

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on June 12, 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, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Chairman Callos moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of May 22, 2017. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Yes.

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-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 #17-0612-B**

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

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-C**

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution declaring two 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 #17-0612-D**

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution approving the promotion of full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Rob Crone to the rank of Lieutenant, with an effective date of Saturday, June 24, 2017 at a starting pay rate of \$25.69 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fire & EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, presented information regarding the promotion of Lieutenant Rob Crone.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus swore in Lieutenant Crone.

Lieutenant Crone thanked the Board and Chief Witsken as well as family, friends and co-workers that were present.

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-E**

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the hiring of Ray Gemmell as a part-time Office Clerk, with an effective start date of June 13, 2017 at a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Chairman Callos thanked Fire Fighter Union President, Pat Gunn, as well as Rick Bell, Mike Branigan, Matt Niemer, and Ryan Schwarz, who represented the Full-Time Fire Fighters Bargaining Unit in the most recent Collective Bargaining Agreement that will be voted on later in this meeting. Chairman Callos also thanked Township Attorney Frank Hyle for his efforts on this agreement as well.

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-F**

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the hiring of Charles Revelee as a part-time Maintenance Technician at the Nathanael Greene Lodge, with an effective start date of June 20, 2017 at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Chairman Callos stated that this hiring has been discussed prior to this meeting with Development Director Adam Goetzman, who is excused from the meeting this evening. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that there had been a full-time Maintenance Technician who split his time between the Lodge and Senior Center, however, changing needs require the hiring of two part-time positions. Mr. Revelee has been selected to fill the part-time position at the Lodge.

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-G**

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Green Township Professional Firefighters Union Local 2927 I.A.F.F. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Attorney Hyle stated that part of the negotiations with the Full-Time Firefighters Bargaining Unit was negotiation of a new contract for a three year period commencing January of 2018. There was also a matter in the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is being modified to change the starting salaries and the pay plan for employees that have been hired since January 1, 2015. That change effects five individuals and is critical to the hiring and retention of quality Fire Fighters.

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-H**

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Green Township Professional Firefighters Union Local 2927 IAFF for a three year term commencing January 1, 2018. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Chairman Callos thanked Township Attorney Frank Hyle for his work on the negotiation process. Attorney Hyle stated that the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement will commence on January 1, 2018 for a three year term. Attorney Hyle thanked the Bargaining Unit representatives for their professionalism demonstrated during negotiations. Attorney Hyle thanked Chief Witsken, Asst. Chief Scott Souders and Administrator Birkenhauer, who were also representatives of the negotiation team, and commended them on their ability to reach common ground. Attorney Hyle stated that this is a good contract for all parties. Chairman Callos thanked Administrator Birkenhauer for his work keeping the Board updated during the negotiation process.

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-I**

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution directing the Township Administrator to send formal notice to Sherrill Morgan terminating the agreement between the parties, with termination occurring thirty days after the Notice of Termination is received by representatives of Sherrill Morgan. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the Board has charged him with looking at all of the contracts for services that the Township currently has. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that the Township has some unique needs and opportunities with the Care Here Clinic that will be coming soon. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that he believes switching to a different Health Care Consultant would be in the best interest of the Township.

Chairman Callos stated that the cost savings is important to provide a greater level of medical services to Township employees. Chairman Callos stated that there will be a separate resolution hiring another Health Care Consultant at an upcoming meeting.

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-J**

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing an agreement with Playground Equipment Services LLC for design and construction of the playground at West Fork Park. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the old playground structure at West Fork park has passed its useful life expectancy, therefore, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was put out for services to construct a new playground. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that there were several very good proposals submitted and reported that staff has recommended Playground Equipment Services, as they provided the best plan for Green Township and all of its residents. Chairman Callos thanked all of the companies who submitted proposals for the project, and stated that the new playground will be a premier playground in the region.

**RESOLUTION #17-0612-K**

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. 5484 Audro Drive (550-0070-0095), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.
2. 6121 & 6133 Colerain Avenue (550-0011-0033 and 550-0011-0034), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.
3. 3605 Hader Avenue (550-0061-0417), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.
4. 3434 Marcella Drive (550-0172-0413), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.
5. 4194 Rybolt Road (550-0233-0054), Motion made by Chairman Callos

and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.

Township Attorney Hyle stated that the property located at 4194 Rybolt Road is owned by Penny Mac Loan Services, located in Thousand Oaks, California. He also stated that this property has been declared a nuisance in the past.

6. 5514 Sidney Road (550-0143-0152), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.
7. 6909 Taylor Road (550-0300-0079), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.
8. 6982 Taylor Road (550-0300-0043), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.
9. 4094 West Fork Road (550-0102-0050), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Yes.

Administrator Birkenhauer made the following announcements:

1. The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 805B, Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, to hear the following case:
  - a. Case Green #2017-02, Harrison and Belclare Training Center, Dave Hummel, Belclare Properties LLC, Applicant and Owner, 6302 Harrison Avenue, for approval of a Major PUD Adjustment in order to eliminate Condition #11 of the approved PUD plan.

Administrator Birkenhauer stated that representatives from Our Lady of Visitation are present to discuss the recommendations made by the Trustees to help the neighboring property owner with buffering.

Dan Wright, Attorney, on behalf of the Parish, 312 Walnut Street, Suite #1800, Cincinnati, OH, stated that the Parish has recently submitted for a Conditional Use approval for an expansion of the Parish that would include additional parking, among other things. That hearing was held at the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals in May. There were recommendations made by the Trustees and Hamilton County BZA, as well as suggestions made by a neighbor who was not in favor of the plan. Attorney Wright stated that the Parish has gone back to the drawing board to modify the plan to incorporate the suggested changes. Attorney Wright stated that the Parish supports all of the recommended changes and even made some additional changes. The original plan showed 16 parking spaces that were objected to. The new plan removes all 16 spaces as well as some additional internal spaces. The net reduction is 59 fewer parking spaces than originally planned. The original plan had a 10 ft. buffer (Type A) which was requested to be changed to a 30 ft. buffer (Type B) along those 16 parking spaces. The Parish has changed the buffer to 35 ft. to increase the buffer. Along that same boundary the original plan was for a 10 ft. buffer. The Parish has changed that to a 15 ft. buffer. The new plan includes significant additional landscaping with many more trees. Attorney Wright stated that the Parish has met and exceeded the requested changes to the plan and asked the Board for a letter to Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals in support of the modified plan. Attorney Wright requested that someone from the Township be in attendance at the next Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting in order to voice support for the new plan.

Fr. Mark Burger and Business Manager, Leslie House, were present to answer any questions from the Board.

Chairman Callos thanked Attorney Wright for the update.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that sidewalks are currently being installed along Bridgetown Road and stated that he would like to see the sidewalks be installed down South Road all the way to Our Lady of Visitation. Trustee Linnenberg asked that the landscaping plan take into consideration the potential installation of sidewalks in the future.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that the new plan will be 59 less parking spaces than the original plan, but asked how many additional spaces will be added to the current parking space numbers.

Attorney Wright stated that the total net increase will be 104 additional parking spaces.

Trustee Linnenberg stated his support for the new plan.

Trustee Rosiello stated that he is pleased to see growth occurring in the Visitation Parish. Trustee Rosiello stated his support for the new plan.

Chairman Callos asked Attorney Hyle to send a letter to the County Board of Zoning Appeals in support of the revised plan. Attorney Hyle stated that he can have the letter of support to the County before their meeting on Wednesday.

Administrator Birkenhauer stated that Development Director Goetzman will not be in town on Wednesday, however, the plan definitely exceeds expectations and commended them on the plan revisions.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that the Township moved \$2 million dollars out of Star Plus and purchased a Fannie Mae Bond which will receive 170 basis points. He also stated that he recently met with Fifth Third Bank to review investments. He reported that currently the Township holds approximately 60% in Callable Agency Bonds and about 40% in Certificates of Deposit. They also analyzed when those bonds are coming due, most of which come due in 2018, so he did extend the length of some of the bonds. Currently, there are 61 different holdings at Fifth Bank. The Township also has investments with Huntington Bank.

Trustee Rosiello asked Fiscal Officer Straus about the auditors that come every two years and asked if they have any recommendations regarding investments that he makes.

Fiscal Officer Straus stated that the auditors do not tell him where to invest funds, but they do report that you are compliant with the law.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated that there is need for Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property and employment of personnel.

Township Administrator, Frank Birkenhauer, announced that Saturday, June 24, 2017 is the Center for Addiction Treatment Annual Cat Walk at Veterans Park. The Cat Walk is a family-friendly 5K Walk fundraiser to benefit the Center for Addiction Treatment. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and will feature games, activities, raffles, food, and fun. He encouraged residents to come and join in that event. Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the Township will be hosting the annual Concert and Fireworks event on July 3, 2017 at Kuliga Park. He stated that the event should be great and encouraged everyone to attend.

Chairman Callos stated that the Concert and Fireworks event is a great event for the community and they will be announcing event sponsors at their next meeting.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that the sidewalk installation along Bridgetown Road is moving along really well and stated that completion should occur within the next two weeks. He also reported that the Westbourne, Werk and Glenway Avenue renovation being done by the State of Ohio is nearly complete and looks very nice.

Chairman Callos stated that the North Bend Road Bridge Replacement over I-74 is moving along quickly and is progressing into its final stages. Chairman Callos stated that he is very pleased with that project. The project is not complete, but is ahead of schedule, and so far the project has gone very smoothly.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, updated the Board on efforts to fill the four vacant full-time firefighter positions that are currently vacant due to recent retirements, with another one retiring shortly, leaving five full-time vacant positions by the end of this month. The positions were posted last week and the hiring process will be accelerated due to the number of vacancies to be filled. Chief Witsken hopes to have five candidates ready to be presented to the Board for approval at the second Trustees Meeting in July.

Police Chief, Jim Vetter, updated the Board on the recent incident on Jessup Road. Chief Vetter stated that he has received an outpouring of support for the Officers involved and thanked everyone for their support. Chief Vetter suggested that the Officers involved attend the next Trustees Meeting so that they can be recognized for their commendable efforts.

Chairman Callos stated that at the June 26<sup>th</sup> Trustee Meeting the Board would like to have the Officers attend the meeting so that they may be recognized for their bravery and the professional manner they

demonstrated during a terrible situation. Chairman Callos praised all of the Officers from Green Township and Hamilton County that worked in partnership for many hours to bring that situation to a close. Chairman Callos asked Chief Vetter to pass along their sincere appreciation for the excellent job that they do every day.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that he will not be in attendance at the next Trustees Meeting. He stated that watching the video of the shootout is very hard and commended Officers for the amazing job they did. Trustee Linnenberg stated that he is glad that the Board made the decision to purchase the cruiser cameras and body cameras, and this incident showed exactly why those were so important as they showed how great the Officers responded during a critical situation.

Trustee Rosiello stated that the video from the car cameras and body cameras showed clearly that the Officers were receiving fire and firing back. The video clearly showed an incredible level of professionalism exhibited by the Officers involved and he stated that he is very proud of all the Officers involved. Trustee Rosiello stated that Green Township is a very safe community thanks to the Green Township Police Department as well as the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, was excused from the meeting.

Trustee Linnenberg read a thank you letter.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Callos made a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property and employment of personnel. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello, Yes; Trustee Linnenberg, Yes; Chairman Callos, Yes. The meeting was recessed at 6:12 p.m.; reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Chairman Callos moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Yes; Chairman Callos: Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST: