

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on October 10, 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 September 26, 2016. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-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 #16-1010-B

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution establishing the Eckert Woods Lighting District. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Development Director Goetzman gave a brief report about the process for creating a lighting district and stated that the petition passed by more than 51%. He also stated that there were no calls to the Township in objection.

Mr. Mike Thornbury, 5698 Hickory Place Drive, asked if the billing for the lights beginning on January 1, 2017 are for arrears. Development Director Goetzman stated that billing is for January 1, 2017 going forward.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-C

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution declaring four computer workstations as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the computer workstations through the Hamilton County On-Line Auction Service. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-D

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution revising policy on Use of Township vehicles. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the Take-Home Vehicle Policy was established before he became Administrator. At that time the policy did not include the EMS Chief because he lived out of state, however, with the recent hiring of Darren Mooney as EMS Chief it would be beneficial to the Township to have him available to respond to emergency runs as needed. EMS Chief Mooney would respond to structure fires, auto accidents with victims, entrapments, etc. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that it would benefit the residents of Green Township to have someone of his caliber responding to such emergencies. Also, in benchmarking neighboring Townships of similar size, Green Township would still have less take-home vehicles than other comparably sized Townships. Administrator Birkenhauer recommended that the Trustees approve the addition of this take-home vehicle.

Chairman Callos stated that the cost of EMS Chief Mooney using the vehicle for emergency purposes would be minimal. Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the cost would be less than \$1,000 per year, the vehicle would be one already available, and that a new vehicle would not be purchased for this purpose.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that when the economy was significantly worse, the Township instituted policies to restrict out-of-state travel and limit take-home vehicles. He stated that maybe the cuts were a little too deep, and now the Board has begun approving limited out-of-state travel. With the new EMS Chief living in Hamilton County it does make sense to approve this request from Chief Witsken.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-E

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing an easement agreement with BP Pipelines (North America) Inc. for a pipeline across the Township walking trail. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Development Director Goetzman reported that the Township hiking trail crosses the existing BP pipeline, and part of that crossing involves some storm water improvements. BP is concerned about the design and review of those installations. The referenced resolution will formalize with BP the

necessary documents permitting the hiking trail and storm water improvements within their easement.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-F

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing agreement for supplying natural gas. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the above resolution would be formalizing the agreement with Constellation for natural gas aggregation. The residents of Green Township have saved millions of dollars through the life of the aggregation program. This program allows residents to be placed on a variable rate in the summer when they are not using very much natural gas, then allows the Township to lock-in a rate during the winter months when usage and rates are much higher. The Township has not yet locked-in a price for winter at this time. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that if residents ever want to leave this program they can leave without any fees. The aggregation program is a service provided by the Township to help residents save money during the winter months by locking in a lower rate. The term of the contract would be 24 months. For each of the seasons the Township will lock-in and residents will have the opportunity to have a cap, but they can also flex-down, but the rate cannot go above the locked-in rate.

Chairman Callos stated that residents have seen significant savings with the aggregation programs.

Development Director Goetzman reported on the lighting districts in the upcoming Resolutions G through X. He reported that that every three years the lighting districts are reviewed to ensure that revenues are consistent with the cost of operating and managing the lighting district. He noted the costs of maintaining a lighting district can vary slightly based on the longevity of the lights, types of lights, and current fuel prices. Development Director Goetzman stated that the lighting districts up for renewal this year are approximately 60% of the lighting districts in Green Township. Development Director Goetzman recommended renewal of the lighting districts.

Trustee Rosiello asked if residents have a choice on what type of lighting is installed in their subdivision. Development Director Goetzman stated that initially the residents were given a choice regarding the type of lighting, however, he is beginning to see some push from Duke Energy to switch to LED lighting, but they have not done a mass roll-out yet. Any new lighting districts in the future will likely be LED lighting.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-G

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Greenoak. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-H

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Hickory Ridge. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-I

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Highlander Village. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-J

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Hutchinson Glen. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-K

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Jimjon. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-L

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Laured Place. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-M

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Leumas. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-N

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Mallard Crossing. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-O

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for North Glen. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-P

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Opengate. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-Q

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Sunburst Ridge. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-R

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Covedale. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-S

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Cloverleaf. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-T

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Orchardridge. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-U

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Kuliga Park. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-V

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Beechmeadow. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-W

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to renew the Lighting District for Westchase Park. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-X

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. 6736 Hayes Road (550-0300-0067), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 4828 Race Road (550-0110-0014), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 5168 Sidney Road (550-0041-0032), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 5175 Sidney (550-0041-0310), 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. Buy the Slice LLC, DBA Westside Bar and Grill, 6701 Ruwes Oak Suite 9 and Patio, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. The Police Chief had no objection. The Trustees had no objection.

Administrator Birkenhauer made the following announcements:

1. The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on October 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 805B, Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, to hear the following cases:

- a. Case Green #2016-09, Cathy and Nick Kreiner, Applicants and Owners, 1781 Anderson Ferry Road, for approval of a variance to allow for the modification of a condition of a Board of Zoning Appeals case that approved the construction of a 1,200 square foot garage with less side yard setback than required on the property located in a "C" Residence District.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the property is a 1+ acre lot on Anderson Ferry Road, between Sidney and Julmar. There was a previous zoning case that granted them a variance from a 25 ft. setback to a 10 ft. setback. The variance was granted subject to the garage being constructed in conformance with the plans submitted. During construction the applicant elected to build it as fully sided structure. The plans submitted during the initial variance included a front façade with brick. The Hamilton County Building Department allowed the brick to be eliminated not knowing that there was a BZA zoning condition requiring the brick façade. When the Zoning Inspector went to close the case he found that the garage had not been constructed in conformance with the plans approved by the BZA.

Development Director Goetzman reported that the garage was built with a matching roof line, has a hipped roof that does match the exterior of the existing home, and has trim and lighting that matches the house as well. The garage looks to be built in a quality manner. The side of the property is well screened. Development Director Goetzman stated that there have been no objections from adjoining property owners forwarded to the Township and recommended approval.

Attorney Hyle asked about the setback variance. Development Director Goetzman stated that the setback variance from the previous zoning case is preserved.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-Y

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case Green #2016-09 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

- b. Case Green #2016-11, Donald J. Schehr Design, Applicant, Paul and Pam Rybolt, Owners, 3574 Sandal Lane, for approval to allow for construction of a workshop addition with less side yard setback than required on the property in an "A" Residence District.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the requested variance is for construction of a new workshop addition to the home. The resulting setbacks for the side yard requirements in an "A" Residence District will not be met. The applicants purchased the property a number of years ago as a foreclosure and are looking to do a substantial improvement to the property. The workshop will wrap around the existing garage. The "A" Residence District has a 15 ft. side yard setback, however, given the nature of the lot, and the desired size of the addition, the applicant is seeking a variance to allow for an 8½ ft. setback on one side. The applicant has hired a design firm who has designed the building. It is a well thought out plan. Mr. Goetzman noted that there is a lake on the property which limits the amount of usable rear yard.

Mr. Goetzman stated that the home behind the subject property has a 20 ft. panhandle that runs the length of the side yard of the subject property. This additional area buffers the immediate next door neighbor, which is located approximately 40 ft. from the addition.

Given the nature of the lot and configuration of the addition, Development Director Goetzman recommended approval subject to construction in accordance with the plan submitted.

RESOLUTION #16-1010-Z

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case Green #2016-11 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals subject to the following condition: that the addition be constructed in conformance with the plans submitted. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that the Township has completed the transfer of \$1.7 million dollars to Huntington Bank. Fiscal Officer Straus reported that he recently completed Ethics training under the Fiscal Responsibility Act. Fiscal Officer Straus also reported that there were quite a few Police Officers and other emergency personnel at that training and asked Police Chief West if Police Department personnel are

now required to complete Ethics training. Police Chief West stated that Police Officers are required by the State of Ohio to complete 16 hours of training.

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

Township Administrator, Frank Birkenhauer, announced that the Trustees Meeting this evening is the first test of live streaming of the meetings. This meeting can be seen live online at www.tv.greentwp.org. This is an alternative to the Time Warner Cable feed. This change has been prompted because new providers such as Dish Network, Cincinnati Bell, etc. have entered the TV market. Currently there is not a way to offer Green Township residents an opportunity to watch the Trustees Meeting if they subscribe to services other than Time Warner Cable. The Township recently upgraded equipment that replaced some equipment that was 40+ years old. The new system is high-definition, under the Township's direct control, and is now feasible to provide this open access to Trustees Meeting to more people than ever before. Meetings can be watched on computers or mobile devices. Administrator Birkenhauer thanked Mike Nie and Bob Leibold for their efforts in getting this new system up and running.

Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the Duke Pipeline recently talked about in the news media does not traverse Green Township. He also reported that residents who joined the class action suit against Duke Energy a year or two ago should be receiving their minimum of \$40 minimum checks some time in November.

Administrator Birkenhauer stated that recently he represented the Colerain Township Trustees who passed a Proclamation dedicating Fort Courage last night on Michael Anthony Drive in honor of Paul Chapman, a third grader in Green Township, who is battling a rare form of brain cancer. Administrator Birkenhauer thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for coming out to support this young man.

Chairman Callos stated that the live streaming of the Trustees Meetings is another way for the Township to be transparent and allow every resident the opportunity to watch the meeting. Chairman Callos thanked Mike Nie and Bob Leibold for their efforts on this project.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that the 2016 Street Rehabilitation Program has wrapped up for this year. Mr. Lambing thanked the residents for their cooperation while getting those projects completed.

Asst. Chief Scott Souders reported in the absence of Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken. Asst. Chief Souders reported that the promotional process is continuing. There are currently three full-time positions to be filled. Three candidates for those positions, along with a candidate to fill a part-time position, will be presented for approval and swearing in at the next Trustees Meeting on October 24, 2016. Asst. Chief Souders also reported that in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month all of the Firefighters and EMS personnel are wearing pink t-shirts for the month of October.

Police Chief, Bart West, reported that the Safety Service Expo on October 1, 2016 was very successful. Chief West thanked the Firefighters for making the chili for that event. There were a few new things added this year which included a natural gas demonstration and the firearms training simulator. Chief West thanked Det. Mike Lampe and Det. Nick Goettke for their excellent work on recent rash of burglaries. Homes were being entered by burglars, who were stealing keys, and then stealing cars. The detectives were able to solve a number of cases that occurred in Green Township, Delhi Township, City of Cincinnati, West Chester, and Dearborn County, IN.

Chairman Callos thanked Det. Lampe and Det. Goettke for their fine work.

Trustee Linnenberg reminded residents to lock their homes, cars, sheds, and to keep valuable items out of view.

Chairman Callos thanked Green Township staff for their efforts in making the Safety Service Expo a success.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission examined the Valley Ridge Drive/Harrison Avenue Land Use Plan, and made some recommendations that paralleled the Township Trustees recommendations. That property is now land use designated as a commercial site, with specific implementation strategies placed on the site to help guide future development of the property.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that construction has begun on some of the Townships sidewalk projects.

He also stated that Butch Nanney is working with a contractor for the parking lot improvements at the Senior Center. That construction will begin this fall.

Trustee Linnenberg read a thank you letter.

Trustee Linnenberg reported that the new Indian restaurant on Glenway Avenue is very good. He also reported that the new Greek restaurant, Zorbas, on Glenway Avenue is now open. Trustee Linnenberg encouraged residents to visit those new restaurants.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, October 24, 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 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST: