

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on April 12, 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 March 22, 2010. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Sarah Witsken, Kari Hetzel, Anna Bengel and Adelyn Boyle from Mother of Mercy High School were present to fulfill a requirement for Government class.

George Lehocky, John Allen, Steve Kehoe and Bob Burkitt from the Greater Cincinnati Handball Association were present to discuss an additional, fourth, handball court at Veterans Park. Mr. Allen stated that the Greater Cincinnati Handball Association has raised approximately \$36,000 to contribute to the final construction costs if the court is constructed in 2010. The additional court will allow the opportunity to bring the United States National Junior Handball Championships (USHA) to Green Township. This national tournament would bring players age 12 - 19 from all over to Green Township. Mr. Lehocky stated that the fourth court is needed due to the growing number of people playing handball as well as the courts being used by racquetball players, tennis practice, and soccer practice. The Trustees stated that they are committed to assisting with the construction costs as long as the estimate comes in at a reasonable cost. Mr. Lehocky stated that they will work with JMA Consultants to get an estimate for construction and will return with the projected cost.

Marvin Blade, Eric Sampson and John Milan from Duke Energy were present to discuss the Vegetation Schedule for 2010. Mr. Blade stated that Duke will be clearing vegetation from around 10 miles of their 69kv transmission lines. Mr. Blade provided a description of the work that will be performed and explained what the communication process with residents will be. Chairman Linnenberg thanked the representatives from Duke Energy for taking the time to provide information regarding the work and the communication process.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-A

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

RESOLUTION #10-0412-B

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to approve out of state travel for Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Scherer to attend the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 6 to June 9, 2010. Township expenses are limited to \$400 in air fare. Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Scherer has been awarded a scholarship to cover the cost of the conference fees, lodging and meals. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-C

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to approve out of state travel for Firefighter/Paramedic Rob Crone to attend a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) service and repair course in Louisville, Kentucky on April 14, 2010. There is no course fee and Firefighter/Paramedic Rob Crone is attending during his on-duty-time. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-D

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to approve out of state travel for Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Williams to attend the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Preparation (PIPP) Course in Anniston, Alabama from April 25 to May 1, 2010. This course is fully-funded by the Department of Homeland Security with all course fees, travel, lodging and meals paid by the federal government. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-E

Trustee Winkler moved to pass a resolution to approve out of state travel for Fire Marshal Rick Bell to attend a one day NFPA Seminar on Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 20, 2010. The cost to the Township will be limited to the \$395 course fee. Chairman Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-F

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to donate a surplus obsolete 1986 Fire Truck to Mack Fire, Inc. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-G

Trustee Winkler moved to pass a resolution to accept the bid for construction of a salt dome at 3060 Blue Rock Road by Bulk Storage, Inc. for the sum of \$136,560.00 and authorizing the Township Administrator to sign the agreement after review and approval by the Township Attorney. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-H

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to hire 12 employees for the Public Services Department as Summer Help Workers for the summer of 2010 at a starting salary of \$8.00 per hour for Dashawn Howard, William Spille and Scott Ehler; a starting salary of \$8.25 per hour for Zachary Jones, Andy Dittgen and Ryan Pence; a starting salary of \$8.50 per hour for Brandon Dittgen and Brian Bucher; a starting salary of \$8.75 per hour for Eric Ballman, Kevin Sucher and Matthew Flamm; and a starting salary of \$9.00 per hour for Joshua Hoffman. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-I

Trustee Winkler moved to pass a resolution to authorize the Township Administrator to apply for a grant from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for the restoration of streambed and hillside stabilization at 5841 Werk Road with matching funds provided by adjacent property owners. No project construction funds will be provided by Green Township. Chairman Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

Rueben Nystrom, a representative of the Gloria Dei Church, and Mr. & Mrs. Namie, 5907 Quailhill Drive, expressed their appreciation for the Trustees support of this project.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-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. 4423 Bridgetown Road (550-0121-0258), Motion made by Trustee Winkler and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted Aye.
2. 6420 Brierly Creek Road (550-0211-0069), Motion made by Trustee Winkler and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted Aye.
3. 5694 Evelyn Road (550-0081-0077), Motion made by Trustee Upton and seconded by Chairman Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 5174 Sidney Road (550-0041-0033), Motion made by Trustee Winkler and seconded by Chairman Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. April 1, 2010 was "Census Day". On Friday, April 2, 2010 Green Township had the highest return rate in the nation at 72%. All 2010 Census questionnaires are due on April 15, 2010.

Administrator Celarek stated that as of today Green Township has the highest return rate in the nation with an 83% return rate. Therefore, Green Township has more people returning Census forms than any other community of more than 50,000 residents in the nation. Administrator Celarek also informed residents that if they do not have a form, the forms are available at the library and the post office.

2. The Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 15, 2010 at the Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 805B at 1:00 p.m. to hear Case Green 2007-05, for a variance to allow building signage on three facades of the proposed City Barbeque building for property located at 6467 Glenway Avenue.

Development Director Goetzman stated that Green Case 2007-05 is a major adjustment to the approved plan for the Glenway Dodge redevelopment site containing the Chipotle, Jimmy Johns, and Chick-fil-A restaurants. The revision request seeks permission for additional signage for the new City Barbeque restaurant on the property. The Zoning Resolution permits only one building mounted sign on the City Barbeque building. They are

requesting a total of four building mounted signs to complement one permitted ground mounted sign at the road. Mr. Goetzman acknowledged a need for additional signage on the front of the building (east elevation) and over the door (north elevation) of the building because of the position for the restaurant in the middle of the site and that access is restricted to side streets. He expressed a concern about a sign on the rear of the building. He recommended approval of a portion of Green Case 2007-05 subject to recommendations. The recommendations would allow a total of three signs on the front and entrance side elevations.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-K

Trustee Winkler moved to pass a resolution recommending approval of a portion of Green Case 2007-05 to Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission subject to the following conditions: 1. That there be two building mounted signs permitted on the east façade (Glenway Avenue), and that both signs be installed in conformance with the plans submitted with respect to size, location and method of illumination and 2. That one illuminated sign be permitted on the north façade (Karen Avenue), installed in conformance with the plans submitted with respect to size, location and method of illumination. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

3. The Green Township Land Use Planning Committee will hold a Public Workshop on April 15, 2010 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Nathanael Greene Lodge. This workshop will provide a look at the Updated Land Use Plan for Green Township. This open house style workshop is open to the public.

Development Director Goetzman stated that this is an open house meeting to review the 5-Year Update of the Green Township Land Use Plan. Mr. Goetzman encouraged residents to come and look at the changes. Maps of the corridor changes and text changes will be on hand for review. Mr. Goetzman stated that Hamilton County sent out approximately 1,500 notices of this "Open House" so he is expecting a fairly large turnout. Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission staff and the Land Use Planning Committee will meet afterwards to discuss comments from residents and will have a final recommendation ready for the Trustees to review at the April 26, 2010 Trustees Meeting. Mr. Goetzman hopes to get on the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission agenda in June for final consideration of the changes.

4. The Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission staff and the Land Use Planning Committee will recommend the final updated Land Use Plan for consideration and adoption at the Green Township Board of Trustees Meeting on April 26, 2010.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, stated that the Township had a \$500,000 bond called, and another \$500,000 bond was purchased that starts out at 2%, it is step rated and callable quarterly. If the bond is held to maturity the Township would receive a 3.15% return. Fiscal Officer Straus also reported that he attended the Ohio Treasurer's Center for Public Investment Management Seminar in order to retain his certification.

Attorney Hyle asked the Board to consider a resolution authorizing the Township Administrator and Fire Chief to enter into an agreement for the Educational Affiliation Agreement between the Green Township Fire Department and the University of Cincinnati, EMS Technology Program. The purpose of the agreement is to establish a cooperative venture between the Township and the University of Cincinnati for paramedic students to obtain clinical experience. Students in the EMS Technology Program would come out to the Township and work with the Fire/EMS Department. Attorney Hyle stated that Chief Witsken is strongly in support of this agreement. There is no monetary obligation on the part of the Township for participating.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-L

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to authorize the Green Township Fire Department to enter into an Educational Affiliation Agreement with the University of Cincinnati, EMS Technology Program. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

Attorney Hyle stated that property on Harrison Avenue that is still owned by the Rueve family has been the subject of some interest from conservation groups. Attorney Hyle stated that the Township does need to determine the value of that property and asked the Board to consider a resolution authorizing the Township to obtain an appraisal. Trustee Winkler stated that she would like to discuss this issue in executive session.

Attorney Hyle stated that the Northeast Green Township Zoning Commission has recommended changes to the text of the Northeast Green Township Zoning Resolution. Attorney Hyle recommended that the Board schedule a public hearing to consider the recommended text amendments on May 24, 2010 at the regularly scheduled Trustees Meeting.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-M

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution scheduling a public hearing on May 24, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to review text amendment changes that have been recommended by the Northeast Green Township Zoning Commission. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated need for executive session for the purpose of discussing purchase of property and a personnel issue. Action is not anticipated.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that the Monfort Heights/White Oak Community Association is planning a clean-up for Saturday, April 17, 2010 at I-74 and North Bend Road to clean up along the interstate. Participants will meet in the St. Ignatius parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The clean-up is expected to last for approximately two hours. If residents would like to volunteer they can come to St. Ignatius at 8:00 a.m.

Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, reported that residents will begin seeing paint markings on the pavement of streets that are on the 2010 Street Rehabilitation list. Mr. Schlimm stated that at the next Trustees Meeting he will have a list of streets recommended for sidewalk repair this summer. Mr. Schlimm stated that his department is being inundated with nuisance complaints and asked residents to please cut their grass and clean up their yards.

Trustee Upton read a thank you letter.

Police Chief, Bart West, announced that the Green Township Citizens Police Academy graduation will be held on April 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nathanael Greene Lodge. Chief West reported that Officer Ken Poppe was named Assistant Commander of the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard. Chief West stated that Officer Poppe donates his time to serve on the Honor Guard and congratulated him for being named Assistant Commander.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that painting of fire hydrants as well as maintenance on hydrants for 2010 will begin soon. Crews will be working on subdivision streets this year and will paint approximately 500 hydrants.

Trustee Upton read another thank you letter.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that bid opening for the Harrison Avenue Improvements Project, associated with the Tri-Health project, was held on April 1, 2010. The low bidder was West Side Paving with a bid of approximately \$1.1 million dollars, which was approximately \$260,000 less than the Engineers estimate.

Chairman Linnenberg thanked Oak Hills High School. They had 564 students participate in their Walk-A-Thon which raised \$7,500 for the Green Township Senior Center.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Winkler made a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing purchase of property and a personnel issue. Action is not anticipated. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye, Chairman Linnenberg: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 6:32 p.m.; reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

Attorney Frank Hyle stated that Christ Fellowship Church has requested a \$35.00 reduction in their fee to rent the Nathanael Greene Lodge in consideration for the church donating a cable wall mounted screen and projector to the Lodge. If the Christ Fellowship Church discontinues use of the Lodge prior to 18 months of the two year period, the Christ Fellowship Church will simply take the Sanyo projector and leave the installed screen.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-N

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution granting the Christ Fellowship Church a reduction of \$35.00 per week for 104 weeks for rental

at the Nathanael Greene Lodge. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-O

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution authorizing two separate appraisals of property on Harrison Avenue that are owned by the Rueve family for the purpose of seeking an MSD Conservation Grant. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

RESOLUTION #10-0412-P

Chairman Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to seek acquisition of a tax foreclosure property on Harrison Avenue at the intersection of I-74 and the westbound exit of Harrison/Rybolt Road. This property is listed as parcel (550-0210-0033). This 12 acre site is part of the right-of-way for interstate I-74. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, stated that once this property is secured Green Township will transfer this property to ODOT. ODOT has sent the Township an e-mail stating that ODOT will accept this property from Green Township if Green Township is able to secure it from the forfeited land sale.

Trustee Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Linnenberg: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST: