

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of*

**Greenfield Township Trustees**

*Meeting*

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January 25, 2017

*Held 7:00 PM*

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in regular session at the firehouse. Dave Cotner called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Cotner, Lonnie Kosch, and John Reef were present. After each Trustee, had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, Trustee Kosch moved to approve the minutes; Trustee Cotner seconded, and all voted yes.

## **ZONING BUSINESS**

Kevin advised a permit was issued to Masters Investments.

Kevin stated that he hasn't sent out any letters to the spa or auto repair for continuance of business.

Kevin suggested we do something with the copier as the office is always having trouble with it jamming. Trustees advised to call and have it looked at. Trustee Reef stated while we are on the subject, when he was in the office on Monday, they were having computer issues and he personally thinks that there are things at the office that need cleaned up like the passwords to all computers.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Chief Schwinne recommended contingent hiring of three (3) part-time fire fighters (Sean Pompey, Anthony Mastracci and Zach Smith). All their background checks came back clean and he is currently waiting on their drug and physical results. Trustee Reef moved to hire the three (3) individuals upon clean results; Trustee Cotner seconded and all voted yes.

Chief Schwinne notified the Trustees that they have applied for the new cot grant (\$40,000.00) and should know within the next few months if they are awarded the grant. The equipment is around \$52,000.00 and we would need to pay the remaining amount out of the fire fund what is not covered by the grant. This cot will help prevent employee injuries to the back, knees, and shoulder and safer transportation for the patients

Chief Schwinne stated that the current Air Pack Bottles for fighting fire will expire early next year and is looking into the replacement costs at this time. The current air pack bottles have a shelf life of 15 years and he expects the total to be around \$40,000 to replace. We have also applied for grants to fund this and are awaiting the results.

Chief Schwinne advised he talked with the Auditor's office about putting a fire levy on the ballot. The Auditor advised if we do a 1.5 mill levy it would generate \$273,000 which will cover what is needed to increase our staffing. Our currently levy for the Engine/Rescue is 1 mill and it collecting money for this year. This levy would be 0.5 mills more. The difference would be around \$17.50 more per-year, per \$100,000 appraised value of a home on the Auditors website than they are paying now. The levy is needed to add another employee for each day as the call volume has gone

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up more than 20% in the last 9 years plus. We don't meet the national standards for minimum fire response at this time. It is not safe for our crews and the public if we are understaffed and waiting for neighboring departments to arrive to help us. In order to put the levy on the ballot in the spring, Resolution 2017 01 25 01F needs to be approved. Trustee Cotner moved to approve Resolution 2017 01 25 01F; Trustee Kosch seconded and all voted yes.

### **ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Tom asked if the Trustees received the document that he left in each of their boxes. All three (3) Trustees' advised Tom to move forward in issuing the document.

### **FROM THE TRUSTEES**

Trustee Reef asked Trustee Cotner about a conversation he had with someone about the property on North Columbus Street (Timber Top, the farm of David Muse). Trustee Cotner advised he received a phone call from the Superintendent of Lancaster City Schools inquiring what the Trustees that about the annexation. Trustee Cotner stated that the Trustees haven't really discussed the matter. Trustee Cotner did advise he contacted the Auditor's office and spoke with Josh Van Dyke about the annexation and Mr. Van Dyke advised the township would lose \$2,583.00 on the road tax if the annexation is done within the taxes being shared. Trustee Reef advised the township needed to look into the issue for the tax money and talk to the Prosecutor. Trustee Cotner will contact the Prosecutor's office to set up a meeting

Trustee Cotner advised that the bathroom remodeling for the Civic Center will begin tomorrow. The cost of the repair will be split between the Village of Carroll and the township.

Trustee Cotner advised that he had Tom Wears looked at the Civic Center, that is in need of repair due to water leaking and the gentleman believe he can fix it for \$150.00. The gentleman believes the flashing where the roof comes down by the doors, that the fascia board was not taken down far enough.

Trustee Reef stated advised Tom to look into LED Lighting for the Road Department for cost savings.

### **FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER**

Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that she was going to look into the cost of new phone service. Trustee Reef stated that there was a vendor at the OTA conference out of Westerville that he spoke with regarding phone service.

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Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that when she was going through files for 2016, she seen where the Township paid \$2,500.00 to the Fire Department for use of the meeting room. A check hasn't been written yet but she was questioned why since the new policy for the meeting room stated that there was no charge for the use of the room. Trustee Reef advised that the Township had always paid the Fire Department in the past to use the room but he didn't know the reason. Trustee Reef moved to continue paying the Fire Department \$2,500.00 for the use of the room; Trustee Kosch seconded and all voted yes.

The Fiscal Officer passed various pieces of correspondence and the Financial Reports.

Trustee Reef moved to approve all the financial reports with Trustee Kosch seconding the motion and all voted yes to approve financial reports.

Trustee Cotner move to pay the bills and the Payroll Electronic debit associated with warrants 31487 through 31501 listed on the attached Check Register; Trustee Kosch seconded. All voted yes.

Business concluded; meeting adjourned.