

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on June 27, 2016 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

TAX BUDGET HEARING 5:30 P.M.:

The legal notice for the 2017 Township Tax Budget Hearing was published on June 14, 2016 in the Cincinnati Court Index Press.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus reported that for the fiscal year 2017 the General Fund will be appropriated at \$6 million dollars. The TIF Funds will be approximately \$27.89 million dollars, of which \$15.86 million dollars go to the school districts. The Total Tax Budget is \$51,035,000 million dollars. Of the Total Tax Budget, the Fire Levy is \$3.2 million dollars; Fire & Police Levy is \$3.267 million dollars; and SCIP spending will be \$3 million dollars.

There were no questions regarding the 2017 Tax Budget.

Chairman Callos motioned to adjourn the 2017 Green Township Tax Budget Hearing. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Chairman Callos moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of June 13, 2016. David Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Sponsors of the 2016 Green Township Concert and Fireworks were present to be recognized for their donations.

Mr. Michael Kramer from Mercy Health West and Mr. Glenn Meyer from Anderson Automatic Heating & Cooling were present. Chairman Callos thanked them for their sponsorship of the 2016 Concert & Fireworks event as well as all they do to make Green Township a great place to live. Chairman Callos, on behalf of the Board, thanked them for their very generous sponsorship and stated that their sponsorship allows the Township to continue hosting this event for the community.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that a few years ago a decision had to be made to discontinue the Concert & Fireworks event. Trustee Linnenberg stated that these sponsorships allowed the Concert & Fireworks event to continue. Trustee Linnenberg thanked the sponsors for their very generous donations, and stated this event is a great event to offer to the community and is grateful that tax dollars are not used to support the event.

Trustee Rosiello thanked Michael Kramer and Mercy Health West for their support of this event. He then thanked Glenn Meyer from Anderson Automatic Heating & Cooling for his sponsorship. Trustee Rosiello also thanked the Wurster family for their sponsorship.

Chairman Callos thanked Jennifer Barlow for her work on this event. A token of appreciation was presented to the sponsors. Chairman Callos thanked the Wurster family, Greenshire Commons, Fifth Third Bank, JMA Consultants, Schmoe's Collision, Dave Backer Auto Body, MSA Architects, and Green Township Self Storage, as well as 35 to 40 other sponsors, for their sponsorship of the Concert & Fireworks event.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-A

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to approve the Green Township 2017 Tax Budget. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-B

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

RESOLUTION #16-0627-C

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution approving the 2016 Amended Appropriations. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-D

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to approve the hiring of the following temporary seasonal summer workers for the Public Services Department: Eric Auburger at \$9.50 per hour, and Samuel Smith at \$9.50 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-E

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to approve an increase in fee from \$12.00 per mile to \$14.00 per mile to patients being transported to various medical facilities in Green Township emergency vehicles. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fire & EMS Chief Doug Witsken reported that the increase was a recommendation from Medicount Mangement.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-F

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution granting permission for Sophie's Angel Run to take place on September 25, 2016, beginning at St. Jude Church 5924 Bridgetown Road. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Mark Meinhardt, on behalf of Sophie's Angel Run, a 5K in memory of his daughter Sophie Meinhardt. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of Sophie's Angel Run. Mr. Meinhardt thanked the Township Trustees, Chief Witsken, Chief West, and Administrator Celarek for their support. Mr. Meinhardt stated that so far they have donated over \$550,000 towards pediatric brain tumor research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. There are also merit based scholarships given to students from Our Lady of Visitation and St. Jude.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-G

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio and the amount to be generated during the first year of collection of a renewal of a tax for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police officers, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contribution required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code, or the payment of the costs incurred by Township as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department in Green Township. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Attorney Frank Hyle stated this resolution is a request for information from the Hamilton County Auditor. The Township is required to request information as to what a tax levy would generate. This is a 0.5 mill Police Levy that has been renewed every five years since its passage in 1991. The Hamilton County Auditor will return information regarding what the renewal levy would generate in funds in the next year. If approved by the Board of Trustees the levy would be adopted at the July 11, 2016 Trustees Meeting.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-H

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio and the amount to be generated during the first year of collection of a renewal of a tax for the purpose of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Green Township. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Attorney Hyle stated this resolution is a request for information from the Hamilton County Auditor. This 0.5 mill levy has been on the books since 1991. The levy would be a renewal that would not increase the tax rate if passed at the July 11, 2016 Trustees Meeting.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-I

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to enter into a three year contract with CareHere Management, PLLC for health and wellness services for Green Township employees and their families that are covered by the Township Health Insurance Plan. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Mark Morgan from Sherrill Morgan was present to answer any questions from the Board.

Chairman Callos stated that CareHere is a collaborative program involving the public and private sectors, in addition to the health care programs that currently in place for the benefit of Township employees. The goal of the CareHere Clinic is to help control health care costs.

Administrator Celarek stated that the CareHere Clinic will help keep insurance rates as low as possible.

Trustee Rosiello thanked Mary Sullivan and Joe Seta for their assistance in helping the Trustees make an informed decision regarding this program.

Chairman Callos thanked the committee as well as Township staff who worked on this issue.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-J

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing advertising for bids for Bridgetown Road Sidewalk - Phase 1-B (Kuliga Park to South Road) Project. The engineer's estimate is \$404,883.06. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Director of Public Services Joe Lambing stated that work on that project should begin in approximately two weeks. The project will be for sidewalk as well as curb work, storm water improvements, and new signalization at South and Bridgetown Roads because of the crosswalk.

Chairman Callos thanked Trustee Linnenberg for his leadership on this project. Chairman Callos stated that the Board is in favor of connectivity and sidewalks and will continue to look at projects that they feel benefit Green Township. Chairman Callos also thanked Public Services Director Joe Lambing for all of his work on the project.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that he believes that sidewalks are important and that people do want to be able to walk in their neighborhood, to parks, schools, and libraries. This sidewalk project is the beginning of what will be a couple year project that will connect Kuliga Park all the way past the 5-Points intersection.

Trustee Rosiello stated that the sidewalk project will eventually connect to the Hike/Bike Trail project. Trustee Rosiello thanked Trustee Linnenberg for his leadership on that project.

Chairman Callos stated that over the next few years a lot of things are going to be accomplished that will benefit the residents of Green Township.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-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. 1357 Devils Backbone Road (550-0154-0169), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 4583 Ebenezer Road (550-0234-0023), (550-0234-0068), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 6736 Hayes Road (550-0300-0067), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 5557 Pinecrest Drive (550-0141-0082), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Attorney Hyle asked the Trustees to consider a Resolution to make application to the Court of Common Pleas for authority to destroy or forfeit evidence. This authorization is usually done on an annual basis.

RESOLUTION #16-0627-L

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the commencement of an action in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court to destroy or forfeit evidence currently stored in the Green Township Police Department Property Room. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that the Township has received \$18.6 million dollars for the half of Real Estate Taxes. \$12.4 million dollars of that went to the TIF Fund. Of that TIF Fund money \$7.6 million dollars went to the school districts, and the Township received \$4.8 million dollars. The Township recently purchased a \$1.4 million dollar Federal National Mortgage Association Bond that yields 1.4%, the bond is callable.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated need for executive session to

consider the appointment of personnel.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that Children's Hospital has recently made a \$5,000 donation towards sponsorship of Kid's Fun Day and Winterfest.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that starting July 11, 2016, Bridgetown Road will be shut down for one week by the Ohio Department of Transportation for the replacement of a storm water pipe that runs under Bridgetown Road. Bridgetown Road will be closed at Hammersmith. Work should be wrapped up around July 15, 2016.

Trustee Linnenberg asked Police Chief West if extra patrols could be available in the area. Chief West will have his officers monitor that area.

Fiscal Officer Straus asked Public Services Director Joe Lambing about the I-74/North Bend Road Bridge Replacement Project. He stated that the project may be lacking some signage. Mr. Lambing stated that he will take a look at the situation.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that Mack Fire, Inc. had a very successful fundraising event this year and have given him \$10,000 to spend for equipment for the Fire/EMS Department. Chief Witsken stated that they will invite Mack Fire, Inc. to a future meeting to thank them for their generous donation. Chief Witsken announced that this Friday he will be posting the promotional process for the position of Lieutenant. That process will take approximately 2½ months to complete with the presentation of three candidates to the Board for approval at the September 19, 2016 Trustees Meeting.

Chairman Callos thanked staff who prepared and attended the retirement luncheon for three retirees from the Fire/EMS Department.

Police Chief, Bart West, stated that he had nothing to report.

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

Chairman Callos recognized Boy Scout Trent Brodbeck. Mr. Brodbeck stated that he is from Troop #420, and is present working on his Communication Merit Badge.

Trustee Callos read a thank you letters.

Trustee Linnenberg read several thank you letters.

Trustee Rosiello thanked the Development Director Adam Goetzman for all the work he has contributed to the sidewalk and road projects. The Board expressed appreciated his vision for the development of Green Township.

Trustee Rosiello thanked Charlie Wurster, Bob Wurster, and Charlene Mohr for their generous donation to the July 3rd Concert and Fireworks event.

Trustee Linnenberg encouraged residents to attend the July 3rd Concert and Fireworks Event. Trustee Linnenberg thanked the staff for all of their hard work to make this a very successful event.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that Kuliga Park will be used for permit and handicapped only. Residents can shuttle to the event from Visitation and Dulles Elementary. Shuttle bus service begins at 5:30 p.m. There is also limited parking at Faith Fellowship Church across the street from the park. Trustee Linnenberg stated that by next year sidewalks will be installed and patrons will be able to walk to the park from Dulles Elementary.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Callos made a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a public employee. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello, Aye; Trustee Linnenberg, Aye; Chairman Callos, Aye. The meeting was recessed at 6:03 p.m.; reconvened at 6:17 p.m.

Chairman Callos moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Callos: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST: