

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on September 25, 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 September 11, 2017. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Yes.

Chairman Callos stated that this is the last Board of Trustees Meeting for Chief Witsken.

Chief Witsken stated that he has worked for Green Township his entire adult life. The Chief expressed his pleasure and honor of working for the Fire & EMS Department for so many years. The Chief thanked the Board of Trustees. The Chief thanked the citizens of Green Township for their continued support through approving tax levies, items delivered to the department and thank you letters.

Chairman Callos praised the leadership of Chief Witsken and expressed his appreciation to the Chief.

Trustee Linnenberg complimented Chief Witsken on his budgeting skills and expressed his appreciation to the Chief.

Trustee Rosiello praised Chief Witsken for his ability to train and lead his department to success.

Fiscal Officer Straus praised Chief Witsken for his leadership ability and respect received by so many people during his career. Fiscal Officer Straus wished the Chief good luck.

Chairman Callos stated that Mr. Souders was extremely qualified for this position and will do well in this advancement within the Green Township Fire & EMS Department.

Trustee Linnenberg stated he has trust in Mr. Souders and that he believes Mr. Souders deserves this promotion.

Trustee Rosiello expressed his pleasure with the fact the Mr. Souders will now be leading the Fire & EMS Department. Trustee Rosiello believes the residents of Green Township will benefit from Mr. Souder's experience.

Fiscal Officer Straus wished Mr. Souders good luck and stated that Mr. Souders will do a great job as Chief.

RESOLUTION #17-0925-A

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution to appoint Scott Souders as Township Fire & EMS Chief effective September 30, 2017 and with pay rate of \$106,000 per year. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus swore in Fire & EMS Chief Scott Souders.

New Green Township Fire & EMS Chief Scott Souders thanked his family, former Chief Witsken, former Chief Rutenschroer, friends and co-workers for their support and guidance. Chief Souders stated his desire to continue to advance the Fire & EMS Department.

RESOLUTION #17-0925-B

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the financial reports. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #17-0925-C

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Hamilton County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for 2018. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #17-0925-D

Chairman Callos moved to pass a resolution adopting Green Township Emergency Operations Plan. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Chief Witsken gave an overview of the Green Township Emergency Operations Plan.

RESOLUTION #17-0925-E

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. 3665 Coral Gables Road (550-0172-0021), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. The resolution passed unanimously.
2. 3685 Muddy Creek Road (550-0131-0153), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. The resolution passed unanimously.
3. 3142 North Bend Road (550-0062-0087), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. The resolution passed unanimously.
4. 3856 Virginia Court (550-0170-0271), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. The resolution passed unanimously.
5. 5065 Western Hills Avenue (550-0041-0412), Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. The resolution passed unanimously.

Trustee Callos introduced Ms. Kim Clark, Vice President of Programming for the Council on Aging.

Ms. Clark discussed the details of the Hamilton County funded Elderly Services Program. The program provides services such as Meals on Wheels, home care assistance and transportation to serve older adults and assist their families. This program is available to Green Township senior citizens. Ms. Clark gave an overview of the costs associated with the services and the need for a levy as well as the details of the levy that will be voted on in November. Details about the Elderly Services Program can be located on the Council on Aging's website or by calling 721-1025.

Administrator Birkenhauer stated that Green Township has the second highest amount of clients in the program.

Trustee Rosiello and Trustee Linnenberg complimented the program for its work with families as far as costs and savings.

Chairman Callos introduced Mr. Ed Wortman from Mack Fire Inc.

Mr. Wortman expressed his good wishes to Chief Witsken and presented the Chief with a gift. Mr. Wortman expressed his excitement to continue to work with Mr. Scott Souders as the new Fire & EMS Chief of Green Township.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus stated that the Township made TIF payments in the amount of \$4.1 million to Oak Hills, \$1.6 million to Northwest, \$338,000 to Great Oaks Vocational and \$441,000 to Cincinnati Public Schools. The Township purchased a \$500,000 Callable Bond.

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

Township Administrator, Frank Birkenhauer reminded residents that on October 7th the Safety Services Expo will take place at the Township Administration Building and Best of the West will take place on September 28th at the Nathanael Greene Lodge.

Township Administrator Birkenhauer stated that he was pleased to have worked with Chief Witsken.

Chairman Callos mentioned the Safety Services Expo will take place from 11:00 to 3:00 on October 7th at the Administration Building. Chili will be served.

Director Lambing stated that the Veterans Park restrooms have been demolished to make way for new, larger restrooms to be built in the next few months. The playground construction at West Fork Park is progressing nicely. The Pickle Ball Court construction at Bicentennial Park is also progressing well. Taylor Road at the Five Points Intersection will be closed beginning October 2nd. Powner Road will be used for the detour. Mack Road will be closed as well. Signs will be posted to direct the detour.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that Van Blaricum will be corrected in 2018 by Hamilton County.

Fire & EMS Chief, Doug Witsken expressed his appreciation to the Board. Chief Witsken complimented new Chief of Fire & EMS Scott Souders for his dedication and loyalty to the department.

Chairman Callos stated that Chief Witsken is leaving the department of Fire & EMS in great condition.

Police Chief, Jim Vetter stated that he had nothing to report. In response to Fiscal Officer Straus' concern about car break-ins in Bicentennial Park, Chief Vetter stated that there have only been a few random car break-ins in Bicentennial Park.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman stated that there will be eight Lighting Districts to be updated at the next Trustees Meeting. There was a public staff conference last week for the project on Wesselman Road that will be rescheduled to early October due to neighbor notification error. A Rural Zoning Commission project will be discussed at the next meeting concerning the Renaissance West expansion located on West Fork Road.

Director of Development Goetzman wished Chief Witsken congratulations and good luck.

Trustee Linnenberg read a thank you letter to Officer Dorsey concerning his work on an auto accident that took place in front of Ron's Roost Restaurant.

Fiscal Officer Straus relayed a verbal thank you to Chief Vetter for helping a resident with an auto problem. Fiscal Officer Straus relayed a verbal thank you to Director of Development Goetzman and Fire Marshal Rick Bell for helping a resident.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 5:30 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 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST: