

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on March 08, 2010 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Trustee Winkler moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of February 22, 2010. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0308-A

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

RESOLUTION #10-0308-B

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution declaring two of the Police Department's 2005 Ford Crown Victoria police cars (VIN numbers 2FAHP71W15X179920 and 2FAHP71W95x106889) as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the vehicles through the Hamilton County On-Line Auction service. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0308-C

Trustee Winkler moved to pass a resolution authorizing the promotion of Eric Pelzer to Road Maintenance Crew Chief, beginning March 9, 2010, with a starting salary of \$54,947 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Green Township Maintenance Employees Association. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0308-D

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to approve the agreement entered into between the Green Township health plan(s) (the "Covered Entity") and USI Midwest (USI) and authorizing the Township Administrator to sign the agreement after review and approval by the Township Attorney. Chairman Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0308-E

The following property was declared as a nuisance. The Township Attorney was directed to notify the owner of the property listed below of this resolution:

1. 3458 Ridgewood Avenue (550-0061-0054), Motion made by Trustee Winkler and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. The Green Township Land Use Planning Committee will hold their fifth meeting to review the 5-Year Update of the Green Township Land Use Plan on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Green Township Administration Building. This meeting will concentrate on the North Bend/Cheviot Road Corridor. This meeting will be open to the public.
2. The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 805B, Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street for the following Cases:
 - a. Green ZVGT Case # 2010-03, 5205 North Bend Road, for a variance request of the front yard setback requirements for the principle structure with a new addition and new monument sign from the right-of-way lines of Boomer and North Bend Roads.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, gave an overview of the proposed project.

RESOLUTION #10-0308-F

Trustee Winkler moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Green ZVGT Case # 2010-03 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with the plans as submitted. Chairman Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

- b. Green CUGT Case # 2010-04, Arches Pre-School, to consider a Conditional Use approval request to convert a portion of the existing church located at 6453 Bridgetown Road into a church related pre-school facility for children 3-5 years old.

Diane Lee, Professional Design Associates, was present on behalf of the applicant. Development Director, Adam Goetzman, gave a brief overview of the project. Diana Lee stated that there has been a revision to the original application submitted for the site plan, and reported that that the maximum capacity of the four rooms with all three age groups combined would be approximately 40 children.

RESOLUTION #10-0308-G

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of Green CUGT Case # 2010-04 to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals subject to the following conditions: 1. That there shall be a maximum of one 32 square-foot freestanding sign permitted on the site; 2. That a lighting plan in conformance with the Zoning Resolution be submitted as part of the Zoning Compliance Plan; and 3. That a landscaping plan in compliance with Sections 14-7 and 14-8 of the Zoning Resolution be submitted as part of the Zoning Compliance Plan, subject to the modification that the required buffer along the southeastern property line contain four evergreen trees instead of 10 shrubs where 10 shrubs are required. Chairman Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

3. On March 9, 2010, Green Township resident Cecelia Ross will turn 103 years old. The Trustees wished Cecelia a happy birthday.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, stated that so far this year estate tax receipts are down. The Township has only received \$57,000 as of March 8, 2010. The Township estimated that it would receive approximately \$175,000 per month, therefore, estate tax receipts are significantly lower than anticipated.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated need for executive session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property and pending litigation.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, announced that residents will begin receiving their Census forms between March 15 and March 17, 2010. Administrator Celarek encouraged residents to please fill out and return those forms by April 15, 2010. He also reminded residents that some funding sources are dependent on those census numbers and provide important data regarding the Township for many purposes.

Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, reported that he and Development Director, Adam Goetzman, made a presentation to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce in an effort to procure \$600,000 in State funding from the State Capital budget for improvements in and around the grounds of the Unnewehr home. Mr. Schlimm and Mr. Goetzman will make another presentation on March 13, 2010 to the members of the House and Senate from this area. Mr. Schlimm stated that during conversations with State Representative, Bob Mecklenborg, Bob stated that he feels that the Township may have a better chance at funding this project through a re-appropriation of the funds that had been set aside in the State Capital budget two years ago that were earmarked for improvements planned for the Legacy Park before that project was terminated. Mr. Schlimm stated that he has been working with Representative Mecklenborg to get him the information necessary to work towards accomplishing a re-appropriation bill that will be entertained in Columbus this week. Mr. Schlimm stated that he will keep the Trustees advised of the progress. Trustee Upton suggested that the handball courts and Hoinke Classic are both a regional draw as far as tourism is concerned. Trustee Upton also recommended that Mr. Schlimm and Mr. Goetzman mention the Veterans Tribute Tower and clock. Mr. Schlimm stated that he will make sure that they work those three items into their presentation.

Chairman Linnenberg asked Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, how his department is doing with pot holes. Mr. Schlimm stated that roads prone to pot holes are inspected regularly and further stated that he doesn't recall any calls concerning pot holes on Township roads.

Police Chief, Bart West, stated that the Police Department has received another License Plate Reader through a grant, so there was no cost to the Township. That brings the total of License Plate Readers to three for the Township police vehicles. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department is also using one to patrol the Township. Chief West stated that warmer weather is coming and tends to make drivers drive a little faster. He reminded everyone to please drive carefully and be on the lookout for motorcyclists.

Fire Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that at 12:00 Noon today they held the formal opening of bids for a new fire truck. Seven manufactures requested

bid packets, they received six submissions, however one of those was a declination to bid, therefore, five actual bid proposals were opened. The lowest of the bids was \$375,790, the highest being \$513,810. So the Fire Truck Committee and Fire Department will be looking over the bid proposals and hope to have a recommendation ready for approval at the Trustees March 22, 2010 meeting.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that the Land Use Planning Committee did review the Harrison Avenue corridor at their last meeting. Their meeting lasted approximately two hours, during which they looked at recommendations made by Hamilton County. The County planning staff made recommendations on a parcel by parcel basis, and then the Land Use Planning Committee discussed those recommendations. The Land Use Planning Committee is actually looking at trends that have occurred over the last five to seven years, with respect to zone changes, etc. The committee then discussed conditions or implementation strategies. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 15, 2010, and will focus on North Bend Road. Those meetings are open to the public.

Gary Dressler, 5742 Sidney Road, addressed the Board regarding the hiring practices of the Green Township Trustees. The Board addressed Mr. Dressler's concerns and invited him to come to the Township offices to pick up any documentation that he is in search of.

Jeff Smith, 2810 Mt. Airy Avenue, addressed the Board regarding the Tri-Star and Buckeye Motel property purchases and expressed concern that the Township may have overpaid for those properties. The Trustees explained that those blighted properties were purchased in the best interest of the community and were purchased at a reasonable price. Mr. Smith also inquired about property purchased on Harrison Avenue that was purchased for \$1.8 million dollars and is under contract to sell for \$1.2 million dollars. The Board explained that the most valuable portion of the property is being retained by the Township, and the current value of the property has decreased. However, any redevelopment of that property would generate tax revenue through the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) that would eventually offset the lower sale price.

Paul Anderson, 3634 Rackacres Drive, along with four of his neighbors, addressed the Board regarding their opposition to the proposed North Bend Road Park as currently designed. He presented a copy of the letter that he and his neighbors will be delivering to the residents of Rackacres and stated that he wanted the Green Township Trustees to have a copy of that letter before it is distributed. Mr. Anderson expressed his desire to take part in the public hearing regarding the proposed park and looks forward to coming up with a plan that will be acceptable to all parties.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Upton made a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property and pending litigation. Action is not anticipated. Chairman Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye, Chairman Linnenberg: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 6:20 p.m.; reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Trustee Upton moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST: