

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on August 22, 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.

Chairman Callos moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of August 08, 2016. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Jeff Gaylor from the American Heart Association was present to present the Department of Fire & EMS with the 2015 Mission Lifeline Gold Recognition Award. EMS District Chief Darren Mooney was present to accept the award. Mr. Gaylor stated that Green Township Fire & EMS is part of an elite group of pre-hospital agencies in the United States, focused not on just high functioning, but on high quality STEMI systems of care. Green Township Fire & EMS is one of 565 other EMS agencies in the United States and is one of only 57 agencies in Ohio that are receiving the 2016 American Heart Association Mission Lifeline EMS Performance Achievement Award. To receive this Lifeline Achievement Award Green Township Fire & EMS achieved a 75% or higher compliance score for each specific EMS quality measure for two years. Mr. Gaylor stated that the residents should be very proud of their pre-hospital care professionals. Mr. Gaylor presented the award to EMS District EMS Chief Darren Mooney. EMS District Chief Mooney thanked former EMS District Tom Dietz for his mentorship and training.

Chairman Callos thanked Jeff Gaynor, and recognized former EMS District Chief Tom Dietz for the many years of service and mentorship that he provided to the Fire & EMS Department.

RESOLUTION #16-0822-A

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 #16-0822-B

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to approve the hiring of the following Event Attendants: Maria Freudiger, \$8.50 per hour; Brittany Nunlist, \$8.50 per hour; Mimi Witsken, \$8.50 per hour; and Nicholas Wuestefeld \$8.50 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0822-C

The following properties was declared as nuisances. The Township Attorney was directed to notify the owners of the properties listed below of this resolution:

1. 5890 Colerain Avenue (550-0011-0057), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 3181 Mary Jane Drive (550-0064-0171), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 4414 Raceview Avenue (550-0121-0352), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 3812 Ruebel Place (550-0121-0114), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
5. 6909 Taylor Road (550-0300-0079), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
6. 3187 Westbourne Drive (550-0132-0216), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. Kids Fun Day will take place on August 27, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Veterans Park. Kids Fun Day is sponsored by Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Parking is not permitted at Twin Lanterns.
2. The Green Township Land Use Committee will hold a meeting on August 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Green Township Administration Building, 6303 Harrison Avenue, to consider a request by Development Management Group, LLC to consider a Land Use Plan modification for a site located at 6104 Harrison Avenue (southeast corner of Valley Ridge Road and Harrison Avenue). The request is to modify the existing Land Use Designation from a combination of General Retail and Mixed Use Transitional uses to single use of Neighborhood Retail for the approximately 1.6 acre site.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the above matter will ultimately come before the Green Township Board of Trustees.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that the Township recently purchased approximately \$3.1 million dollars in callable bonds. They begin at 100 basis points. Fiscal Officer Straus also reported that he is in the process of moving funds from one bank to Huntington Bank. He stated that the fees will lower. Fiscal Officer Straus also reported that he has requested advances on Real Estate Taxes.

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

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek stated that tonight is a special night for him because it is his last meeting with the Board of Trustees:

(verbatim)

Kevin Celarek - I first want to start by saying thank you 14 ½ years ago to the three Trustees who hired me. That was Dale Proffitt, Paul Rattermann and Tony Upton. Tony Upton stayed with me for the next ten years after he hired me. So I'm not sure if that's his durability or mine, but it was a very good partnership with Tony Upton for the next ten years. Also, Tom Straus was there. And Tom was the only person, of all of the Trustees, that knew me. I was kind of an unknown from northern Kentucky in Crestview Hill City Administrator and also from the City of Cincinnati for eight years. So I appreciate Tom, Dale, Paul, and Tony Upton for hiring me. And also I want to say that the Trustees that are not here. How much I appreciated Tracy Winkler, who I worked with for six years and she had great compassion for people and for the Township. I really appreciate her guidance and her partnership there. The other one is Rocky Boiman. Rocky was a terrific guy for three years with us and he always brought more humor, especially if Notre Dame lost. He brought more humor to our sessions before he came in here. But he was a very enthusiastic, and I feel very important Trustee. You know when you have been an Administrator of Green Township you see the good, bad, ugly, and the special aspects of people that have been there for so long. I have to say that Green Township is a very positive place to work and most of the citizens here are exceptionally good people and it doesn't matter if it's people like Ed Henn, Mary Fitzpatrick, or Lynne Case at the Senior Center or if it's people like Libby, or Don who come to all of our meetings. Or Audrey Meyers. We have some very special people in Green Township and we have people as a rule are looking to make the Township better. And so that's extremely critical. The thing that is important for you to know, both the Trustees, as well as employees, is in my 14 ½ years there, I have been extremely proud to be the Administrator of Green Township. I mean, when somebody asks me what I do. I put my shoulders back higher and I stand up high and I say that I am the Administrator of Green Township. And when I'm up in Michigan on vacation, I tell em I'm the Administrator of Green Township. I don't brag about it, but I am extremely proud. When I go to other Administrator's meetings, I'm from Green Township. We're the best Township. So, and part of that is is that this job has been a life fulfilling job for me. It's help me do what I do best, working with employees, working with department heads, working with citizens, and working with Trustees and Elected Officials. My role is to be the coordinator and keep things moving and to support the Elected Officials as much as possible and the department heads as much as possible and this has been a life fulfilling role. No other job could I have found more fulfilling, and I appreciate that. There's a sacred partnership in my job. There's a sacred partnership between you and the employees. They expect you to stick up for them. They expect you to do the best for them. And they also expect you to hold them to the highest standard. And that's what I've tried to do in working with them for the past 14 ½ years. And there is a sacred partnership with the department heads. And I have been very very blessed to have the best department heads in southwestern Ohio. Be it Doug Witsken in Fire, Joe Lambing in Public Services, Bart West in the Police Department, Adam Goetzman in Development and Linda Griswold in Finance. They are some of the best people in my opinion in southwestern Ohio and I think the Township and I think the Township is very fortunate to have them. And the Trustees. There are many many many things the Trustees discuss, the Trustees look over, the issues that are coming before the Trustees. And I don't believe people understand how difficult it is to be a Trustee. I make recommendations to the Trustees but they make the decisions and they are the ones that get hung out to dry, they're the ones who get the compliments and criticisms and no matter decision you make there is always a number of people that do not like that decision. And our Trustees, especially these three that are in front of you have been brave individuals that have made the hard decisions for Green Township and kept us moving ahead as a progressive Township in southwest Ohio. In my opinion we have accomplished many many good and great projects during my 14 ½ years that hopefully improve the total community, and some of those projects just to mention are the Diehl Road Bicentennial Park, the improvement of North Bend Road for the Mercy Hospital, the Mercy hospital coming on there, that's a huge huge huge project. Yet the

Trustees were firm, listened to people, worked out problems, and came up with money in order to help that project get funded. I must say that I also believe that we have a Township Attorney. The Township Attorney only agrees with me about 85% of the time, but I have to give in the 15%. It's just a question of when I give in, but we have a Township Attorney that keeps me on target, keeps the Trustees on target, and is an excellent negotiator with the unions, the four unions that we have, so I greatly appreciate him. The Trustees, I think, are excellent. And I'm saying that. I have nothing to gain. I'm going to be gone in three weeks. I'm not going to get a pay raise, I'm not going to get a job recommendation. But you look at David Linnenberg, he is decisive, logical, and he always challenges me when I'm at least expecting it. So, he challenges other people too. And Tony Rosiello is constantly busy, in fact, too busy. And he is always interested in everything and anything and I have to tell him to go home. And Triffon Callos is extremely energetic, thorough, and wants to participate in every single thought and decision, so um, so I appreciate that. I will be eternally grateful to Green Township and the Trustees for giving me the challenges and the successes that I have experienced in the past 14 ½ years. I consider them to be really substantial and hopefully have improved the lives of the people of Green Township, so in conclusion, I have a small prayer that I'd like to say, and this is it: May today there be peace within you, may you trust in God that you are exactly where you are meant to be, may you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born in you, may you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you, may you be content knowing that you are a child of God, let God's presence settle in your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing to dance to praise and to love. Thank you, thank you.

Chairman Callos - Thank you. I know that my colleagues and I up here have, would like to say a few words and we are going to reserve that to the end of the meeting, but we're the lucky ones here. Thanks Kevin.
(end verbatim)

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that road rehabilitation has reached the grind and pave phase. The top layers of asphalt are gone. Full depth repairs followed by leveling and final courses. Therefore, they should be completing the process in October.

Asst. Chief Scott Souders reported in the absence of Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken. Asst. Chief Souders stated that he is very proud of the personnel in the Fire & EMS Department for being awarded the American Heart Association 2015 Mission Lifeline Gold Recognition Award.

Police Chief, Bart West, announced that schools are starting back again. Their department will try to monitor the school zones as much as possible over the first few days of school to remind people to slow down.

Trustee Rosiello asked Chief West if when the lights are flashing in a 20 MPH school zone do children have to be present. Chief West stated that Section of ORC states that when children are present the school zone speeds must be followed.

Trustee Linnenberg asked about the flashing school zone lights on Werk Road for Visitation School are impossible to see until you are 300 yards inside the school zone. Therefore, trees need to be trimmed or those lights need to be moved. Trustee Linnenberg asked Police Chief West to take a look at that situation.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that if you are driving on a four-lane road and a bus is traveling in the opposite direction you do NOT have to stop. If you are traveling in the same direction as a bus you DO have to stop. Administrator Celarek stated that the reason you do not have to stop is because the bus only lets children on the same side of the street they are traveling on.

Chairman Callos asked about the progress of the Police Department substation on Blue Rock Road. Chief West stated that they are waiting on building permits, however, they are currently painting and working on parking lot repairs. Chief West stated that he recently talked to the Architect last week and he expects to obtain the building permits in about three weeks. Once the permits are received then the general contracting can begin.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that at the Senior Center they are proceeding with the additional ADA compliant restroom. Also, the parking lot rehabilitation is currently out to bid and will be commencing shortly. Construction on the Harrison Ave Bike Trail property will begin shifting to the main line. Work on the Oakdale School property is

wrapping up. On the Five Points Project there is one outstanding property left to get under contract. After that they will be moving on to the permitting phase of that project, which will be through ODOT, and will ultimately be approved by ODOT. The approval process should occur over the winter and into the spring of 2017.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that with OKI funding part of the project it does have to jump through a lot more hurdles than a typical project. Development Director Goetzman stated that the acquisition process is very rigorous. Development Director Goetzman stated that the Bridgetown Road Sidewalk Project, that portion that is funded by ODOT, has been approved and the Township is responsible for the acquisition of the right-of-way. It is mostly grading of easements. Those fall under the egis of Green Township. The majority of the actual construction dollars will be from ODOT. So the Township will begin to search for the acquisition consultant, and put it out for proposals and qualifications. The project will go to the Trustees at the end of September for approval.

Chairman Callos announced that the School Community Council Meeting with Oak Hills, Green Township, and Delhi Township, will take place on Tuesday, August 30th. Chairman Callos and Administrator Celarek will attend that meeting, along with Police Chief West and Development Director Goetzman. This meeting will facilitate working together on issues that affect our community and surrounding communities. Chairman Callos will have a report at the next Board of Trustees Meeting. Chairman Callos recognized Finance Director Linda Griswold who was recently named to the Ohio Government Finance Officers Board of Trustees. She will be serving a four year term. Chairman Callos thanked Finance Director Griswold for all of her hard work, and this recent appointment. That appointment of Finance Director Griswold is good for the Township as the Township has a voice in southwest Ohio and especially in Green Township and Columbus. Chairman Callos congratulated Finance Director Griswold and thanked her for all of her hard work.

(verbatim)

Chairman Callos - I would like to say a few words about our Administrator and my good friend, Kevin Celarek. When I was appointed to the position of Trustee on March, 2014 at his first meeting. I already had a head start and that was the prior week meeting almost daily with Kevin. And no one would really understand what a true asset and leader Kevin was, unless you work with him, or in my case, prepared for the position that I was about to step into. He welcomed me with open arms. We met hours upon hours. And that started the working relationship and the friendship that I have with Mr. Celarek and that I will always cherish. I've learned a lot from you. The many years of experience in this profession that you brought. It's such a high standard. I've looked up to you as a role model and as someone who. I've told many people across southwest Ohio that we have the best Township Administrator. He cares about our staff, he cares about our citizens, and he is a great man. And we have been lucky, I've personally been lucky to spend the 2 ½ years together. I always tell folks that your true legacy is left if you leave a place better than it was before. Kevin, you've done that. In your 14+ years here in Green Township, you are leaving this as the best Township, I believe, in the State of Ohio. And that's a true testament to the work you have put in going back those 14+ years. So I personally just want to thank you Kevin for all everything you've done, not only for me but for the many many staff you've worked with, the elected officials, Tom, the many Trustees over the years. The gentleman sitting up here and the staff that you've worked with for such a long period of time. We have been lucky and we've all learned from you and we've grown from you, so I personally want to thank you for everything and I know our friendship will continue over the years to come. So, Kevin, thank very much.

Trustee Linnenberg - It's been a little over 8 years. You implied that we fought a lot, but I really don't remember that as much as you do. I think we've gotten a lot of great things accomplished. Being an elected official for a Township it's funny because you'll have people who you meet, and your give your card, and they'll call here asking for you on a Wednesday at Noon or Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and Kevin takes a message and calls and says so in so called, and you call them back, and they say why weren't you at work, and I'm thinking that's not my job. I work at the art museum, that's a part time job. I go in for two meetings a month and I stop in all the time, but it's you know, I don't run the day to day, Kevin does. And yet, next year it's election year and I'll be on the ballot and I'm going to go and talk about how taxes are the lowest of any Township and talk about Mercy Hospital still because it's still expanding, I'm going to talk about Tri-Health, I'm going to talk about Tri-Health, I'm going to talk about parks and the sidewalks we're adding, and I'm going to talk about public safety, and I'm going to throw in this EMS award, heck

you could put that on our literature and say we got an EMS award and how great our EMS is. I'm going to take credit for it but I didn't do it, Kevin did it. I think it's important to know that we might make some of the big decisions but the big decisions do not effect, or they do, but they don't have as much impact as the tiny small decisions that happen a thousand times a day. That you've been doing and your staff have been doing. So, without you, I wouldn't have been elected twice, without you I wouldn't be excited to run again, without you this Township wouldn't be what it is today. So I want to thank you very much for everything.

Trustee Rosiello - It would be easy for me to say what these two guys just said, and going third makes it a little bit harder, but I tell you I've known Kevin Celarek for ten years before five years, my fifth year on the Board, but before that on the Land Use Planning and on the Budget Committee, and we struck up a unique friendship back then and I've always looked to you for the leadership qualities that you have and the compassion that you have is second to none. The intelligence that he possesses will rightly tell you that anyone says they went to Butler, he a Butler man, and that's all good. He laughs at my jokes, and they are bad jokes. His sense of humor is terrific. He's an honorable person, and I tell you what, in public life anymore, it's certainly hard to find someone like Kevin's stature that does the things that he does. When Triffon first came on the Board as Trustee, I told him, I said, you're going to be in for a treat, but I said it's, you've got somebody as an Administrator that always has your back. And not just the back of the elected officials, the back of the Township. And wherever we go, and I know the three of us have said it, and Tom too. You know, we'll talk about the accomplishments in the Township, but we'll talk about the professional staff that's around us. Let by this guy to my left. And I'm certainly going to miss him. It's going to be tough for me. I know we're still going to be in contact and I just want to tell you Kevin, thank for everything. I can tell you on behalf of me, and my wife, Sally, and the residents, and all the people that I helped bring onto those committees you formed, that are residents of Green Township. I know how they feel. And we're certainly going to miss you and God speed and stay well, stay healthy, stay off the bike, and may God bless you and your family. Thank you.

Administrator Kevin -I greatly appreciate those comments. Thank you very much. My father and my mother was alive ...

Fiscal Officer Straus - Unless you don't want me too.

Administrator Celarek - No no no, go ahead.

Fiscal Officer Straus - I was just thinking how quick time went. I remember meeting down at that restaurant before you started downtown and go over this, and I remember your son Sam, I guess, was in grade school then at St. X, but anyways I think, I can honestly say Kevin always had the best interests of the Township and the employees. And I respect people in management who care about their employees. That's very important. And Kevin always did that, and as a personnel note to me. I think that Tracy Winkler said once, the Fiscal Officer is kind of a weird job, there's three Trustees and there's me, and nobody really knows what I do, but I give Kevin credit, he always kept me informed and told me what was going on. And I really appreciated that. But I think the most important thing is being an Administrator is important, but I think Kevin is really a better man who cares about people. He's a better person than Administrator. And hopefully we will stay in contact. And I appreciate working with you Kevin. Good luck.

Administrator Celarek - Thank you.

Chairman Callos - I would like to ask any of our department heads here if they would like to say anything at this point.

Asst. Chief Scott Souders - Yeah I'll start. It's been almost 15 years since I've worked under you, and you've been a pleasure all the way through. Two things I think about when I see you and see you working through here, is loyalty, and just like Tom just eluded to, a people person. Always interested in not just what we're doing as a job, but you're interested in who we are as people, and it's been a privilege to work under you all these years, and Tony said don't ride the bike anymore, just ride it, just make sure the helmet stays on. But I've always enjoyed our personal conversations as well, just about running, and catching up in different hours like that. Congratulations and hopefully we'll continue to see you down the road in some other capacity, but thank you for your service, not only as an employee, but as a Township resident, I appreciate all you do for us, and have benefitted from it greatly. Thank you.

Development Director Joe Lambing - I just want to say thank you, and Kevin like everybody said you're the hardest working person I've ever seen. Take a bullet for anybody up here. Everybody up here. I would hope that you'll take the effort that you put into working here into making your retirement great from here on out. Just as hard as you work here, if you work that hard in retirement, just think, your life is just going to be incredible. So once again, thank you and enjoy it because you deserve it.

Attorney Frank Hyle - Well, if I could take a page from your book Kevin, I've got a list of eight things I'd like to talk to you about, sometimes ten, sometimes six, sometimes twelve, the high was thirteen. And no matter what they were, even if I didn't want to hear them, by God you'd get through that list. But you are a shining example of what's best in government service. I believe. You have, as everyone has said so far, you have put your troops and your citizens ahead of you. And may not have generally been the first one here to arrive in the morning, but you were always the last to leave. And that's a sign of a leader. And I have, I don't know if you butted heads with David a lot, but you and I have had some words over the years. And through them all we always got through them. We put those kinds of disagreements that we had on issues aside and then worked to make things the best for the Township. And it's been an honor working with you. And it's been an honor watching you serve the citizens of this Township. And you will not be forgotten and you will not be easily replaced. Anybody who steps into those shoes is going to step into a pair of shoes that's about four sizes bigger than their feet, and they're going to have to grow into them. And we just hope that they will and will be a fortunate Township if somebody can step into your position and show us even half of what you showed us over the last 15 years.

Administrator Celarek - Thank you.

Police Chief Bart West - I just would like to say thank you Kevin for all the years we've worked together. It's been an honor and a privilege working for you and with you. You always made me feel like we were working together as a team, as opposed to working for you, but I think you've developed a team through the entire Township that everyone is working for the same goal, which we're public servants, our job is to serve the public, and I think that we all understand that the Police, the Fire, the Public Service people, Adam in Development, everybody is working together to serve the public. This Board has been great. You have been great as an Administrator. I think, when I think of you, it comes down to what you mentioned before about pride, of being proud. I think that's what makes a great public servant when you care about what you're doing. You care about your community. Then you become a great public servant. And that's what you've done. So, thank you very much. It's been an honor, as I said before, and a privilege working with you, and I'm sure we'll stay in contact forever. I think Triffon said, if you leave a place better than you found it, there's no question this Township is better than when you arrived many years ago. So, thanks for your service.

Administrator Celarek - Thank you.

Development Director Goetzman - I'm losing my brother. Every time we walked into a meeting together, two, six, five, guys walking in, it was, they'd always asked me if we were brothers. That will be the biggest change for me. Obviously, Kevin, you and I have worked very closely together during your tenure, and I've enjoyed every minute of it. You embody the commitment to the personnel, as well as to the community, and I think your leadership will be sorely missed here. I think the beneficiaries of your tenure are the residents of Green Township and you have treated them with the utmost respect throughout your tenure, and that is going to be a very big void in this community. And I think that we will shoulder forward and I know we're looking forward to great things with our new Administrator, but I do think that we will be looking back under your tenure and saying that we had a fine leader and a person who was well admired by both staff and residents alike, as well as the political officials here. So, to mirror what Joe said, I think your efforts should be focused on enjoying retirement and accomplishing a lot that you do. I know you have a lot of outside interests, and I think plying yourself into those avenues is going to do you very well in the future and I wish the best recovery of your recent accident distress, but I think you'll bounce back better than ever. So, good luck.

Chairman Callos - Just to conclude. I know I speak on behalf of everyone that you've worked with, supervised, every resident that you have come into contact with when I say thank you for a job well done Kevin.

Administrator Celarek - I just want to say I'm very humbled by all the

positive comments, and did not expect that, I didn't know that was going to come, so I greatly appreciate your comments. Thank you.
(end verbatim)

Trustee Rosiello announced that Thursday, September 8, 2016 is the Harvest Home Parade. The Harvest Home Fair is coming up. He stated that it's Green Township's big participation on a west side landmark. He stated that he hopes everyone will come out for the parade and fair to help the Kiwanis that weekend.

Trustee Linnenberg reported that the Township lost a great man recently. Karl Mohaupt. Karl was very active here in Green Township, both with the Kiwanis, and Republican Club. His wife, Joyce, was a long time employee of Green Township. Trustee Linnenberg stated that he was saddened to learn that Karl had passed. At his funeral service there was a U.S Congressman, State Senator, State Representative, County Commissioners, judges, many family members and hundreds of friends. There were political officials from both the Republican and Democratic parties present. Trustee Linnenberg stated that it truly showed how important of a man he was and how much he did in his time here on earth.

Chairman Callos stated that he left his mark on Green Township and that many thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Joyce. Chairman Callos stated that Karl will be missed by many.

Attorney Hyle stated that this is no need for Executive Session.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:30 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 6:20 p.m.

Chairman Callos recognized Boy Scout, Owen Wittich, from Troop #420 at St. Bernard's was present working on his Communications Merit Badge.

ATTEST: