

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on October 24, 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 October 10, 2016. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #16-1024-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 #16-1024-B

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the promotion of Joe Abel, Cody Meyer and Josh Veldhaus to Full Time Firefighter/Medics in the Department of Fire and EMS with an effective date of October 29, 2016 with starting salaries of \$16.46 per hour at the Full Time Firefighter Pay Scale. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that these hiring's were prompted by the retirement of three long-tenured employees earlier this year. Chief Witsken stated that he is very pleased to promote these Firefighters to full-time positions.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus swore in Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedics Joe Abel, Cody Meyer, and Josh Veldhaus.

Firefighters Joe Abel, Cody Meyer, and Josh Veldhaus each thanked Chief Witsken and the Board for the opportunity and introduced their family and friends that were present.

RESOLUTION #16-1024-C

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to approve travel for EMS District Chief Darren Mooney to attend EMS Today 2017 Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah from February 23, 2017 to February 25, 2017. The estimated costs to the Township are \$450 for registration, \$600 for lodging and \$450 for air travel. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1024-D

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing purchase of real property located at 2797 West Fork Road and 2804 Kleeman Road for park or green space purposes. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Development Director Goetzman stated that one property is approximately 16 acres, and the other is approximately 2 acres. Purchase of these properties is contingent upon the Township receiving a 75% grant from Ohio Public Works Commission.

RESOLUTION #16-1024-E

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing easement with Ricks Properties LLC for property at Bridgetown and Taylor Roads. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Attorney Hyle stated that Ricks Properties, LLC is the owner of Kenning's Restaurant. As part of the 5-Points construction project there will be access for the restaurant provided from New Taylor Road. Part of the driveway that will be utilized for this access is owned by Green Township. A portion of the access is located on land owned by the Township. The easement will allow Ricks Properties to access Taylor Road. It is a non-exclusive easement, so if there is another business that needs to use it they will be entitled to. After construction, maintenance will be the responsibility of Ricks Properties LLC, or any other entity that is using it.

RESOLUTION #16-1024-F

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing application for grant of 75% of acquisition cost from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for purchase of property at 2798 West Fork Road. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1024-G

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing application for grant of 75% of acquisition cost from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for purchase of property at 2101 South Road. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #16-1024-H

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

1. 6071 Johnson Road (550-0193-0037), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 3685 Muddy Creek Road (550-0131-0153), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 6412 Taylor Road (550-0240-0057), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Administrator Birkenhauer made the following announcements:

1. Halloween Trick or Treat hours are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2016.
2. VFW Post 10380 will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2016 at Veterans Park at 11:00 a.m.
3. Green Township Clean-Up Day will take place on November 19, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Kuliga Park.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that the Township recently purchased a \$500,000 step bond that starts out at 1% and goes up to 4%. If it is not called, the Township will receive a yield of 2.04%. He also reported that the Township has received a statement from the Hamilton County Auditor's Office that the Township's appropriations do not exceed the estimated resources. Currently, the net revenue for the General Fund is approximately \$3.2 million dollars, with net expenses of approximately \$3 million dollars. At this point in the year the General Fund will not be receiving much more revenue.

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

Township Administrator, Frank Birkenhauer, reported that residents have been receiving mailings from third party gas and electric providers. Administrator Birkenhauer encouraged residents to carefully compare the price per kilowatt. The current rate for the Green Township electric aggregation program is .59 kWh, which will be going down to .57 kWh in May, 2017. Recent offers from other providers are offering .58 kWh which is more than residents are paying on the Township program. The locked-in rate for the Township's natural gas aggregation program should be determined in the next two to three weeks. Residents should be receiving a letter from Constellation notifying them of what the locked-in rate will be for the next four months. Administrator Birkenhauer expects that to be a very competitive rate.

Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the North Bend Road Bridge Replacement Project will have two southbound lanes opening up in the first or second week in November.

Chairman Callos reminded residents that the Natural Gas Aggregation Program letter from Constellation will have the Green Township logo on it, and encouraged residents to look for that letter.

Administrator Birkenhauer urged residents to not give their Duke Energy account number to anyone over the telephone or to a door-to-door salesperson.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that Clean-Up Day is Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is for Green Township residents only. Contractors are not permitted. Scrap haulers are not permitted to remove items from the dumpsters. Items not accepted include: paint, stains, pesticides, herbicides, chemicals, and no appliances that contain Freon.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that he was confused as to why the Township was having a Clean-Up Day this year. The Board had previously decided to only hold Clean-Up Day every other year due to the cost and budget constraints. The Township did have a Clean-Up Day last year and he wondered why there is going to be a Clean-Up Day again this year. Public Services Director, Joe Lambing, stated that he was given a directive by the former

Administrator to schedule Clean-Up Day for 2016. Trustee Linnenberg asked how Clean-Up Day will be paid for. Chairman Callos stated that Clean-Up Day will be paid for by Community Grant Funds that are allocated specifically for projects that will benefit the residents of Green Township. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that Residential Recycling Funds can be used for items that can be recycled. Those funds would cover a substantial amount of the cost of Clean-Up Day. He also stated that the Residential Recycling Fund must be used for some type of recycled materials or recycling. Other communities use those Residential Recycling Funds to hold Clean-Up days. The expensive items to get rid of are tires. Director of Public Services Lambing made a recommendation that that Green Township apply for a discount or additional community funds to pay for the disposal of tires. Trustee Linnenberg asked that the list of restricted items not permitted at Clean-Up Day be published wherever possible.

Trustee Linnenberg encouraged residents to shred documents that are sensitive or contain personal information.

Public Services Director, Joe Lambing, reported that the traffic pattern will change at I-74 and North Bend Road on November 1, 2016, and reported that good weather has kept the project moving ahead of schedule.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, stated that he had nothing to report.

Trustee Linnenberg asked Chief Witsken about the rising number of heroin runs in Green Township. Chief Witsken reported that the number of heroin related runs is increasing. Last year the department made approximately 80 heroin related runs, this year the number looks like it will be approximately 100. Chief Witsken reported that one year ago the effects of heroin could be reversed with approximately 2 milligrams (1 dose) of Narcan. Recently, there has been a need for approximately 8 - 10 doses of Narcan due to other drugs that are mixed in with the heroin. Along with the cost of other drugs and supplies used on a heroin related emergency Chief Witsken estimated the cost to be approximately \$350.00 per overdose. Trustee Linnenberg asked if tracking is being done to determine if the overdose related runs are Green Township residents or not. Chief Witsken reported that those statistics are tracked, but are not readily available at the time. Chief Witsken stated that a large number of the heroin related runs are involving Green Township residents, and stated that he will get those numbers to the Trustees tomorrow.

Asst. Chief Jim Vetter, reported in the absence of Police Chief, Bart West. Asst. Chief Vetter stated that extra officers will be on patrol on Halloween, and asked residents to please drive slowly and be on the lookout for children. Trustee Linnenberg encouraged children to stop and say "hello" to the officers as they will have candy in their cruisers for them.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported he has received a request from Champlin Architects, architect working on behalf of the development group that is working on the CEI building on the Mercy Hospital Campus. They are seeking reconsideration of one of the development conditions contained in the Mercy Hospital Zone Change Resolution. Mr. Goetzman noted that when the zone change for the Mercy Hospital project was approved in 2009, a final site plan for the overall campus had not been developed, in fact, the total development capacity for the site was not even fully understood. To help ensure that the site would build-out in a well-planned and consistent manner, the Zone Change Resolution contained over 35 specific conditions to help manage the character of development occurring on the site. One of the conditions associated with the site contains language requiring landscaped medians in the access driveway.

Condition #14: *That vehicular entrances to all sites servicing buildings greater than 30,000 square feet shall include a boulevard style entrance including landscaped island a minimum of 10 feet in width extending through the parking field on either side of the entrance drive to separate parking lot traffic from traffic entering and exiting the site.*

That condition has become problematic. When the CEI building was first reviewed by Fire Marshal Rick Bell it was determined that the required landscape island created some problems with vehicular ingress, an important concern because of potentially high emergency call volumes associated with some medical office buildings. A detailed analysis done by the project architect showed that access to the site by some fire and delivery vehicles could be restricted by the medians. Development Director Goetzman recommended eliminating the landscape island provision in the condition. Mr. Goetzman noted that any change to the language of the Zone Change Resolution must be formally reviewed and approved by the Hamilton County Commissioners.

Development Director Goetzman recommended that the Township Trustees forward a recommendation to the Hamilton County Commissioners that the requirement for landscaped islands at the entrance to site on the Mercy Campus be revisited. After his presentation Mr. Goetzman indicated that the Trustees can move forward with that recommendation at this time or review at their next meeting.

Fire/EMS Chief Doug Witsken shared concern about turning radius for emergency vehicles.

A representative for the architect was present to answer questions.

Trustee Linnenberg, asked if there is landscaping proposed for the left or right side of the driveway. Development Director Goetzman stated that there would be landscaping next to the access driveway. He noted that the recommended language of Condition #14 would ensure that the requirement for separation between parking lots and drive aisles for additional sites on the Mercy Campus would be maintained.

Trustee Callos asked if either Trustees Rosiello or Linnenberg had an objection to proceeding with a recommendation for reconsideration at this time. They indicated that they were willing to proceed, in accordance with Mr. Goetzman's recommendations and report.

RESOLUTION #16-1024-I

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution stating that the Zone Change Resolution in Case Green #2009-06, Mercy Hospital, contains certain development conditions, the Township Trustees believe eliminating the specific reference requiring medians (Conditions for Areas; A, B, C, - #14) will not undermine the underlying intent of separating ingress/egress traffic from parking lot traffic, nor any of the remaining conditions, and that such a change is appropriate for consideration by the Hamilton County Commissioners. The Township herein recommends modified language to Condition #14 of the Board of County Commissioners Resolution as follows: **Condition #14:** *That vehicular entrances to all sites servicing buildings greater than 30,000 square feet shall include a boulevard style entrance drive to separate parking lot traffic from traffic entering and exiting the site.* Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Trustee Callos, on behalf of the Board, expressed condolences to Audrey Meyers on the loss of her daughter.

Trustee Linnenberg, Board member for the OKI Regional Council of Governments, reported that last week they voted on three items that effect Green Township. They voted on the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant, in which Green Township was awarded approximately \$4.5 million dollars towards the widening of Harrison Avenue. The Township was also awarded \$440,000 from the Ohio Transportation Alternative (OTA) Grant towards installation of sidewalks along Harrison Avenue. The Township was also awarded an OTA Grant for \$437,000 to be used for the Hike/Bike Trail. He noted that matching funds from Green Township will be required. These projects should begin in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The plus side is that the Township received OKI money, the down side to getting OKI money is that you have a lot more regulatory hurdles to go through.

Development Director Goetzman stated that Trustee Linnenberg initially encouraged the Township to apply for funds towards the 5-Points project. He noted that it takes a commitment by the Board as well as staff to pursue grant funds. He thanked Joe Lambing and Butch Nanney for their work on the 5-Points project.

He stated that the Township has also been awarded a grant for the Cheviot/Jessup project. The Township will begin easement and right-of-way acquisition for this project in early 2017.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that the grant applications are competitively graded. The Township is competing against many other jurisdictions in the region. Whoever has the highest rated project is awarded the funding. The Hike/Bike Trail was the highest rated project for the Ohio Transportation Alternative (OTA). These funds will help the Township complete some high priority projects which are crucial for the Township.

Trustee Rosiello stated that Adam's vision to widen Harrison Avenue will help the Township in many ways over the years to come as development along there continues.

Chairman Callos thanked Trustee Linnenberg for his participation on the

OKI Board. He also thanked Development Director Goetzman for his work on obtaining grant funding from OKI for multiple projects.

Trustee Linnenberg thanked Development Director Goetzman for his attendance at their meetings.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, November 14, 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: