

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on June 22, 2009 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustee Upton: present; Trustee Linnenberg: present; Chairman Winkler: present.

Trustee Linnenberg moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of June 8, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Upton and all voted Aye. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

TAX BUDGET HEARING:

The legal notice for the 2010 Township Tax Budget hearing was published June 11, 2009 in the Cincinnati Enquirer. Questions regarding the Tax Budget will be addressed at this time.

Fiscal Officer Straus reported that the budget must be filed with the County Auditor by July 15, 2009. This is a planning tool for the Township. In 2009, the Ohio Estate Tax is projected to be \$3.8 million dollars and next year it is projected to be \$1.8 million dollars. This year the Local Government Fund is a little over \$1 million dollars and next year it is projected to be \$750,000. The interest income has gone down dramatically. In 2007 it was \$750,000 and next year it will be about \$200,000. For 2010 the receipts in the General Fund are \$4.2 million dollars. The requested budget amount is \$6.3 million dollars. Usually this number shrinks, but there will be pressure on the General Fund in 2010.

Trustee Upton motioned to adjourn the 2010 Green Township Tax Budget hearing. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-A

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the Green Township 2010 Tax Budget. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-B

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 #09-0622-C

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to approve the hiring of Ron Krass, Matt Schmithorst, Brett Raible, and Jeff Bayer as Full-Time Green Township Firefighters effective Saturday, July 4, 2009. All will start at Step 1 of the contract at \$46,886 annually or \$16.10 per hour. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

Fiscal Officer Strauss swore in the new firefighters. Chief Witsken stated that these candidates were all selected from our part-time firefighter ranks. They have been through three months of testing, checking of employment history, and review of training records and resumes. These are the four strongest candidates and their hiring will allow the Township to add a second crew to the Dent Fire Station. Chief Witsken thanked the Green Township residents for passing the Safety Services Levy last fall that allowed the Township to hire these firefighters. At this time, three of our four fire stations now have two crews at them. This is an upgrade in our service and coverage to the residents of Green Township. Each of the new firefighters thanked the Trustees and introduced the members of their families that were present.

Chairman Winkler welcomed and congratulated the new full-time firefighters.

Bicentennial Report

Trustee Linnenberg then reported that the Menus concert was a fantastic event and it was possibly the largest crowd ever at Kuliga Park for a non-fireworks event. Chairman Winkler invited the community to Kuliga Park on Friday, July 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to hear Robin Lacy & Saffire Express.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-D

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to approve the joint agreement with the Hamilton County Engineer's office and Green Township concerning road improvements for Cheviot Road. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-E

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to approve the contract with the Green Township Public Services Employees Association beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: No; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

Chairman Winkler thanked Keith Aker and Glen Caminiti who worked with Attorney, Frank Hyle, to pull this contract together.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-F

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to select partially self-funded OME-RESA Emerald B Health Insurance Plan with amendments and USI Insurance as the Township Health Insurance Broker for the Township plan year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

Chairman Winkler thanked the members of the Health Insurance Committee. There might have been a 25% increase in health insurance costs but the union representatives worked with Administration to reduce the costs. Trustee Linnenberg pointed out that employees will make sacrifices with increased co-pays, and increased prescription fees. He further stated that Green Township employees will have a tobacco free facility during work hours.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-G

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to renew the current Dental Care Plus Township Dental Insurance and to use USI Insurance as the Administrator for plan year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-H

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to appoint Tony Rosiello and Dan Crowley to the Green Township Audit Committee. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-I

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. 5682 Antoninus Drive (550-0143-0224), Motion made by Trustee Upton and seconded by Chairman Winkler. All voted Aye.
2. 6245 Berauer Road (550-0241-0258), Motion made by Trustee Upton and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 5983 Colerain Avenue (550-0011-0209), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 7008, 6998, 6992 Harrison Avenue (550-0320-0016, 0063, 0017), Motion made by Trustee Upton and seconded by Chairman Winkler. All voted Aye.
5. 5741 Lauderdale Drive (550-0080-0151), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
6. Parkwalk Drive(550-0022-0123, 0124, 0125, 0126, 0127), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted Aye.
7. 3656 Summerdale Lane (550-0171-0307), Motion made by Trustee Linnenberg and seconded by Chairman Winkler. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek announced the following:

1. The Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 805B, County Administration Building, 138 E. Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 to hear the following Land Use Plan Amendment cases:

- a. Case # Green LUPA 2009-03 Cloverleaf Attached, for the south side of North Bend Road, east of Cloverleaf lane, west of Sprucewood Drive. The proposed amendment would support attached residential units at an increased density on the property. The Green Township Trustees approved the amendment on May 11, 2009 and are requesting adoption of the amendment by the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission.
- b. Case # Green LUPA 2009-04 Mercy Hospital, for the east side of North Bend Road, north of Kleeman Road and south of Interstate 74. The intent of the request is to allow the construction of a future hospital and related office park. The Green Township Trustees approved the requested amendment on June 8, 2009. The applicant is now requesting adoption of the amendment by the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission.
- c. Case # Green 2009-05 (Zone Amendment Request), 6961 Harrison Retail, to construct a 41,085 square foot single story retail strip center on the site, including basement storage area, an optional rear deck, a 102 space parking lot and one access point onto Harrison Avenue; applicant is Steve Leesman of Leesman Engineering, owner. Amendment Application Request is to change from "A" Residence to "EE" Planned Retail.
- d. Case # Green 2009-04 (Zone Amendment Request), 6946 Harrison Avenue Retail, to construct a 22,400 square foot retail and office building on the site with a 98 space parking lot, one access point onto Harrison Avenue and one additional access point onto a proposed public street on the adjacent property to the south; applicant is John Anevski for owner, Jets Properties, LLC. Amendment Application Request is to change from "A" Residence to "EE" Planned Retail.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman stated that both of these zone amendment cases are properties currently Land Use Planned for commercial use. Usually, the Trustees do not comment on these cases until the Regional Planning Commission has reviewed them. The Regional Planning Commission and Rural Zoning Commission will give reports and analysis before the Trustees take a stand. These will both be on the agenda as zone changes at the first meeting in July.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, stated that this year the Township has taken in approximately \$24.3 million dollars and expended approximately \$19.9 million dollars.

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

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, stated that he had nothing to report.

Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, thanked Marilyn Donovan for her 27 ½ years of public service to Green Township. She has taken on many responsibilities over the years as the Township has grown. A reception will be held on Friday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m. Chairman Winkler also thanked Marilyn for her service to the community and pointed out that her last day at Green Township will be June 30, 2009.

Development Director, Adam Goetzman, reported that he and Attorney Frank Hyle are ready to undertake improvements for the Tri-Health on Harrison Ave. They have an engineer's estimate for this and would need a resolution to go out to bid for this project.

RESOLUTION #09-0622-J

Frank Hyle proposed a resolution authorizing the Township to advertise for bid for road construction projects associated with the Tri-Health/Good Samaritan facility on Harrison Avenue. Chairman Winkler motioned for this resolution. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

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

Police Lt. Jim Vetter reported that the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association will be hosting a self-defense seminar at LaSalle High

School on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The instructors will be Debby and Mike Gardner of the Survivor Institute. The Police Department is also accepting applications for the next Green Township Citizen's Police Academy Class that will be held in the Fall. Applications are available at the Police Department.

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

Anita Durrett, 2477 Lourdes Lane, presented information to the Trustees regarding problems with renters on the street. She stated that she is representing the residents on Lourdes Lane who are struggling with loud noises, partying, and erratic driving. She stated that it is a nuisance and a safety concern. The police were called seven or eight times last month. The residents are upset about the current living conditions and want to know who can help them. Harriet Lindsay, 2489 Lourdes Lane, also expressed her concerns about problems with the renters.

Chairman Winkler asked Lt. Jim Vetter for his advice. Lt. Vetter stated that he is willing to meet with the residents at a later time and will phone them about specific issues that need attention. The Fire Department will address the open flame issue. Lt. Vetter stated that Police presence has been stepped up in this area. Chairman Winkler asked Lt. Vetter to report back to the Board about the situation.

Trustee Linnenberg reported that Ohio State Senator Robert Schuler passed away. Senator Schuler was instrumental in working with Townships and the township style of government. Trustee Linnenberg expressed his condolences to the Senator's wife, children, and grandchildren.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.