

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on July 28, 2014 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Trustee Linnenberg moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of July 14, 2014. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Sandy McCann and members of the Monfort Heights/White Oak Community Association were present to present the "Firefighter of the Year" award for calendar year 2013 to Firefighter James Dufford. The Association presented Mr. Dufford with a plaque. Mr. Dufford thanked Chief Witsken, the Trustees, his family, and the Monfort Heights/White Oak Community Association for their support. Mr. Dufford then introduced his family and friends that were present.

Bill Bonham, 3525 Centurion Drive, announced that the First Annual Green Township Community Day will be held at Veterans Park on August 2, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Community Day is sponsored by the Monfort Heights/White Oak Community Association and the White Oak-Monfort Heights Kiwanis Club. There will be a Community Fun Walk at 11:00 a.m., Golf Ball Drop at 1:00 p.m., and a Celebrity Softball Game at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are still available for the Golf Ball Drop. Mr. Bonham encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy a day of fun.

RESOLUTION #14-0728-A

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

RESOLUTION #14-0728-B

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution granting permission for Sophie's Angel Run to take place on September 28, 2014, beginning at St. Jude Church, 5924 Bridgetown Road. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0728-C

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution approving the addition of Farcrest Court, Farhaven Lane and Fardale Lane to the 2014 Street and Curb Rehabilitation Program and to approve the bid from Adleta Inc. for \$92,900.00 for 2014 Curb Rehabilitation Contract and to approve the bid from Barrett Paving Materials for \$106,100.00 for 2014 Street Rehabilitation Contract. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0728-D

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. 6936 Alexandra's Oak Court (550-0310-0519), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 5633 Antoninus Drive (550-0143-0341), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 5336 Cleves Warsaw Pike (550-0142-0398), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 3178 Mary Jane Drive (550-0064-0138), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
5. 5445 Sidney Road (550-0142-0122), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

The Ohio Department of Liquor Control has sent notice of application from:

- a. Aldi, Inc., DBA Aldi, 5740 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248. The Police Chief had no objection. The Trustees had no objection.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that the Township purchased a \$1 million dollar Federal Home Loan Bank Bond that starts out at 1% and goes up 1% a year for the next three years. It is a callable bond. He also reported that the Township is looking at a new software package from Software Solutions for the Township's accounting system. Fiscal Officer Straus reported that so far this year the Township's General Fund has received approximately \$2.2 million dollars and expended approximately \$2.5 million dollars. He anticipates that revenues will begin to decrease quickly as the year goes on. He stated that the Township anticipated receiving approximately \$150,000 in Ohio Estate Tax for 2014, however, the

Township has received approximately \$161,000 to date.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, reported that several months ago the Trustees approved a Resolution recommending that a 597 sq. ft. triangle of property along Westwood-Northern Blvd. at the rear of the Francis Niehaus Attorney project on Harrison Avenue be vacated by Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Commissioners have done so, which means that the property now belongs to the Green Township Board of Trustees. Mr. Niehaus prompted this transfer in hopes that the Township would not wish to maintain it and would transfer the property to him. Attorney Hyle stated that he will prepare a resolution for consideration by the Trustees at their August 11, 2014 meeting to transfer the property to Mr. Niehaus or his company in exchange for a pledge from him to keep that property green space and to maintain the property. Chairman Rosiello stated that he would support that transfer of property as long as Mr. Niehaus cannot sell the property separately at a later date. Attorney Hyle and Development Director Goetzman both stated that the property would be consolidated with property currently owned by Mr. Niehaus and could not be sold separately.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that the Township recently received a mailing that went out to Township residents from Direct Energy offering an electric aggregation rate of 7.93 per kWh. Administrator Celarek recommended that residents not accept that offer because the Townships electric aggregation rate with Duke Energy Retail is 5.83 per kWh.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that road rehabilitation is scheduled to begin this week on several streets. He also reported that the Rybolt Road construction from Hayes Road to Taylor will be closed for construction from Monday, August 4, 2014 to approximately October 13, 2014. That construction is part of a Hamilton County project to improve Rybolt to the I-74 corridor. Chairman Rosiello asked if the intersection at Taylor and Rybolt will be improved. Mr. Lambing stated that the intersection at Taylor and Rybolt will be improved also and hopes that the County will repave the entire section of Rybolt Road from Hayes to Taylor at one time. Trustee Linnenberg stated that the intersection at Taylor and Rybolt will be receiving a traffic signal instead of just a stop sign.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, thanked Sandy McCann and the Monfort Heights/White Oak Community Association for sponsoring the Firefighter of the Year Award. Chief Witsken stated that this is the third year that the award has been presented and is grateful for the opportunity to recognize some truly outstanding employees. Chief Witsken announced that the Green Township Fire & EMS Department now has an official Facebook page. The page was launched approximately two weeks ago and already has over 1,000 "likes". Chief Witsken encouraged all Green Township residents, businesses owners, and friends of the Township to "like" their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/greentwpfire. The Facebook page will be used for reporting on department activities, statistics, fire safety information, information about services provided, and general departmental news.

Chairman Rosiello asked Chief Witsken how training is proceeding on the new ladder truck. Chief Witsken reported that the new ladder truck arrived last week and that representatives from the manufacturer were present at the Fire Department for three days doing training for each shift. Currently, the department is working on "road-time" for all of their aerial tower operators and expect to put the truck into service on Thursday, July 31st. Chairman Rosiello asked if the truck can be used on all streets in Green Township. Chief Witsken felt confident that it could be used on all streets in Green Township, with the exception of a few private drives. Chief Witsken thanked the Board for their support regarding the purchase of the new ladder truck. Trustee Linnenberg asked how many of the department's firefighters are aerial operators. Chief Witsken stated that all of the full-time employees are aerial operators as well as 10 - 15 of the part-time employees. Therefore, approximately 50 personnel would be aerial operators.

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

Police Chief, Bart West, announced that over the weekend Green Township detectives arrested a 30 year old suspect involved in thefts from vehicles. The suspect has been charged with five counts of receiving stolen property. The police have recovered property in his possession from at least ten more offences, with the likelihood that he was involved in approximately thirteen more offences that they are still working on. Chief West reported that it was nice to put a stop to a string of thefts from vehicles in the Township that occurred over the last month.

Chairman Rosiello asked how the license plate readers are working out in the patrol vehicles. Chief West reported that the license plate readers are working well and that they are fantastic tools for picking up suspects on felony or serious misdemeanor warrants. He also stated that the license plate readers are an effective tool in helping make Green Township a safer place.

Chairman Rosiello stated that at their last Trustees Meeting there was some discussion regarding the possibility of enforcing a Teen Curfew in Green Township. Chairman Rosiello stated that the Police Chief is in favor of initiating a Teen Curfew in Green Township. Chairman Rosiello stated that Attorney Frank Hyle and Police Chief West are both looking at other jurisdictions in Hamilton County to see what their curfew policies look like.

Trustee Callos recommended contacting LaSalle High School administration and Oak Hills High School administration to let them know a Teen Curfew is being considered. Trustee Callos stated that getting input from those schools would be helpful.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that if Police Chief West feels that a Teen Curfew is necessary then he is definitely in favor of it.

Police Chief West stated that all of the jurisdictions surrounding Green Township have adopted a Teen Curfew. There is a feeling that juveniles from other communities are coming into Green Township because there is not a Teen Curfew. Police Chief West stated that he is concerned about teens coming to Green Township to commit crimes, but also concerned that other teens are becoming victims of crime. Chief West stated that there are some parents and guardians that let their teens out all night long and have little or no control over them. Therefore, Chief West stated that he thinks it is time to look at enacting a Teen Curfew. Chairman Rosiello asked what types of penalties or fines would be reasonable. Chief West stated that the Teen Curfew would be authorized under Ohio Revised Code. Charges would be determined by Hamilton County Juvenile Court. They would decide what is in the best interest of the child. Chief West stated that a department policy would need to be developed if a Teen Curfew is adopted.

Attorney Hyle reported that the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Trustees to establish a curfew and that any minor child who is found to be in violation of the curfew is to be cited to Juvenile Court as an unruly child. Attorney Hyle stated he will be meeting with Chief West to review some of the other curfew policies adopted by other jurisdictions.

Chairman Rosiello asked about Home Rule. Attorney Hyle stated that he can look under Home Rule regulations, but Township's cannot create a criminal statute, but there would be civil penalties involved if the Trustees wished to proceed under Home Rule. Attorney Hyle stated that he will provide the Trustees with draft legislation within the next two weeks.

Chairman Rosiello stated that he would like to enact a Teen Curfew as soon as possible.

Chief West stated that a Teen Curfew would contain exceptions for teens coming home from work or coming home from school sponsored activities. There is also an exemption if the teen is with their parents. Chief West stated that the curfew is intended to address the issue of teens that are out late at night unsupervised, getting into trouble, or are becoming victims of crime.

Trustee Callos stated that the Teen Curfew is much needed. He stated that there were several residents who attended the Trustees Meeting on July 14th to express their desire to have a Teen Curfew enacted in Green Township. Trustee Callos stated that it is the job of the Board of Trustees to address the concerns of residents. Trustee Callos stated that he agrees with Trustee Linnenberg and Chairman Rosiello and thinks that a Teen Curfew policy needs to move forward as soon as possible.

Trustee Callos thanked Sandy McCann for serving as a member of the Financial Review Committee. Trustee Callos stated that he thought it was very important for the Monfort Heights/White Oak Community Association to have representation and a voice on the Financial Review Committee.

Trustee Callos thanked Bill Bonham, Karl Mohaupt, Jennifer Barlow, and many others for all their efforts to make the upcoming Community Day a big success.

Trustee Callos read a thank you letter.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Rosiello moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST: