

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on December 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.

Chairman Rosiello moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of November 24, 2014. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Trustee Triffon Callos congratulated the LaSalle Lancers on their recent Division II State Championship win and pointed out a banner in the Trustees Meeting Room to celebrate that State Championship.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-A

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to congratulate LaSalle High School for winning the 2014 Ohio State Championship Football Game on December 5, 2014. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-B

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

RESOLUTION #14-1208-C

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to approve the 2015 Temporary Appropriations. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-D

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to establish the 2015 Trustee Meeting Dates. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-E

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to establish the 2015 Township Holidays. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-F

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to establish the 2015 Employee Pay Dates. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-G

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution requesting that the Hamilton County Auditor makes advance payments of taxes in 2015 at the request of Fiscal Officer Tom Straus. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-H

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to establish the reimbursement rate of mileage to match the IRS approved rate in 2015. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-I

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to approve health and dental insurance to Township Elected Officials for 2015 with the contribution rate to be 15% of the cost of the premium. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-J

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to provide health and dental insurance for the Township non-collective bargaining employees for 2015 with the contribution rate to be 15% of the cost of the premium. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-K

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to authorize the 2015 salaries for the Trustees and Fiscal Officer to remain at the 2014 rate and to pay the Trustees on an annual basis in equal monthly installments. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-L

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to renew the revised medical insurance plan with partially self-funded Jefferson Health Plan and rates for plan year January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-M

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to renew the Sherrill Morgan Agency as the Township's Health Insurance Broker for the Township's health insurance for plan year January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-N

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to revise Green Township's Health Reimbursement Plan and to hire Custom Design Benefits to administer the reimbursement plan, the Township's COBRA program, and the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-O

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to appoint Francis M. Hyle as Township Attorney for 2015 at a rate of pay of \$5,500 per month. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-P

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to appoint Francis M. Hyle for labor related work and non-retainer services at a pay rate of \$198 per hour for 2015. Triffon Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-Q

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to authorize the salaries of the Township's non-collective bargaining employees to be increased by 2% for 2015. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that he was in favor of a 2% raise for 2015. Trustee Callos agreed with Trustee Linnenberg and stated that the staff has done a great job and warrants a 2% increase. Chairman Rosiello also stated that he was in favor of a 2% salary increase.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-R

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Full Time Firefighters. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Administrator Celarek stated that the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Full Time Firefighters includes a 2% wage increase for each year for the next three years, however, they will now have a lower starting salary for new hires. Chairman Rosiello thanked the union representatives and Township staff who participated in negotiations. Trustee Callos thanked everyone who came to the table to work out an acceptable agreement.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-S

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution to approve the revised Rate Structure for Nathanael Greene Lodge Attendants: Lodge Attendant \$8.50 per hour; Event Attendant \$11.00 per hour; Event Captain \$13.50 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-T

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution authorizing sale of real property on North Bend Road and Monfort Heights Drive. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-U

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. 3302 Bellehaven Court (550-0162-0059), Motion made by Chairman

- Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Callos. All voted Aye.
2. 3685 Muddy Creek Road (550-0131-0153), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
 3. 5533 Surrey Avenue (550-0120-0009), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
 4. 3187 Westbourne Drive (550-0132-0216), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Callos. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 805B, to hear the following case:
 - a. Case Green #2014-19, Eric and Jennifer Juelig, Applicants and Owners, 3008 Timberview Drive, for approval of an above ground pool with less side yard setback than required.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the above zoning case is for an above ground pool that has already been installed. The pool was installed 7 ft. from the property line instead of the required 10 ft. Development Director Goetzman recommended approval conditions.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-V

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case Green #2014-19 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals subject to the following approval conditions: 1. That all excavated areas in the rear yard of 3008 Timberview Dr. be graded and seeded to match the existing lawn area; 2. That a suitable discharge location for any water drained from the pool or filter be established to ensure that no water from the pool shall enter into the neighboring residential properties at 3000 or 3016 Timberview Dr.; 3. That the area surrounding the pool shall be kept clear and free from brush and debris at all times; and 4. Any variance from the minimum side yard setback standards be limited to the existing pool in its current location only. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

2. The Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 805B, to hear the following case:
 - a. Case Green #2014-03, Sullivan Office, Dr. David and Diane Sullivan, Applicants, Dr. David and Diane Sullivan and Westover Court LLC, Owners, 5177 North Bend Road, for approval of a Major Adjustment to an existing "E PUD" Planned Retail District to eliminate a condition of approval regarding required access.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the property is adjacent to the property at the corner of Boomer and North Bend Road. The property has been redeveloped by the Sullivan's as a parking lot for their property. The lot provides access to Boomer Road as well as North Bend Road. It is a well designed parking lot that meets all current design standards. Development Director Goetzman stated that when the entire project was approved, a PUD was established for an existing area, and one of the conditions of that PUD was that there be no ingress or egress directly onto North Bend Road from the northern driveway. The site is approximately a 1 acre site with 50 ft of frontage on Boomer Road and 170 ft. of frontage on North Bend Road. The property is an existing commercial use which has gone through all of the approvals. The issue is with the addition to the property and the reconfiguration of a section of the parking lot. The project is a low intensity use overall in terms of ISR. If formalization of existing operations at the corner of Boomer and North Bend Road occur, the Trustees may consider some type of cross easement agreement in the future. There is a cross easement in the rear already. In the future a cross easement agreement is anticipated. The current proposal calls for a slightly modified plan. It is a right-in only on North Bend Road heading southbound on North Bend Road and it provides a one-way circulation pattern that would allow for angled parking. Which means they pick up one additional parking spot in front of the building. One of the modifications to the building itself would allow that building footprint to shrink slightly, so it will be a slightly smaller building addition. The existing parking lot is well landscaped and set back from the right-of-way. It does comply fully with the zoning code. Development Director Goetzman recommended that the modification of approval for condition #3 of the 2014 PUD approval to permit a right-in only drive to North Bend Road be approved. Approval of the modification of the parking along the front of the building to allow the angled parking

and to permit the building to be reduced in size according to the plans submitted. Development Director Goetzman recommended that the applicant receive permission for their requested changes.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-W

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case Green #2014-03 to the Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission subject to the following conditions: 1. Modify Approval Condition #3 to permit right in only driveway from North Bend Road (north); 2. Modify parking along the front of building; and 3. Reduce the size of the building footprint. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

3. The Northeast Green Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 10, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Trustees Meeting Room of the Green Township Administration Building.

- a. Case GTBZA #2014-05, Applicant and Owner, Frank Bromer, for approval to construct a new 1,440 square foot garage in the rear yard on property located at 3313 Jessup Road.

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

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, was not present and was excused from the meeting.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, asked the Trustees to support House Bill #277. House Bill #277, sponsored by Peter Stautberg, addresses annexation of property within a Township. Years ago the annexation rules allowed cities and villages to annex property located in Townships. House Bill #277 would allow political subdivisions, such as Townships, to have a say in allowing, or objecting to, annexation if they saw fit.

RESOLUTION #14-1208-X

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution authorizing Administrator Celarek to send a letter to Ohio State Legislators regarding their support of House Bill #277. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, announced that the 2014 Street Rehabilitation projects are complete, with the exception of a few punch list items that should be wrapped up before spring. He also announced that on January 3rd and January 10th from Noon to 3:00 p.m. yard waste will be open at Kuliga Park to accept Christmas trees or yard waste.

Trustee Linnenberg asked if Rybolt and Taylor will have a traffic light installed. Director of Public Services Lambing stated that there will be a light installed, however, work on that project will not begin again until 2015. Mr. Lambing also reported that Harrison Avenue is still an ongoing project. It has not been shut down yet for this year and the contractor intends to work on that project as long as they possibly can.

Chairman Rosiello asked if paving on Rybolt Road up to Hayes Road is still going to take place. Director of Public Services Lambing stated that a water main problem set the contractor back until 2015.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported on a telephone call that a resident received from a solicitation organization that was identified by the caller as "The Southwestern Ohio Firefighters Association". The resident called Chief Witsken to find out if the organization is legitimate. Chief Witsken stated that there are NO legitimate organizations calling by telephone to ask for money that goes to benefit your local fire and police departments. Chief Witsken reported that today they posted information on the Fire Department's Facebook page from the Federal Trade Commission specifically regarding this deceptive practice of people using the word police or fire so that the individuals that they call let their guard down and give them some money. Chief Witsken encouraged residents NOT to donate to those solicitors. Chief Witsken also reported on a couple of retirements of individuals that have worked very hard with the Department of Fire & EMS in recent years. The first is Dave Nutini from Hamilton County Department of Public Health. The second is Delhi Township Fire Chief Bill Zoz, who just retired to take a position with LaSalle High School.

Police Chief, Bart West, announced that the Police Department is advertising for the position of Police Officer. The application deadline is January 9, 2015. The applicants must be certified already as a Police Officer in the State of Ohio or have a Bachelors Degree. The preferred candidate would have both.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that the Township's Engineering Consultant has been working on updating the Sidewalk and Bike Path Plan. The plan is to have the consultant attend the first Trustees meeting in February to reintroduce the plan and go over some prioritization that has occurred. Grants for sidewalks have been received over the last couple of years and those sidewalk projects are going to be moving forward.

Chairman Rosiello thanked Development Director Goetzman for his work on that project.

Development Director Goetzman stated that at the beginning of the year there will be a zone change hearing for a proposed nursing home on Bridgetown Road.

Trustee Callos thanked Jennifer Barlow for all her hard work to make Winterfest a big success last Friday and thanked all the sponsors who donated to Winterfest. Administrator Celarek thanked Children's Hospital for sponsoring the event. Chairman Rosiello thanked all the volunteers who gave their time to make the event successful.

Ken Spaunagle, Verde Ridge Drive, asked about Resolutions "O" and "P" and asked why the Township Attorney is receiving additional compensation for labor related work. Administrator Celarek stated that the standard retainer is for the Administrator, Department Heads, or Trustees to seek legal advice, however, that retainer does not include union negotiations because they take additional research. Trustee Linnenberg added that some years there are no union negotiations and therefore the Township saves money by separating the two.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Friday, December 19, 2014 at 1:30 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 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST: