

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on September 26, 2016 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustee Rosiello, present; Trustee Linnenberg, was not present; Chairman Callos, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Chairman Callos moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of September 12, 2016. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #16-0926-A

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

RESOLUTION #16-0926-B

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Hamilton County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for 2017. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0926-C

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the promotion of Mike Branigan, James Dufford, and Shaun Myers to Lieutenant in the Department of Fire and EMS with an effective date of October 1, 2016 with starting salaries of \$73,347 annually. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, stated that promotion of the personnel listed above is the second step in the department back filling from one Lieutenant and two District Chiefs retiring earlier this year. Since then there have been two Lieutenants promoted to District Chiefs and therefore needed to fill the three vacant Lieutenant positions. Lieutenants are the department's first line supervisors, so there is one Lieutenant on duty at each fire station on each of the three shift days. The evaluation process for promotion is very extensive. The process began with a written test, extensive assessment by the Ohio Fire Chiefs, followed by oral interviews, reviews of their personnel files and employment histories. Chief Witsken stated that he is very proud to present these three fine Firefighters for promotion.

Chairman Callos thanked Chief Witsken for all of his hard work to evaluate and choose the most qualified candidates. He also thanked Fire Department staff for their support of their colleagues who are being promoted.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus swore in Lieutenants Mike Branigan, James Dufford and Shaun Myers.

The three Lieutenants introduced their family and friends who were present.

Trustee Rosiello congratulated the three Lieutenants.

RESOLUTION #16-0926-D

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the hiring of Nick Gehring as a Part-Time Firefighter in the Department of Fire and EMS at pay grade PM3, \$15.59 per hour and Matt Kroeger and Zach Roesel as Part-Time Firefighters at pay grade FF3, \$14.35 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, stated that the department has lost a total of seven Part-Time Firefighters this year. The hiring of these three Part-Time Firefighters will fill the last of those seven vacancies.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus swore in Part-Time Firefighters Nick Gehring, Matt Kroeger, and Zach Roesel.

The three Part-Time Firefighters introduced their family and friends who were present.

RESOLUTION #16-0926-E

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution revoking Green Township Resolution #07-0430 and eliminating Township policy of Fire Losses established under the authority of Ohio Revised Code §3929.86. Trustee

Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0926-F

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution establishing handicapped designated vehicle parking only zone on Crestmoor Drive. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-0926-G

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution approving out-of-state travel for Police Corporal Jeff Sabers to attend Civil Disturbance Training in Anniston, AL from October 11, 2016 to October 15, 2016. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Police Chief West stated that there will be no cost to the Township to send Corporal Sabers to this training as all cost will be paid by the Federal Government's Department of Homeland Security.

RESOLUTION #16-0926-H

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. 5837 Cedaridge Drive (550-0194-0083), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 5404 Clover Leaf Lane (550-0071-0095) and (550-0071-0102), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 5415 Karen Avenue (550-0120-0154), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 5464 Karen Avenue (550-0120-0124), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
5. 5521 Marie Avenue (550-0021-0034), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

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

- a. Extreme Laser Tag 2LLC, DBA Scally Wag Tag, 5055 Glencrossing Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. The Police Chief had no objection. The Trustees had no objection.
- b. Greater Cincinnati Oil Co Mack Inc, 6094 Bridgetown Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248. The Police Chief had no objection. The Trustees had no objection.

Administrator Birkenhauer made the following announcements:

1. The Green Township Board of Trustees will conduct a Public Hearing concerning the establishment of the Eckert Woods Lighting District on October 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Green Township Administration Complex, 6303 Harrison Avenue.
2. The Green Township Police, Fire & EMS Expo will take place on October 1, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Green Township Administration Building. Administrator Birkenhauer encouraged residents to attend. Chairman Callos also encouraged everyone to attend this family event.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that he has received training from the Center for Public Investment Management from the Ohio Treasurer's Office to allow him to make certain types of investments. The Ohio Treasures' Office has passed a new law called the Fiscal Integrity Act, which means you must receive twelve hours of additional training and two hours of ethics training. Fiscal Officer Straus will be attending two hours Ethics training in the near future. Any future Fiscal Officer will be required to attend 18 hours of education training in their first term. Fiscal Officer Straus also reported that the Township moved \$1.7 million dollars to Huntington Bank, which the Township will manage directly, instead of an Asset Management Account.

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

Township Administrator, Frank Birkenhauer, stated that he had nothing to report.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that the 2017 Street Rehabilitation projects continue to move along ahead of schedule, with

most projects finishing up within the next two weeks. Director Lambing also reported that the Bridgetown Road Sidewalk Project is being slowed due to tree removal. Trees are scheduled to be removed this week.

Trustee Linnenberg asked about the status of two buildings on Harrison Avenue at Wesselman Road that the Township has been trying to have torn down. He stated that if there was not enough room for a demolition company to get in there, then maybe the Township should consider closing Harrison Avenue for a short time to have the two homes demolished. Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, stated that one of the homes has asbestos in it, so an abatement company would be needed to take care of that first. Director Lambing stated that the topography of the land drops off sharply behind the homes. Currently there are 30 truckloads of dirt scheduled to be dumped behind the homes. The fill is needed to be able to access the property from Wesselman for asbestos removal. Demolition would be considered after the asbestos abatement.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that with the Lieutenants positions now being filled he will be turning his attention to the last part of the back filling. There are currently three vacant Full-Time Firefighter positions that need to be filled. A formal process is not needed because there is still an active promotional list from last year. Chief Witsken and Chief Officer's will be reviewing that list and recommending candidates to be presented to the Board for approval at their October 24, 2016 Trustees Meeting.

Police Chief, Bart West, reported that the new Firearms Training Simulator will be displayed at the Police, Fire & EMS Expo. Police Chief West encouraged families to attend the expo.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that there will be a Land Use Hearing at the conclusion of this Trustees Meeting.

Trustee Linnenberg read several thank you letters.

Chairman Callos asked Trustee Linnenberg if he has received any complaints regarding the construction of the EHRT facility at Werk and Westbourne. Trustee Linnenberg stated that mostly people are just asking what is going on and what it will be. He also stated Backscheider of the Press Community Newspapers did a very good article regarding the facility which seemed to answer most resident questions.

Administrator Birkenhauer stated that MSD is reporting that they are currently on schedule and have been experiencing good weather to do the work.

Chairman Callos stated that it is important for work on the EHRT to be done correctly the first time so that the residents near there are not subjected to ongoing construction.

Trustee Rosiello thanked the Police, Fire, and Public Services for the work they do in the community to support events like the Sophie's Angel Run on September 25, 2016. That event generates a large donation to Children's Hospital for pediatric cancer research. Trustee Rosiello also reported that there was a Super Luke fundraiser, hosted by Clerk of Courts Tracy Winkler on Saturday night at the Senior Center. That event raised \$24,000 for a young boy fighting brain cancer.

Trustee Rosiello thanked Jim and Elaine Day, owners of Day Precision Wall for many years, and owners of Esther Price Candy for the last 40 years, for the candy factory tour given to him and his wife Sally. The Esther Price store at Harrison and Race is run by their daughter and her husband, Sharon and Denny McMannis. Trustee Rosiello encouraged residents to support local businesses like Esther Price Candy.

Chairman Callos announced that there will be a Land Use Amendment Hearing at the conclusion of this meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, October 10, 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 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: