

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on January 12, 2009 was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Winkler, present; Trustee Upton, present; Trustee Linnenberg, present; Fiscal Officer Straus was not present, but will be present at 5:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-A

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution appointing Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, as acting clerk in the absence of Fiscal Officer Straus. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

Chairman Winkler moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye; Trustee Winkler: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 4:32 p.m.; reconvened at 5:28 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Winkler, present; Trustee Upton, present; Trustee Linnenberg, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Trustee Upton moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of December 15, 2008. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Discussion was requested. Trustee Upton withdrew his motion for approval of the minutes.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-B

Trustee Upton moved to suspend voting on approval of the minutes of December 15, 2008 until further discussion can take place. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-C

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the financial reports as submitted. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-D

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to approve the Estimated Resources for 2009. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-E

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to approve the promotion of Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Carraher to the rank of Lieutenant effective Saturday, January 17, 2009. He will remain assigned to Unit 2 Station #107. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

Fiscal Officer Straus swore in Lt. Nick Carraher. Lt. Carraher introduced his family that was present.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-F

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to reappoint Tony Upton, Kevin Celarek, Ron Weidner, Greg Thesing and Jack Snyder to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board of which Tony Upton will serve as Chairman and Greg Thesing will serve as Secretary. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-G

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to hire the Sullivan & Janszen Band for Saturday, August 15, 2009 for the 2009 Summer Concert Series and authorizing the Township Administrator to sign the contract after review and approval from the Township Attorney. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-H

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to hire Saffire Express for Friday, July 3, 2009 for the 2009 Summer Concert Series and authorizing the Township Administrator to sign the contract after review and approval by the Township Attorney. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-I

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to hire Wurzelbacher Staging & Construction, Inc. for the 2009 Summer Concert Series and authorizing the Township Administrator to sign the contract after review and approval by

the Township Attorney. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0112-J

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

1. 3178 Mary Jane Drive (550-0064-0138,) Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 3662 Monfort Heights Drive (550-0072-0063), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

The Ohio Department of Liquor Control has sent notice of application from Devish, Inc., DBA White Oak Marathon, 6050 Cheviot Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. Police Chief West had no objection. The Trustees will not request a hearing.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. There will be a Land Use Planning Committee Meeting on Monday, January 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Green Township Administration Building for Parcel 550-0320-0034 located at 6946 Harrison Avenue filed by John Anevski to review a Land Use Plan Amendment request for the above referenced property. The site is currently designated as Transitional Mixed-Use; the request would change the site to Neighborhood Retail.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, stated that for the year 2008 the Township has received \$39.3 million dollars and spent \$36.8 million dollars. The General Fund received \$5.4 million dollars and spent \$5.3 million dollars. The Township has received notice from the Ohio Department of Taxation and the Ohio Township Association that due to the worsening financial conditions in the State that the Township should budget to receive 8 to 10% less from the Local Government Fund. Also, Clark, Shaffer & Hackett has been approved to perform the Township's annual audit.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated need for Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and acquisition of property.

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that this spring Duke Energy will begin clearing of trees from their main transmission lines, which are high tension wires on wooden poles. This clearing will take place along major roadways. If anyone has problems with the clearing work being performed please notify Kevin Celarek at Green Township Administration. Administrator Celarek also reported that Metro has discontinued the Bridgetown Road loop section of Route #33. This decision was made by Metro based on low ridership.

Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, stated that there have been reports concerning the amount of reimbursement from FEMA that municipalities would be receiving from the clean up of the September 14, 2008 wind storm. Thanks to the fact that the Green Township Trustees approved the expenditure of funds for overtime, a tub grinder, and the hiring of part time seasonal workers, Green Township was able to take care of the clean up efforts in a timely and cost effective manner. Therefore, it is anticipated that Green Township will be reimbursed by FEMA for approximately 75% of its costs from the wind storm clean up.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, stated that the Hamilton County Regional Planning Committee met on Thursday, January 8, 2009 to hear the Land Use Amendment request for property located at 3208 & 3210 West Fork Road. Regional Planning did approve the Land Use Amendment request. Mr. Goetzman stated that originally the Township sent 16 conditions to Regional Planning. Regional Planning combined some of those and removed one associated with the number of beds. However, by in large, they did endorse the conditions sent by the Township. The Township will have to be vigilant reviewing details of the final development proposal during the Zone Change process that will begin in March, 2009.

Fire Chief, Doug Witsken, stated that this month the Fire Department is instituting a mandatory fitness plan for all of its full-time firefighters. The department is working with Chiropractor Todd Elwert who has experience in Functional Movement Screening. Dr. Elwert will be screening the full-time firefighters and recommending exercise programs. The firefighters will be required to complete those exercises during each shift that they work. In other jurisdictions, this program has proven to lower injury rates.

Police Chief, Bart West, addressed the cuts being made by the Hamilton County Sheriff and wanted to assure the citizens of Green Township that the Green Township Police Department will make certain that all six beats will be covered 24 hrs. per day, seven days a week. Therefore, there is no need to worry that protection coverage will be lower.

Lt. Mike Horton, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, stated that he had nothing to report.

Trustee Upton thanked Chairman Winkler and the staff at Green Township for all of their hard work on trying to resolve the issue of elimination of Hamilton County Sheriff's patrols within the Township.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that he and Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, met with Tony Parrott of the Metropolitan Sewer District to discuss the status of the planned construction of a sewage treatment plant at Werk and Westbourne. Trustee Linnenberg stated that MSD has assured them that the construction of a sewage treatment plant at that location is still a high priority. That plant should be up and running sometime in 2011 or 2012, provided that EPA approval is received.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Upton moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and acquisition of property. Action may be anticipated. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye; Trustee Winkler: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 5:48 p.m.; reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Upton moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.