

Minutes

July 25, 2023

1. **Opening of Meeting 6PM**

Ms Ulrich called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
All trustees and the fiscal officer were present.

2. **Citizens Address - Town Hall on Potential Strategic Initiatives** The purpose of this citizen address is to allow residents to offer suggested initiatives that they would like to included in the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan.

No one present wished to speak.

3. **New Business**

Administration

a. Discussion - Potential Initiatives for 2024-2026

The goal of this discussion is to offer feedback on any of the proposed initiatives offered at the Town Hall and to have a discussion on any potential initiatives that members of the Board of Trustees would like to see included in the Strategic Plan. Based on the feedback from the July 11, 2023 Work Session, staff has drafted the below legislative priorities for consideration that can serve as a guide for where initiatives can best support the overall goals of the Board of Trustees:

- Chart a Pathway to Long Term Financial Stability
- Continue to Provide High Quality Safety Services, with an Emphasis on Crime Deterrence and Enhanced Response Times
- Revitalization of the Community through Economic Development, Beautification, and Code Enforcement
- Expand Opportunities for Recreation for all Ages
- Continue to Improve Operations with a Focus on Alternative Service Delivery
- Make Progress on Deferred Maintenance and Reposition Existing Assets

Discussion:

Mr Unger - Regarding item #6, trying to get ahead of some deferred maintenance items. Those who watched the meeting last week, we did have a discussion on a potential police levy. While we all three agree on the amount the chief needs, we just had a different pathway to get there. We've made that decision and we're moving forward. As far as the deferred maintenance, we do have money in the general fund. This past year, by moving some things around, we were able to bid out all of our 2023 and 2024 streets to be paved. Hopefully, we're coming around the bend and getting

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that done. One thing I'd ask the other trustees is, I would like to take some of the general fund money and add it to the road program for next year so we can try and get ahead by another year.

Mr Wahlert - Regarding item #5, this is an important issue for me and I'd like to add "to improve operations and operational efficiency".

Because, for me, it's about being able to provide the same scale and manner and perhaps at a lower price. With regards to the deferred maintenance, I see that as much more expansive than the idea of just roads. We did an inventory of the physical assets, and what all organizations run into is, it's not real popular to spend on the upkeep, but that's how to get buildings that you use for 70 to 100 years and I think it's important. Politically, I think it's easy for elected officials to say, hey get it later. That would be more than just streets but the physical footprint that we have. I would like to see our physical footprint reduced.

Ms Ulrich - I'm going to go to your "word chart". Roads was one of them, but not as big as some of the others. I think in Colerain Township, it is a dilemma, we get a lot of calls about Hamilton County roads that are in absolute disrepair. So when people talk about our roads, some of them we can't do anything about. When it came to the economic stimulus, we found alternative ways to get these businesses here and to get TIF's. Of course our number 1 is going to be the safety with our police and fire. I am extremely overwhelmed every time they have their response times on there. I'm hoping that our new fire stations maybe take a little bit of time off those response times, but I think they do an exceptional job with that.

Mr Unger - What were some of your ideas Jeff (Weckbach)?

Mr Weckbach - Well, the 6 here were intended to be the goals. We'll move forward with two steps. One is the first reading tonight. Then, later in late August, we have a leadership retreat, where myself and the rest of the department leaders get together and really talk through tactically, what do these goals mean, how do we measure success and also what can we do to move the needle towards success.

Executive Session – if needed

4. Mr Weckbach recommended the board of trustees go into executive session in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or eminent litigation and in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(8) to consider confidential information related to specific business strategy and to discuss negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes

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Executive session convened at 6:13pm

Ms Ulrich called the meeting back to order at 7:00pm.

All trustees and the fiscal officer were present.

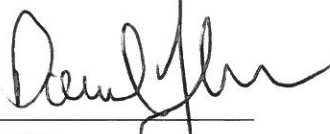
Mr Weckbach had nothing to report from executive session.

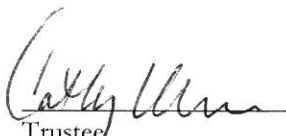
5. **Adjournment**

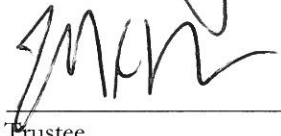
Motion to adjourn Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

All voted yes. The special meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.


Fiscal Officer


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