

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on June 26, 2017 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

TAX BUDGET HEARING 5:30 P.M.:

The legal notice for the 2018 Township Tax Budget Hearing was published on June 8, 2017 in the Cincinnati Court Index Press.

Administrator Frank Birkenhauer reported that the Budget Committee consisted of Chief Finance Officer, Asst. Administrator, and Administrator Birkenhauer. The Budget Committee met with each Department Head to discuss their needs and Capital Improvements for 2018. Administrator Birkenhauer stressed that safety services are their main priority. The Committee then met with the Fiscal Officer and each Trustee. Administrator Birkenhauer reported that the Township is in pretty good financial shape and is keeping close watch on the General Fund. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that Asst. Administrator Goetzman did a great job working on projections to preserve the General Fund for the future.

Chairman Callos thanked Administrator Frank Birkenhauer, Asst. Administrator Goetzman, Finance Officer Linda Griswold, and the Department Heads for their hard work preparing the budget. Chairman Callos stated that the Township is on solid financial footing.

There were no questions regarding the 2018 Tax Budget.

Chairman Callos motioned to adjourn the 2018 Green Township Tax Budget Hearing. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Chairman Callos moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of June 12, 2017. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. All voted Yes.

Chairman Callos stated that Deputy Nick Price, Deputy James Whitacre, Officer Joe Smith, Officer Scott Celender, Officer Jeremy Richmond and Officer Russ Schuckmann who were present to be recognized by the Green Township Trustees for their bravery and professionalism displayed during an incident that occurred on May 28, 2017. Chairman Callos stated that he is proud of the Joint partnership between the Green Township Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

Police Chief Jim Vetter stated that there was an incident on Sunday morning on May 28, 2017. Officers were dispatched to a Neighbor Trouble run which is a fairly common run, however, when Officers arrived the incident turned into quite a dangerous situation. Chief Vetter stated that after reviewing all of the cruiser and body camera video he stated that the Officers and Deputies involved displayed professionalism and handled the situation with such bravery that it warranted an opportunity to recognize and thank the Officers for the great job they did during that incident.

Chief Vetter played excerpts of the video from the 5 ½ hour ordeal that show the incredibly dangerous situation the Officers and Deputies were confronted with. Chief Vetter stated that no one panicked and they all worked together very efficiently as a team throughout the incident. This incident came to a peaceful conclusion with no one being injured and the suspect being arrested.

Chief Vetter stated that the Officers and Deputies involved will be receiving a Challenge Coin and read the following statement: "Tonight you are receiving the Green Township Police Department Challenge Coin in recognition of your performance during an incident that occurred on May 28, 2017 at 5900 Jessup Road in Green Township, Ohio. During this incident you completed your duties with a high degree of courage and professionalism and were instrumental in bringing an exceptionally dangerous situation to a peaceful conclusion. You showed amazing bravery while under gun fire from a dangerous suspect. You kept your composure and were able to work with your fellow Officers to ensure the dangerous suspect was captured without a loss of life. And please tonight accept this Challenge Coin as a token of our appreciation for a job well done".

Chairman Callos stated that the courage, bravery, professionalism, and calmness under such extreme pressure is truly inspirational. Chairman Callos stated that he was driving near that area that day and saw a news crew vehicle heading in that direction, and shortly thereafter received a call from Administrator Birkenhauer regarding the incident. Chairman Callos stated that he was updated regularly during the incident and thanked the Officers for the professionalism they displayed. Chairman Callos stated that as a Board and as a community they could not be more proud of every Officer involved.

Trustee Rosiello stated that every day Police Officers are faced with unknown situations and stated that he couldn't be more proud of the Green Township Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Trustee Rosiello stated that the residents and businesses in Green Township are the beneficiaries of what they do each and every day. Trustee Rosiello stated that he is proud of the great job they do every day and he is pleased to bring the Officers safely to the meeting to honor them.

Chief Vetter stated that there are representatives from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office present at the meeting. Chief Vetter introduced Major Tom Corbett, Capt. Rick Neville, PIO Mike Robinson, Capt. Tony Orue. Chief Vetter thanked them for their attendance at the meeting.

Challenge Coins were then presented to Deputy Nick Price, Deputy James Whitacre, Officer Joe Smith, Officer Scott Celender, Officer Jeremy Richmond and Officer Russ Schuckmann.

Maj. Corbett thanked Chief Vetter and the Green Township Board of Trustees for the honor, and expressed his appreciation for including their Deputies in the Challenge Coin presentation. Maj. Corbett stated that there really is a great cooperative effort between the Green Township Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Maj. Corbett stated that this incident exploded quickly on the Officers involved and they were able to deescalate the situation and were able to bring the incident to conclusion with no Officers being injured and the suspect taken into custody without injury. Maj. Corbett again thanked the Board for honoring his personnel.

Maj. Corbett stated that he spent approximately eight years as a Patrol Officer in Green Township and has a special love and relationship with Green Township.

Chairman Callos thanked the family members of the Officers and Deputies being honored this evening, as well as other Officers present to show their support. Chairman Callos stated that it was an honor to recognize the Officers involved in this incident, but thanked them for the service they provide to our community each and every day. Chairman Callos

thanked the Officers on behalf of the Board and the approx. 60,000 residents of Green Township.

RESOLUTION #17-0626-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: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #17-0626-B

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the 2018 Tax Budget. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes.

RESOLUTION #17-0626-C

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the hiring of Dan Gallagher as a Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic at pay grade PM-5 with a start date of July 8, 2017. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Fire & EMS Chief reported that Dan Gallagher has been a full-time employee of the Green Township Fire & EMS Department for 28 years. Firefighter Gallagher will be retiring on Wednesday, May 28, 2017, however, he has expressed a desire to stay on with the Department for a few more years and work in a part-time capacity, at a lower rate of pay, and without the benefits of a full-time position. Chief Witsken stated that he is pleased that Firefighter Gallagher will remain with the Department to share his years of experience and train younger Firefighters.

RESOLUTION #17-0626-D

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution appointing Thomas Dunn as a member of Northeast Green Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Attorney Hyle stated that Tom Dunn is present at the meeting and reported that Mr. Dunn has vast experience in the building and architectural industry has agreed to sit on the Northeast Green Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Dunn lives in the Northeast Green Township area and was the architect involved in the planning of the Township Administration building when the Township purchased it approximately 25 years ago. Attorney Hyle stated that he is pleased that Mr. Dunn has agreed to serve.

Chairman Callos thanked Mr. Dunn for his willingness to serve on the Northeast Green Township Board of Zoning Appeals.

RESOLUTION #17-0626-E

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing contract with the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners for the improvements to Westwood-Northern Boulevard, School Section Road and Race Road. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Chairman Callos stated that he is looking forward to the process of getting those much needed road repairs moving forward.

Attorney Hyle stated that the contract with Hamilton County is a joint effort between the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, the

City of Cheviot and Green Township. The contract clearly defines the Townships' share in the agreement, subject to the Grant being received.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the Townships' role in this is strictly to facilitate the sidewalk installation. The road rehabilitation of the portion of the project is being undertaken by the City of Cheviot and Hamilton County Engineer jointly. The County Engineer will be administering the project. Mr. Goetzman noted that the Township will not have day-to-day involvement with the project, except for the installation of the sidewalk.

RESOLUTION #17-0626-F

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to accept the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission (HCRPC) Proposal to perform professional and technical services to update the Green Township Land Use Plan for a fee of \$6,814.15. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Development Director Goetzman stated that by statute the Township is required to review the Township's Land Use Plan periodically. He noted that there have been a few recent modifications to the Land Use Plan and it is advisable to reexamine the plan in a more comprehensive manner.

Development Director Goetzman stated that Hamilton County has always done a very good job updating the Land Use Plan. It is ultimately the County's plan for the Township and they take care of the enforcement and implementation of the plan. Development Director Goetzman recommended that Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission perform the update of the Green Township Land Use Plan.

RESOLUTION #17-0626-G

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing agreement with MSK2 LLC, dba MKSK for services in connection with the Harrison/Rybolt Road and North Bend Road Interchange Gateway Improvements. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Chairman Callos stated that the Resolution pertains to improvements to the major gateways to Green Township.

Administrator Birkenhauer reported that an RFQ was put out, Engineering firms were rated, and MKSK was ranked #1 by the committee, which consisted of Frank Birkenhauer, Joe Lambing and Adam Goetzman. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that MKSK has been involved in most of the major gateway projects along the I-75 corridor, and that MKSK does wonderful work and will create a beautiful entranceway that is sure to make a great first impression on visitors, residents and employees that pull off that highway in Green Township.

Trustee Rosiello stated that a Gateway Improvement Project has been discussed many times and is necessary to the economic growth of Green Township.

(Resolutions H and I were taken out of order)

RESOLUTION #17-0626-I

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Township Police Officers, Corporals and Sergeants to modify the present Collective Bargaining Agreement. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion.

Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes.

Attorney Hyle stated that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) addresses the cruiser camera and body camera policies, and modifies each policy to address the effective date on any modifications to either policy in the future.

In consideration of this change the Union will be withdrawing the Unfair Labor Practice Charge that they initiated with the State of Ohio Public Relations Board. That would be dismissed.

RESOLUTION #17-0626-H

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. 5800 Cheviot Road (550-0083-0184), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. All voted Yes.
2. 5920 Cheviot Road (550-0083-0281), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. All voted Yes.
3. 4020 Jessup Road (550-0092-0045), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. All voted Yes.
4. 5623 Jessup Road (550-0002-0079), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. All voted Yes.

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

- a. Wicked Good Pub and Grill LLC, 6032 Cheviot Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. The Police Chief had no objection. The Trustees had no objection.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that he recently met with Huntington Bank to review investments and develop a strategy on how to invest funds with the interest rates varying. He also spoke with Fifth Third Bank regarding electronic deposits. The cost to the Township would be approximately \$95 per month, however, this process allows the funds to transfer immediately into the bank account. There would also be a little reduction on costs of checks we do send in this manner. He will be looking further into electronic bill payments for some of the Township's vendors.

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

Township Administrator, Frank Birkenhauer, reported that he received a call today notifying him that the Mayfield Neurological & Spine group will be building a new state-of-the-art Class A Office in Green Township on Harrison Avenue, next to Lowe's. Administrator Birkenhauer stated that years ago EMS patients requested to be taken to Clifton, however, Green Township has now distinguished itself as a true destination with nationally recognized healthcare providers such as the Children's/Christ Medical Office Building, Mercy Hospital, Tri-Health, Beacon Orthopedics, and now Mayfield group, which is nationally known for their work in neurological and spine disorders. He stated that with all of the hospital and healthcare locations it is even more important that the gateway projects take place because there will be people from all over the region coming for quality healthcare in Green Township.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that sidewalks on Bridgetown Road from South Road to the library have been completed in plenty of time for the upcoming July 3rd Concert & Fireworks Event. He

also reported that the Ohio Department of Transportation completed the Westbourne, Glenway & Lawrence Road projects.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that he has received news from the American Heart Association that the Green Township Fire & EMS Department has been recognized by the Heart Association for Excellence in Pre-Hospital Care for heart attack patients for the fourth year in a row. Chief Witsken stated that in years past, when the Township has received that recognition, the American Heart Association has had representatives present, however, they were not present at this meeting. Chief Witsken stated that the American Heart Association has nationally established protocols for care of heart patients in the pre-hospital setting, and the Heart Association promulgates those standards. The Fire & EMS Department has submitted evidence that it meets those standards required to be given the Mission Lifeline Award. This is the second year in a row that the Fire & EMS Department has received that award as well. Second year in a row at the highest level of that award. Chief Witsken stated that these recognitions by the American Heart Association are a testament to Green Township's Firefighter/Paramedics and the work they are doing in the field. It is also a testament to District Chief Darren Mooney's work in recording data and submitting that data to the American Heart Association so that the Department can receive that award. The award is very prestigious and there are not many departments locally or in the State that receive the award. Chief Witsken stated that he is very proud to share that news with the Board.

Police Chief, Jim Vetter, stated that he nothing to report.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that survey work will be starting on the Harrison Avenue Improvement Project area, between Arby's and Wesselman Road. He noted that the survey work will need to be completed before engineering can begin. The project is not scheduled for construction for several years.

Chairman Callos announced that the July 3rd Concert & Fireworks Event will be held next Monday at Kuliga Park. He stated that this is a great event for the community and encouraged everyone to take advantage of this great family-friendly event. Chairman Callos also stated that the event is made possible due to many sponsors that contribute to the event each year. Chairman Callos thanked Mercy Health West, Fifth Third Securities, Dave Backer Auto, JMA Consultants, Queen City Pyro, and MSA Architects for their generous financial sponsorship of the Concert & Fireworks Event.

Trustee Rosiello reported that the public and private partnerships are necessary to keep the Concert & Fireworks Event going and Green Township is very fortunate to have sponsors that contribute to the event year after year. Trustee Rosiello spoke about Charles and Erlene Wurster who built many projects in the area many years ago. The Wursters passed several years ago, however, their children, Charlie Wurster, Bob Wurster, and Charlene Mohr contribute to the Concert & Fireworks Event to honor their parents. Trustee Rosiello gave a special kudos to Jennifer Barlow and each of the Township Departments for all of their hard work on making the event great. Trustee Rosiello stated that he will be praying for good weather.

Trustee Rosiello read several thank you letters.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Callos moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Rosiello: Yes; Trustee Linnenberg: Excused; Chairman Callos: Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

ATTEST: