event of a school shooting. They are going to debut that film tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. for students and parents at Oak Hills High School and again at 7:00 p.m. for other members of the community. Police Chief West stated that the Police Department did participate in the filming of that video along with the Delhi Police Department. Chief West stated that it is a very good video that covers how to respond in the event of a school shooting. Police Chief West also reported that Det. Mike Lampe and Det. James Conforti were named as Co-Officers of the Year by the FOP Lodge #113.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, asked the Trustees to review the Localized Alternative Sign Regulation from Walt Sweeney. He stated that in October, 2013 the Township endorsed a LASR plan that would provide some temporary signage to Walt Sweeney for regular sales events at his Harrison Avenue location. The Hamilton County Zoning Commission approved a portion of his concept plan and part of the recommendations from the Township, but not all of them. Walt Sweeney has appealed that decision to the Hamilton County Commissioners, which he is permitted to do. Mr. Sweeney has asked the Township Trustees affirm their original support for the temporary displays. Mr. Goetzman stated that the Township endorsed temporary displays permitted for up to six consecutive days, Tuesday through Sunday, for up to eight times per year. The temporary sale displays could consist of to 50 balloons attached to cars and a couple of flags. Mr. Goetzman noted that nothing has taken place since the original review and recommendations to alter the Township's position on the matter.

Gary Dressler, Sidney Road, asked a question regarding what was permitted by the County. Development Director Goetzman answered his question.

RESOLUTION #14-0113-L

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution recommending that the Hamilton County Commissioners accept the recommendations of the Hamilton County Zoning Commission, but supplement that with Condition #5 of the Township recommendations to the Zoning Commission. Trustee Boiman seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Development Director Goetzman thanked the Public Services Department for the excellent job they did clearing snow at the Nathanael Greene Lodge and the Green Township Senior Center.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Boiman moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST: