

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on January 27, 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 January 13, 2014. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

**RESOLUTION #14-0127-A**

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

**RESOLUTION #14-0127-B**

Trustee Boiman moved to pass a resolution authorizing the execution of the amended and restated Hamilton County Local Government Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement. Chairman Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

**RESOLUTION #14-0127-C**

Trustee Boiman moved to pass a resolution authorizing purchase of real property for public park purposes. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Frank Hyle stated this acquisition opportunity for the Township is for the abandoned CSX Line that runs from Race and Marie to Hutchinson Road, consisting of 12.8 acres owned by McKenna and Friedman Real Estate Company. With this purchase the Township may have a major seat at the table for continued development from our property at Westwood Northern Blvd and Lee Ct. all the way out to Wesselman along Harrison Avenue. This also offers other grant opportunities for "Hike and Bike" trails if developed in the future. The property was appraised by a licensed appraiser at \$995,000. The Township would pay only \$450,000 towards this acquisition. The seller has agreed to convey acreage for \$995,000 of which \$545,000 would be a gift to the Township and balance paid by Township TIF funds. Closing on the property would be by the end of February, 2014. The contract is currently pending based on satisfactory approvals of title, environmental and survey issues.

Development Director Goetzman presented a slide showing the location of proposed property acquisition which totals a little over 1 ¼ mile. He explained the potential for development west and north of the Harrison Greene Development. This property could open up a potential trail system from Bridgetown to Veterans Park and the Township Administration Building.

Chairman Rosiello stated they have had preliminary discussions with Todd Yohey of Oak Hills School District and Oakdale school officials. They would be a willing participant in this Hike/Bike Fitness Trail project. This project is fully supported by Children's Hospital MOB since it aligns with their childhood obesity programs. Another willing participant is Great Parks and Jack Sutton who is sharing his expertise in these areas. The process for additional funding opportunities has also started and we may make additional property purchases in May. This will be an asset to the Township and could help with the economic development of adjacent properties.

Trustee Boiman recognized Chairman Rosiello for getting the ball rolling on this project.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that the project has already made the first cut of \$500,000 from the State capital budget and now is in the Senate and House budget. He also stated the he has been working on sidewalks and bike trails since he started as a Trustee and this is a great option for Harrison Avenue. He sees this as a key component when added to sidewalks we need on some of our streets.

Gary Dressler, Sidney Road, asked about right-of-way width. Development Director Goetzman stated that right-of-way is from 90 to 120 feet. Total acreage is 12.813 acres. Mr. Dressler stated his concern is the width of the bike path, particularly for Police and EMS access. Tony said Jack Sutton will help bring those subjects together. It will certainly be accessible and safety will be a priority. Chief West stated that years ago Police Officers would drive police cars from Oakdale/Race Road to Hutchinson Road along the railroad right-of-way, so it is wide enough to drive a car. Mr. Dressler then asked if the property in question abuts

the school. Chairman Rosiello stated that it would abut the school and there would need to be an access point to and from the school.

Administrator Celarek announced that there will be a Green Township Tax Increment Financing Program Review Council meeting at the next Trustee Meeting on February 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. All four school districts, Hamilton County Auditor and Trustees are part of that Review Council.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus stated that he had nothing to report.

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

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that The Ohio Township Association will have their Annual Conference in Columbus on February 13 and 14, 2014. Kevin will attend one or two days. The Hamilton County Engineer will have his Annual Meeting on February 27, 2014 at the Nathanael Greene Lodge. Administrator Celarek also reported that the County has used approximately 14,000 tons of salt this winter.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that so far in 2014 Green Township has used approximately 2,300 tons of salt. Drivers have driven 9,500 miles in January alone using 2,600 gallons of diesel fuel and have been out approximately 11 times in January alone.

Trustee Linnenberg asked if this is a budget issue with salt and overtime. Mr. Lambing stated it is not a budget issue so far in 2014. We still have 450 tons of salt coming this year. Mr. Lambing stated we have about 700 tons on hand now. Chairman Rosiello thanked the personnel in the Public Services Department for their dedication during this time of back to back snow falls and reminded everyone to be sure to give space to salt trucks.

Chairman Boiman read several thank you letters.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, thanked the Amvets Post #1988 for a generous donation to the Fire Department.

Police Chief, Bart West, also thanked Amvets Post #1988 for a \$500 donation to the Police Department. He also announced the Active Shooter in Schools Video is on the Oak Hills website and is also available for purchase there as well. Oak Hills had a public viewing for the video last week. The Trustees will look into adding the video to the Township cable channel.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman stated that he had nothing to report.

Rocky Boiman stated that due to his expanding broadcasting opportunities, his multiple business ventures, and his increasing family responsibilities, he will be stepping down as Green Township Trustee effective in 30 days.

Chairman Rosiello made a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a new public official. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

The meeting was recessed at 5:55 p.m.; reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

Chairman Rosiello announced that after discussion with Trustee Boiman, it has been decided that Trustee Boiman's resignation will be effective March 1, 2014. He stated that applications for the position of Green Township Trustee can be emailed or mailed to the Green Township Trustees, 6303 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45247. The deadline for applications is February 14, 2014. The Board is hoping to have a replacement chosen by the February 24th meeting and sworn in on March 10, 2014.

Gary Dressler, Sidney Road, stated that Trustee Boiman did a great job and will be missed.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Linnenberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Boiman: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

