

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on January 9, 2017 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Trustee Linnenberg announced that Trustee Callos and his wife Stacey welcomed baby girl Zoe yesterday at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Rosiello congratulated Trustee Callos and his wife on their new arrival.

Trustee Linnenberg moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of December 16, 2016. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. All voted Yes.

Coaches and players of the National Champion Sixth Grade Silver OHYA Youth Football Team were present to be recognized by the Green Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Linnenberg, on behalf of the Board, congratulated them and presented them a plaque honoring their accomplishment.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-A

Trustee Linnenberg 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: Excused.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-B

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to approve the Estimated Resources for 2017. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-C

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to approve the Annual Green Township Inventory for 2016. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-D

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to approve the Green Township Strategic Plan. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused.

Administrator, Frank Birkenhauer, stated that the Strategic Plan is a tool for the Township to use for the next 3 - 5 years in guiding the organization. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that with the recent merit increase pool that the Township is working towards in 2017, all the goals and objectives between staff and department heads are going to be geared around the Strategic Plan that was developed by the department heads and Administrator. The vision is an organization that provides responsive efficient high quality services to ensure a thriving, safe, family-friendly community. And the values agreed upon by all those that participated in this were: integrity, dedication, safety, teamwork, fiscal responsibility, empathy and respect. Those are the values that all of the Township department heads and staff are going to abide by. The goals of the plan are: infrastructure, public safety, financial stability, community identity, personnel and economic development. All of the goals and objectives are all going to go under one of these tenants. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that the Strategic Plan will

be the Township's guide for the future.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that the Strategic Plan will be provided to anyone who is interested and will likely be published in the next Township newsletter.

Trustee Rosiello stated that the Strategic Plan is a roadmap for the Township's future.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-E

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to approve the Services Agreement with Cincinnati Bell. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused.

Administrator Birkenhauer stated that he has been working with Cincinnati Bell to renegotiate the last contract for telephone and high-speed data. The new Services Agreement will save the Township money and lock-in rates for the next few years.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-F

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution authorizing out-of-state travel for Fire and EMS Chief Douglas Witsken to attend the 2017 Congressional Fire Services Symposium and Dinner in Washington, DC on April 4, 2017 and April 5, 2017. Expenses are estimated at \$350 for the registration fee and \$1,100 lodging. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, stated that the Congressional Fire Services Symposium and Dinner is an honor to attend and that President Elect Trump and Vice President Pence have been invited to speak at that event. The dinner is attended by high ranking Cabinet Officials and many members of the House of Representatives and Senate. Day one of the event will be spent at seminars, the second day he will be spending with a delegation from the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association making visits on Capitol Hill to our State Senators and Representatives from all over the State. They will be lobbying and educating them on the needs of the fire service. Chief Witsken expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-G

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

1. 3618 Lakewood Drive (550-0172-0256), Motion made by Trustee Linnenberg and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. All voted Yes.
2. 2980 North Bend Road (550-0021-0036). Motion made by Trustee Linnenberg and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. All voted Yes.
3. 5786 West Fork Road (550-0203-0004), Motion made by Trustee Linnenberg and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. All voted Yes.

Administrator Birkenhauer made the following announcements:

1. The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 805B, to hear the following case:
 - a. Case Green #2017-01, Buta Singh, Applicant and Owner, 6296 Bridgetown Road, for approval of a request for variance to

allow construction of a six foot tall privacy fence to be located in the side yard in an "A-2" Residence District.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the code permits privacy fences in the rear yard. However, the fence being currently constructed is in the side yard

Is owner installed fence and not in sturdy condition, and the owner has not provided justification for the variance.

Development Director Goetzman stated that he met with a neighboring property owner who expressed concern about the workmanship and location of the fence. He recommended that the fence be moved and installed in compliance with the Zoning Resolution.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-H

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution recommending denial of Case #Green 2017-01 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused.

2. The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on January 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 605B, to hear the following case:
 - a. Case Green #2009-06, Mercy Hospital, Brett Oberholzer, Champlin Architecture, Applicant, Mercy Hospital West, Owner, for approval to reconsider amendment to condition #14 of the Board of County Commissioners resolution Green 2009-06, Mercy Hospital, to eliminate the required entrance landscaped islands.

Development Director Goetzman stated that this case was initially brought to the Township. The request is to change one of the conditions for ingress and egress from the campus. The request came to the Township initially. The Township endorsed an amendment to condition #14 of the Board of County Commissioners Resolution Green #2009-06, Mercy Hospital, He reported that this case has now moved to the County Commissioners. The Trustees do not need to take additional action. He also stated that all of the other interior landscaping requirements for parking lots and buffering remain.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-I

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case #Green 2009-06 to the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners subject to the following conditions: That all of the other interior landscaping requirements for parking lots and buffering remain in place. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused.

3. The Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 805B, to hear the following case:
 - a. Case Green #2012-02, 6374 Bridgetown Road, Phillip Rueve, Applicant, Rueve Landscape Company, Owner, for approval to permit the reconstruction and relocation of a 3,465 one-story equipment and material storage building previously destroyed by fire with less side yard setback than required along the

eastern property line.

Development Director Goetzman reported that there was a fire at the location that damaged a storage building. The applicant is seeking permission to replace that structure. In 2012 the project was approved as an expansion and formalization of the Rueve Landscaping Company. The business had been there for approximately six years, and were looking at doing some additional storage bins, and formalizing their operation. They went through a PUD approval because it is over the ISR limits. One of the conditions of that 2012 approval was that no additional structures be permitted on the site without prior approval by the Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission.

Fire/EMS Chief Doug Witsken reported that the fire at that location was a very serious fire. A vehicle inside the garage started the fire and spread to the garage itself. The building sustained significant damage.

Development Director Goetzman stated the applicant would like to replace and reposition the building.

Development Director Goetzman recommended approval with conditions.

Trustee Linnenberg and Trustee Rosiello each stated that they support the Rueve Landscaping business.

RESOLUTION #17-0109-J

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Case #Green 2012-02 to the Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission subject to the following conditions: 1. That all the approval conditions for Case # Green 2012-02 shall remain in effect, and that the landscape buffer on the eastern property line be maintained in accordance with the plans previously approved. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that for the year ending 2016 the Township received approximately \$43.8 million dollars and expended approximately \$38.5 million dollars. He stated that if you subtract the TIF Fund and SCIP dollars the Township had an operating budget of approximately \$16.7 million dollars. In the General Fund the Township received approximately \$1.3 million dollars from the JEDD's. Fiscal Officer Straus reported that he met with Fifth Third Bank and provided the Trustees with a copy of the Portfolio Review of Township investments.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, was excused.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that there is need for Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property.

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

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that snow removal crews have been out three times this year to take care of snow and ice; park shelter reservations have begun; and he has begun driving and evaluating roadways for the 2017 Street Rehabilitation Program. He hopes to have the list of streets in need of repair finished in February.

Trustee Rosiello asked if Director Lambing is giving each street a "grade" every year. Director Lambing reported that they are "grading" each street every year so that they know which ones they will need to watch closely for possible rehabilitation the following year.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that in 2016 the department experienced a 4% increase in emergency run totals from 2015 to 2016. In 2016 there were 1,569 fire runs and 6,042 EMS runs. That is a total of 7,611 runs, or 20.8 emergency runs per day. That information is posted on the Township website.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that he reviewed the heroin run data from 2016 and would like to have the Fire/EMS Chief and the Police Chief give a report on that problem when possible.

Police Chief, Bart West, reported that the department has received provisional certification from the Ohio Collaborative. The Police Department had to submit several policies and background documents for police policies and procedures. They still have to undergo the onsite visit. There will be new policies and procedures that they will need to submit every year to stay current with the Ohio Collaborative. Chief West also reported that they have received a donation from Amvets Post #1988, and thanked the Amvets for their generous donation. Chief West also reported that they received \$8,500 from the State of Ohio to partially offset some training costs. Every year the amount of police training has been increasing and this money help to partially offset some of those costs.

Trustee Rosiello asked about progress on the Police Department Training Facility. Chief West stated that progress on the building is coming along. The block work was recently completed so now the outside is pretty much complete. The framers can now go in and finish the framing. After the framing is complete progress will occur very quickly.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported on a Land Use Plan Amendment request for a property on Ruebel Place. He stated that on December 21, 2016 the Land Use Planning Committee considered a request from Anchor Properties to change the land use designation for a single lot at 4551 Ruebel Place from Single-Family to Retail. The Land Use Planning Committee did recommend that change. It was in relationship to a potential development at the corner of Race Road and Bridgetown Road from a proposed Tim Horton's. That request is moving forward and the developer has applied for a zone change for the site.

In advance of zoning review a land use plan amendment request will be considered at the next Trustees Meeting on January 23, 2017. Mr. Goetzman stated that the Township will be sending notices to the adjoining property owners.

Trustee Rosiello stated that is happy to see that corner of Bridgetown and Race cleaned up and receive a nice development project.

Carmen Henderson Chavis, 152 Dorchester Square, Westerville, Ohio, 43081, addressed the Board. Ms. Chavis is a Public Relations representative from the statewide union office of the Ohio Laborers District Counsel. Ms. Chavis stated that she covers an area from Cincinnati to Toledo. They are a large construction union with over 20,000 members in Ohio. Many of those workers live in Hamilton County and Green Township. Ms. Chavis presented the Board with information regarding their services.

Trustee Rosiello reported the passing of Bridgetown Hardware manager Steve Meyer. Trustee Rosiello expressed his condolences to his family.

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

January 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Linnenberg made a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing purchase of property. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello, Yes; Trustee Linnenberg, Yes; Chairman Callos, Excused. The meeting was recessed at 6:10 p.m.; reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Trustee Linnenberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Excused. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST: