

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on January 26, 2009 was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Trustee Linnenberg moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing purchase of property, personnel matters, and collective bargaining issues. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 4:30 p.m.; reconvened at 5:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Linnenberg moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of December 15, 2008. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Trustee Upton moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 12, 2009. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0126-A

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

RESOLUTION #09-0126-B

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Green Township Professional Fire Fighters Union Local #2927 I.A.F.F. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

Chairman Winkler announced that discussion will take place regarding the Green Township Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Patrols.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that after much discussion an agreement has been reached with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department whereas Green Township will pay for six Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies and Sheriff Simon Leis will provide the Township with six additional Officers at no charge, plus half of one Lieutenant. This agreement will be on a month to month basis. Trustee Linnenberg stated that this may be a short term solution as they continue to look at different ways to expand our Police Department and provide the residents with excellent police services.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. There will be a Public/Staff Review conference on a zoning amendment on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Green Township Administration Building, 6303 Harrison Avenue, 45247, concerning an application for a zone change from "A-2" Residence to "DD" Planned Multiple Residence for the two properties located on the north side of West Fork Road (3208 & 3210) for the purpose of constructing a 99-bed, single story nursing home facility (550-0074-0007 & 550-0074-0008). The purpose of the conference is to gather information and facts on how the proposed change will affect the general welfare of the community. Information from the conference will be utilized in the staff's recommendation to the Regional Planning Commission, Rural Zoning Commission, and Board of County Commissioners should the applicant choose to proceed.

The complete application may be reviewed between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in room 807 at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 E. Court Street, 45202. Staff members are available to answer questions at #946-4451.

2. On February 9, 2009, the Trustees will hold a Land Use Plan meeting 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 we have taken in \$2.1 million dollars and spent \$1.5 million dollars. Fortunately we received \$1.9 million dollars in estate taxes from one large estate. The Township has \$9.6 million dollars in unencumbered funds.

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that the Township does have an electric aggregation agreement with Dominion Retail for 6.7 cents per kilowatt hour. Residents should be receiving a letter from Dominion Retail in the next week or two. If residents are interested in joining the program they do not have to do anything. If they do not want to join the Electric Aggregation Program with Dominion Retail they must send in the "Opt-Out" card to stay with Duke Energy as their electric supplier.

Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, stated that a winter weather advisory is out for the next few days with anticipation of a heavy snowfall and the possibility of ice. Mr. Schlimm stated that in the event of snowfall, his department is ready!

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, stated that a Land Use Plan Hearing for property located at 6946 Harrison Avenue, was held by the Green Township Land Use Planning Committee on Monday, January 19, 2009. The site is currently designated as Transitional Mixed Use; the request would change the site to Neighborhood Retail. The Committee did recommend modification of the plan. Also, at that meeting, a discussion was held regarding adjacent parcels. Mr. Goetzman will have a full report regarding those discussions available at the next Trustees Meeting on February 9, 2009.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, also reported on the Rack case regarding the expansion of a non-conforming use for the estate property on North Bend Road may be coming back to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Goetzman will keep the Board updated on that matter.

Fire Chief, Doug Witsken, stated that he had nothing to report.

Police Chief, Bart West, stated that he had nothing to report.

Lt. Mike Horton, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, reported on a case that happened a few months ago where a Township resident went to the Cincinnati Bank on North Bend Road and was followed home by two individuals and then robbed and assaulted in front of his home. Officers Pat Young and Tony Crider were the first respondents to the scene. Because of their quick response and immediate follow-up the suspects were quickly arrested and successfully prosecuted. Both suspected are awaiting sentencing. Lt. Horton commended Officer Young and Officer Crider for their excellent police work.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that the Township has received several letters and there have been several articles in the Western Hills Press about the need for sidewalks and bike paths, specifically around schools and parks. Therefore, Fred Schlimm and Adam Goetzman have begun discussions with JMA Consultants, who are going to look at ways to improve sidewalks and bike paths around Township schools, parks, and libraries.

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, wanted to inform residents that the Township will be using salt on Township roadways. The Trustees have made it very clear that they do not want grits used. Even though the County may be using little salt and mixing that with grits (large grain sand) and/or bottom ash, the Township is not. The Township will be using salt, or may be using some liquid calcium chloride if it gets cold enough.

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that Integrys Energy Services saved Township residents and businesses approximately \$900,000 in natural gas costs in the past 12 months of the Natural Gas Aggregation Program. This program has approximately 11,000 households and businesses participating in the program.

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, also reported on the Township's Electric Aggregation Program with Dominion Retail. Residents should be receiving letters from Dominion Retail within the next two weeks. These letters will have the Township logo on them and will have an "Opt-Out" card attached. If residents are interested in joining the program they do not have to do anything. If they do not want to join the Electric Aggregation Program with Dominion Retail they must send in the "Opt-Out" card.

A 35 minute recess was taken at 5:44 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

RESOLUTION #09-0126-C

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution authorizing the Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Green Township's Police Department, Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. in order to address subcontracting issues in their contract. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye;

Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0126-D

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution authorizing the Board to enter into an agreement with the Hamilton County Sheriff in order to maintain 12 Sheriff's Deputies on assignment in Green Township. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: No.

Chairman Winkler stated that Green Township has a great working relationship between the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and the Green Township Police Department. Chairman Winkler complimented both departments for their professionalism and expressed her thanks for all of the hard work that they do every day.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that he agreed with the statements made by Chairman Winkler.

Trustee Upton and Chairman Winkler thanked Lt. Mike Horton of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for his hard work and dedication to Green Township.

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, thanked Lt. Horton as well as all of the Green Township Police Officers for all of the hard work that they do every day. He also thanked them for their extraordinary professionalism.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Upton moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.