

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on September 08, 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 Chairman Rosiello moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of August 25, 2014. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Delhi Township Police Chief Jim Howarth was present to discuss shared services. Chief Howarth thanked Green Township Police Chief Bart West and the Green Township Trustees for participating in the Shared Services program. Chief Howarth stated that with budget cuts from the State of Ohio every municipality has taken a financial hit. Chief Howarth stated that it is a cost savings for the citizens in both Townships to have shared services with all surrounding municipalities. Chief Howarth stated that it is a tremendous help for both departments to share training services, drug detection services, and working together to protect the Oak Hills Schools through the alert system, notification system, and active shooter video production. Chief Howarth stated that officers from both jurisdictions walk all of the local schools on a regular basis to familiarize themselves with the layout and be ready to respond to any emergency.

Chief Howarth reported that on September 17, 2014 there will be a Heroin Summit. Both Police Departments, as well as the Oak Hills School Board, will be working together on how to attack the current heroin problem. Chief Howarth described two recent events that required the response of both departments to deal with the event. Chief Howarth then described the benefit to both departments of records sharing services.

Chief Howarth stated that on September 1, 2012 there was an individual that was followed home and raped in the side yard of her own residence. Delhi Police immediately realized that the attack was similar to another attack where the female fought off the attacker. The common denominator between those two cases was that the subject was coming from the Knotty Pine Bar. Chief Howarth contacted Chief Bart West regarding the cases and Chief West offered the services of the Green Township Police Department. Together with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Cincinnati Police Department they started a Task Force on September 7, 2012. After setting up surveillance on the Knotty Pine Bar they quickly identified a suspect believed to have ties to those two offences. After three months of surveillance a suspect was arrested.

Chief Howarth recognized Police Chief Bart West for his investigative work identifying the suspect. The suspect was eventually charged with twenty-one felony counts. Chief Howarth presented a plaque to Chief Bart West that read "Delhi Police Department recognizes Chief Bart West for his support and sharing of services with Delhi Township. His personal participation helped bring a violent offender to justice in January, 2013. The suspect was indicted on twenty-one counts to include, but not limited to, rape, sexual battery, burglary and robbery. The Delhi Police Department appreciates the continued cooperation and the sharing of services between our departments. Presented this 8th day of September, 2014".

Chairman Rosiello thanked Chief Howarth for recognizing Chief Bart West for his accomplishments. Chairman Rosiello stated that the Board is very pleased to have a shared services agreement with Delhi Township as well as other surrounding communities.

Trustee Callos thanked Chief Howarth for coming to the meeting and for their continued efforts working together with Chief West. Trustee Callos believes that shared services are invaluable to the residents of both Townships.

Chief Bart West thanked Chief Howarth for the recognition and thanked Chief Howarth for his service as past president of the Hamilton County Police Association and for his cooperation with shared services that do save Township taxpayers money. Chief West stated that he truly appreciated the good working relationship that the Green Township Police Department has with the Delhi Police Department.

Chief West stated that the Delhi Police Department provides valuable shared services to the residents of Green Township. Chief West thanked Chief Howarth for his support and dedication to the job. Chief West stated that Green Township and Delhi Township also work together with the

Colerain Township Police Department, the City of Cheviot Police Department and the City of Cincinnati Police Department. Chief West stressed that working together is the right strategy to providing the best possible services at the lowest possible costs to its residents.

Administrator Celarek stated that the Trustees and Green Township Administration greatly appreciate Delhi Township's participation in Mutual Aid Agreements. Green Township also works with seven different communities with Mutual Aid Agreements in Fire & EMS services. The Township is very lucky to have good neighbors on its borders to share services with.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-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 #14-0908-B

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution assenting to the acceptance of Fox Ridge Court and Valleyway Court in the Fox Ridge Estates Subdivision. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-C

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution assenting to the acceptance of Sally Court in the Kildare Crossing Subdivision. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-D

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution for approval for the Director of Public Services in cooperation with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office to apply with the Ohio Public Works Commission for financial assistance for the Westwood-Northern Boulevard Improvements Project. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-E

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution for approval for the Director of Public Services in cooperation with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office to apply with the Ohio Public Works Commission for financial assistance for the HAM-264-6.90 PID 88790 (Five Points Project). Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-F

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution declaring a 2006 GMC Envoy with a VIN number of 1GKDT13S562338930 as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the vehicle through the Hamilton County On-Line Auction Service. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-G

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. 5409 Fayridge Court (550-0140-0345), Motion made by Trustee Linnenberg and seconded by Trustee Callos. All voted Aye.
2. 2414 Neeb Road (550-0143-0477), Motion made by Trustee Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 5558 Silverpoint Drive (550-0081-0215), Motion made by Trustee Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-H

Chairman Rosiello moved to approve the hiring of five part-time event attendants at the Nathanael Greene Lodge at a rate of \$8.50 per hour: Alexis Danford, Doug Nienaber, Tracy Luttrell, Eli Plaskett, and Michelle Wernke. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on September 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, in Room 805, to hear the following cases:

- a. Case Green #CUGT2014-13, Jill Anliker, Applicant, Bridgetown Church of Christ, Owner, 3854 Race Road, for approval of a Conditional Use certificate to permit additional signage to the church building.

Development Director Goetzman explained Conditional Use certificates by stating that schools, churches, and other institutional uses are permitted in residential districts as Conditional Uses. Conditional Uses are those defined as having some special impact or uniqueness which requires a careful review of their location, design, configuration, and special impact to determine against fixed standards the desirability of permitting their establishment on any given site. In this case, all three of the Conditional Use cases being heard this evening are already existing Conditional Uses. Any improvement, change, and/or expansion, of a use that would require the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals to review it against those fixed standards and they can only do that as a Conditional Use hearing.

Development Director Goetzman stated that in this case the Bridgetown Church of Christ is requesting additional signage for the church building. They currently have two building mounted signs. They are only permitted one, however, they would like to maintain the two signs. Development Director Goetzman recommended approval subject to conditions.

Trustee Callos asked if electronic message board signage has come up. Development Director Goetzman stated that the Church has not asked for electronic signage.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-I

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case Green #CUGT2014-13 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals subject to the following conditions: 1. That identification signage be limited to the three existing permanent signs on the property; 2. That no additional identification signage be permitted on the subject property without prior approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and 3. That any additional on-site signage be limited to directional signage installed in conformance with the applicable sections of the Zoning Resolution. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

- b. Case Green #CUGT2014-14, J.B. Yeager Inc., Applicant and Bridgetown Rural School District, Owner, 3900 Race Road, for approval of a Conditional Use certificate to permit construction of two 30' x 8' dugouts on the baseball field closest to the middle school.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the dugouts will be approximately 1,000 ft. from the closest residential property owner. Development Director Goetzman recommended approval subject to compliance with the plan submitted.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-J

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case Green #CUGT2014-14 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals subject to the following condition: 1. That the dugouts be constructed in compliance with the plans submitted. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

- c. Case Green #CUGT2014-15, White Oak Christian Church, Applicant, Oak Hills Local Schools, Owner, for approval of a Conditional Use certificate to permit a church use in an elementary school building and temporary signage to indicate location of church services.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the White Oak Christian Church is expanding and would like to temporarily use Oakdale Elementary School for its Sunday services. The County considers this an expansion of a use that is not the principal use. Therefore, they are asking that the occupancy of the building by the Church be considered a Conditional Use. The Church is also asking for two temporary signs on Sunday mornings. The first would be a 2 ft. x 3 ft. A-frame sign that will be posted at the entrance to the building. The second would be a 4 ft. x 8 ft. single-sided banner with frame that will be posted at the entrance to the property. These signs would be up from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays prior to and after the services. Development Director Goetzman recommended approval subject to the plans submitted.

RESOLUTION #14-0908-K

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case Green #CUGT2014-15 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals subject to the plans submitted. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that so far this year the Township has received approximately \$2.5 million dollars in revenue, and expended approximately \$2.9 million. So far this year the JEDD has generated approximately \$540,000.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated need for executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy and employment of personnel.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that on Thursday, September 11, 2014 the Township will be holding a memorial service at 8:40 a.m. at the 9/11 steel located at the Green Township Administrative Complex. All are welcome to attend that service.

Butch Nanney reporting in the absence of Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing. Mr. Nanney reported on the Rybolt Road/Taylor Road Intersection Project. Mr. Nanney reported that the majority of the excavation is completed and water main work should take approximately two weeks. The work there should be completed before November 1st, opening up Rybolt Road from Hayes Road all the way to Taylor Road. Storm sewer work would then begin on Hearne Road before crews begin to work on the bridge.

Chairman Rosiello asked if a light will be needed at Rybolt Road and Taylor Road. Mr. Nanney stated that according to the County Engineer's report a light is necessary at that location.

Mr. Nanney reported on Harrison Avenue project, stating that work is almost completed on the storm sewer system. Work will begin next week on a new water main that should be completed next year.

Asst. Fire Chief Scott Souders reported in the absence of Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken. Mr. Souders reported that Cincinnati Water Works advised them today that effective tomorrow they are going to be shutting down one of their main pumping stations that effects this entire area. The shutdown is for the purpose of valve repair work. Asst. Chief Souders stated that if residents are having difficulty with water pressure it should only be a temporary problem. Asst. Chief Souders reported that the bridge on Cleves Warsaw is finally completed and is open again.

Police Chief, Bart West, thanked Chief Howarth for his recognizing the Green Township Police Department and for the great working relationship they have. Chief West also reported that they are trying to get a handle on the heroin epidemic. Thefts are on the rise and he reminded residents not to leave items in their cars, keep sheds locked, and most importantly call the Police Department when you hear something or see something suspicious.

Chairman Rosiello reported that on Friday, September 19, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Twin Lanterns will be hosting the Western Economic Council meeting. At that meeting the increasing heroin problem will be discussed. Residents are welcome to attend that breakfast meeting. There will be a guest speaker from RENU on the heroin epidemic and a presentation by Police Chief West.

Police Chief Bart West reported that on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 there will be a Heroin Summit that will include leaders from all local communities. The purpose of the summit is to develop initiatives to tackle the heroin problem. Another meeting will be held at a later date that will be open to all residents. Chief West reported that the heroin problem is everywhere and all local jurisdiction will working together to see what can be done to curb the problem.

Fiscal Officer Straus reminded residents that when a school bus stops on a four lane road, and you are traveling in the opposite direction of the stopped bus, you do not have to stop for the school bus.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, thanked Butch Nanney for his work in getting Cincinnati Water Works involved in the Rybolt Road intersections projects.

Trustee Callos read several thank you letters.

Trustee Callos thanked all of the Green Township departments for their participation in the Harvest Home Parade on Thursday, September 4, 2014.

Administrator Celarek thanked the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for their 31 years of participation in the Shared Services Program with Green Township.

Chairman Rosiello announced that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony at the Harrison Greene project on Harrison Avenue on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.. The project will include Dewey's, Graeters, First Watch, and Tom + Chee. Chairman Rosiello thanked everyone involved in bringing that project to Green Township.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Rosiello made a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy and employment of personnel. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 6:18 p.m.; reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

Chairman Rosiello moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST: