

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of*

**Greenfield Township Trustees**

*Meeting*

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*Held 7:00 PM*

*7-27-16*

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 7-13-16 meeting, John moved to approve the minutes; Dave seconded, and all voted yes. After each Trustee had reviewed the minutes from the 7-20-16 meeting, Lonnie moved to approve the minutes; John seconded, and all voted yes.

## **FROM THE FLOOR**

Nothing from the floor.

## **ZONING BUSINESS**

Kevin stated he could not log on so there were no reports available.

Kevin started that Al Byers and Frank Crowder of Columbia Gas were in to discuss the possibility of setting equipment on the Reed property at the corner of Coonpath and Business 33. The trustees stated the property would have to be rezoned to industrial; Columbia Gas would have to apply for the rezone.

Kevin went out tonight and visited The Barn (The River Church on Coonpath Road) and it appears they have complied with the water retention areas. Lieutenant Ryan Smith confirmed he had reviewed the area for compliance.

Kevin went out to the nursing home at 5185 Lithopolis Road to check on complaints of the property needing mowed and it appears it has been mowed today. There is a property on Coonpath Road that needs notification of clean up and mowing. Kevin is responsible for notifying residents that are not taking care of their property and was asked to send a notice to the Coonpath Road property.

Kevin received another complaint about the motor home being parked behind the daycare center on Helena Drive. Dave asked Kevin to contact of the Prosecutor to see if there is anything that can be done about this situation.

Lonnie asked if Kevin had contacted the resident at 158 that has a sign for automotive repair. Kevin stated it was on the pile. Lonnie asked Kevin to get it done right away.

Lonnie stated that he contacted Regional Planning about the political signs and this can be enforced if it is part of the township zoning. Lonnie stated that all the other townships are enforcing their policies and the policy should be enforced. Lonnie will check with the prosecutor to see how the sign policy can be enforce and signs removed legally. John Reef stated that there has been a decision stating that political signs can be posted on private property. Dave asked Kevin to check with the prosecutor on the sign enforcement also.

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John Reef stated there was a Transportation Improvement District meeting, and there was a long discussion on the Election House, 33 and Old Columbus Road intersection. They would like to make this a top priority.

John Reef asked Tom to install the 45 mile per hour sign on Coonpath Road.

Lonnie spoke with District 5 and they will attend the next meeting to explain the timeline with 33 interchange.

Jack Barr asked about the building being torn down on Ginder and 158 and the containers sitting around. The fire department will review the area to make sure there are no dangerous items.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Peg read the following letter from Terry Morris:

July 27, 2016

To: Greenfield Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and the Citizens of Greenfield Township.

The trustees held an open meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 13:00 at the administrative offices. Present at that meeting in addition to the trustees were Chief Terry Gill, and Lt. Jeff Cotner from Bloom Township Fire Dept. , and Chief Rob Coley from Basil Joint Fire District. Since I could not attend the meeting, I requested a copy of the audio from the Fiscal Officer, (PRR), and she provided it for me.

On that following Friday evening, I listened to the recording of that meeting. By the time I got to the end of the recording, I had tears in my eyes and felt like a red hot poker had just been shoved through my chest. While this meeting was advertised to determine a mentoring plan for the new fire chief, it ultimately turned into a “Bash Chief Morris” session by the trustees at the end. One thing that really confused and upset me was that all of the things they were saying that I did, or did not, do, were completely wrong. If the trustees thought I was doing a bad job, why did they not come to me and talk to me about it. The trustees have taken such an active part in the Fire Department, that none of them, including Mr. Reef, who has been a trustee for over six years, none of them, knew how many officers we had in the department, or who they are. They said I “micro managed” because I did not delegate enough. This department takes nearly as many runs per year as Bloom TWP, and Bloom has sixteen full-time firefighters. Greenfield has six. Being that busy and that short staffed, there is only so much each firefighter can do. I delegated many functions to the full time firefighters. A partial list includes Truck Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Turn Out Gear, Uniforms, EMS Operations and Supplies. EMS protocol, Property Maintenance, Training, Hiring Committee, Public Relations, Grant Writing, and many, many, more. As far as the community relations issues they criticized me for, again, they must not have been paying much attention. We had a lot of community relations going on as well. CPR classes for all the BC bus drivers and

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coaches. Judging at BC science and art fairs, filling dunk tanks for various BC club functions, providing EMS at athletic and band events, providing fire safety training for the kids at 3 separate day cares, providing judging for the health care class competitions at Fairfield Career Center, providing fire extinguisher training at Fairfield Career Center and Company Wrench. I personally provided EMS and Fire safety talks at lunch safety meetings at Company Wrench. There were many more functions going on in the P.R. area.

The biggest thing that concerned me was a statement made by Mr. Reef that the trustees had looked into terminating me several years ago. That they (he) had talked to legal counsel and been told that "since I was that close to retirement they may as well wait". This is a little hard to believe because I told no one of my retirement plans until October of 2015. It is more likely he was told they didn't have a leg to stand on. I always knew that Mr. Reef wanted to get rid of me, but what puzzles me is that after six years of wanting or trying to get me out as fire chief, he was the one who made the motion to appoint me to replace Peg as Fiscal Officer in December when she retires.

Based on listening to that recording, I have decided that I cannot work with the kind of people who would talk about me behind my back like that, and not have the fortitude to confront me in person. Even though as Fiscal Officer, I would not be under the direction of the trustees, I would have to work closely with them. I don't think I can bring myself to work that closely with any of these three men. Therefore, I am officially turning down the appointment to replace Peg as Fiscal Officer.

Sincerely,

Terry J. Morris Sr.  
Greenfield Township Resident and Retired Fire Chief

Peg stated that she was very disappointed that this situation has taken place. Terry turned in key to the administrative office and asked that Tom Shafer remove his code from the alarm system. Peg asked the trustees to contact Dawn Wyne to see if she was still interested in the position. Dave stated he thought she would be and that he would contact her immediately.

Chief Schwinne stated that Terry Morris turned in all his gear and submitted his resignation from the fire department; John moved to accept his resignation and Dave seconded all voted yes.

Chief Schwinne stated that all testing was completed and recommended Cory Spires be promoted to full time Lieutenant and take the position vacated by Chief Schwinne. Lonnie moved to approve, Dave seconded all voted yes.

Chief Schwinne stated that Carlton Reeves is the choice for replacement of the full time position vacated by Corey Spires upon passing his stress test.

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Chief John Schwinne presented the repair estimate for the Unit #: Freightliner/Saulsbury Rescue Truck. John stated that he would present this estimate to any interested parties in the purchase of this vehicle. The chief asked if he could go ahead and list this for sale. Dave made a motion to list the Freightliner as is and list any additional equipment not currently in use for sale on Gov Deals, John seconded, all voted yes.

Chief Schwinne discussed the Eboli Medic, and there is no need for the unit any longer. John asked if the trustees wanted it advertised. Lonnie made a motion to go ahead and advertise it on Gov Deal, Dave seconded, all voted yes.

Chief Schwinne stated Elite will be in tomorrow to check the computer system. Wolfe Heating and Cooling will be in tomorrow to make repairs to the controls. The air tanks will be tested tomorrow.

**ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Tom stated they are still cutting brush. There were two big truckloads of limbs dumped on Mt Zion Road, and the road crew cleaned up the area.

The berming is complete on the roads.

The trustees asked what was going on, on Carroll Northern. The county is making repairs to the area.

The Liberty Township work agreement was presented complete with Liberty signatures, copies were signed by the trustees, and a copy will be forwarded to Liberty.

**FROM THE TRUSTEES**

Dave discussed the Civic Center restrooms. Tom Corbet met with Mayor Drobina and will present a proposal.

Lonnie discussed Kim Wickham serving as the liaison for the Zoning Commission and eliminating the position due to the hiring of the Zoning Secretary Jennifer Wolfe. Lonnie made a motion to eliminate the position of Kim Wickham serving as a liaison: Dave seconded: all voted yes.

Tom Shaffer asked about the insurance issues, and whether there could be any way the 10% could be eliminated. Insurance discussion was tabled until the next meeting. There was discussion of the Fire Contract with the Fire Department. John Reef stated that the Fire Contract is a four year contract. Chief Schwinne and all the firemen in attendance stated that the Fire Contract is a three year contract. The concern is that health insurance is part of the contract.

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**FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER**

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

Bob Paulus was paid \$25.00 for one set of minutes that covered the Hearing on March 8<sup>th</sup> that was continued to March 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Paulus feels he should be paid an additional \$25.00 because there was a second meeting. There was only one set of minutes provided for both meetings. The Commission members were paid for both March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>. John made a motion to not pay the \$25.00 for the minutes, motion failed for lack of second. Dave made a motion to pay the \$25.00 for the second set of minutes, Lonnie seconded, John voted no. Motion passed.

Dave moved to approve Resolution #2016 7 27 01G Transfers Between Line Items Lonnie seconded all voted yes.

Lonnie moved, Dave seconded, and all voted yes to approve financial reports, and all Then & Now Purchase Orders.

Dave moved, Lonnie seconded, and all voted yes to pay the bills and the Payroll Electronic debit associated with warrants 31102 through 31117 listed on the attached Check Register.

Business concluded; meeting adjourned.