

Minutes

May 28, 2024

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Ms Ulrich called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

All trustees and the fiscal officer were present.

2. **Executive Session 6PM**

Mr Weckbach recommended the board of trustees convene into executive session in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or imminent litigation and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss employment of public employees.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

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

Executive Session convened at 6:01pm

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.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance 7PM**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Meditation (Moment of Silence)**

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr Baker recommended a motion for the approval of the minutes from the board of trustees meeting on 5-14-24.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

All voted Yes. Minutes approved.

6. **Presentations**

- a. Presentation by Chief Walls Introducing and Swearing-in Newly Promoted Employees

Chief Walls introduced and administered the Oath of Office to the department's newest Career Firefighters:

- Chris Billups
- Jake Laney

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b. Update on Hamilton County by Commissioner Densie Drieaus
County Commissioner Denise Drieaus provided an update on the activities of Hamilton County and how they relate to Colerain Township. She mentioned the outstanding job Colerain Township has done with grant writing.

7. **Citizens Address**

Carrie Davis - She wanted people to take a look at Denise Drieaus' record. She said she watered down a bill that keeps us stuck with the smell of Rumpke. She said Colerain Township wrote her a \$17,500 check so she would dismiss a lawsuit against them. Motion to extend Ms Davis' time 1 minute, Mr Unger.

8. **Administrative Reports**

No reports.

Mr Wahlert - Mr Weckbach, when did the township write Carrie Davis a \$17,500 check?

Mr Weckbach - Colerain Township has not written Carrie Davis a check. To my knowledge, our insurance company has not written Carrie Davis a check.

9. **Trustees' Report**

Mr Unger - He spoke about the wonderful Rumpke Convenience Center. They are a marvelous company to have them in Colerain Township. He thanked everyone for attending the Memorial Day Ceremony. He also talked about the ribbon cutting at Colerain Park. He spoke about the upcoming events at Germania Society. He congratulated all of the recent graduates.

Ms Ulrich - She spoke about the wonderful job that Rumpke does. She spoke about the orange hefty bag program and how easy it is to use. She spoke about the new playground at Colerain Park. She reminded everyone about the fireworks on July 3rd. She thanked the Mendenhalls for the job they did on the house that was in foreclosure and nearly condemned by the township.

Mr Wahlert - He spoke about the \$177,000 from Solid Waste that comes from recycling. He mentioned the advantages of the recycle program. He mentioned we use that to hire the litter employees. He also thanked everyone for the personal messages in support of his mother.

10. **New Business**

Public Safety

- a. Resolution Authorizing Cost Recovery For Fire and Rescue Services at Motor Vehicle Crash Incidents Involving Non-Residents

Chief Walls recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #57-24.

Rationale: This resolution shall provide procedures and billing rates for recovering costs incurred by the Colerain Township Department of Fire and Emergency Medical

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Services (Colerain Fire and EMS) for assistance rendered by Colerain Fire and EMS in responding to motor vehicle crash incidents involving non-residents.

Motion Ms Ulrich, Seconded Mr Unger

Discussion:

Mr Unger - This is just for non-residents.

Ms Ulrich - One of the reasons for this is that approximately 75% of the the incidents are non Colerain residents?

Chief Walls - Correct, a significant amount of these incidents are non Colerain residents.

Mr Wahlert - I thank you for putting this together. I feel that it should have a second reading.

Mr Unger - I think we've discussed it quite a bit and I'm prepared to support it.

Ms Ulrich - I agree. I think we've discussed it enough and I support it.

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

Resolution passed.

b. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 3561 West Kemper Rd. - 1 of 3

Lt Doerflein recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #58-24.

Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 3561 West Kemper Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45251 1. (OH), KAW6631, 2012, GRAY, HONDA, ACCORD.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.

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

Resolution passed.

c. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 3561 West Kemper Rd. - 2 of 3

Lt Doerflein recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #59-24.

Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 3561 West Kemper Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45251 1. (NO TAG), 2004, WHITE, FORD, F-150.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.

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

Resolution passed.

d. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 8944 Pippin Rd. - 3 of 3

Lt Doerflein recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #60-24.

Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 8944 Pippin Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45251 1. (OH), JUB8531, 2017, BLACK, DODGE, JOURNEY.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.

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

Resolution passed.

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e. Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement

Lt Doerflein recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #61-24.

Rationale: This resolution allows for the removal of uncontrolled vegetation and/or refuse at the following properties:

2459 Berthbrook Dr 510-0044-0082-00
12117 Birchgrove Ct 510-0013-0060-00
2459 Bluclark Dr. 510-0063-0013-00
8379 Chesswood Dr. 510-0090-0160-00
2607 Chopin Dr 510-0053-0584-00
3292 Compton Rd 510-0104-0584-00
6662 Daleview Rd 510-0350-0155-00
6401 Duet Ln 510-0081-0637-00
8432 Haskell Dr 510-0061-0380-00
9936 Loralinda Dr 510-0112-0206-00
10092 Menominee Dr 510-0041-0450-00
8569 Neptune Dr. 510-0063-0247-00
3013 Niagara St 510-0052-0384-00
3025 Niagara St 510-0052-0385-00
3380 Niagara St 510-0102-0039-00
2929 Pensacola Dr 510-0052-0359-00
3448 Ringwood Ln 510-0090-0217-00
2454 Schon Dr 510-0044-0041-00
3542 Springdale Rd 510-0111-0288-00
8588 Sunlight Dr 510-0063-0013-00

All properties that are abated by the Township will have their property taxes assessed in order to reimburse the Township for the abatement services. This resolution and the Township's abatement process comport with the Ohio Revised Code for nuisance violations.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion.

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

Resolution passed.

f. Motion to Issue Noise Resolution Permit to McDogs Lakeside Saloon - 1 of 2

Lt Doerflein recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: This is the third request for a permit in 2024 for this business. The request for the permit is from June 1, 2024 through October 30, 2024 between the hours of 3pm and 9pm. This is for the business to conduct Bike Night on Thursday nights.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

g. Motion to Issue Noise Resolution Permit to McDogs Lakeside Saloon - 2 of 2

Lt Doerflein recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.



Rationale: This is the fourth request for a permit in 2024 for this business. The request for the permit is from June 1, 2024, through October 30, 2024, between the hours of 3pm and 9pm. This request is for the business to conduct Karaoke on Friday nights.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

Public Services

- a. Motion to Approve Change Order – J K Meurer – Blanchetta Basketball Court Project - \$5,005.26

Ms Mays recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Construction of the outdoor basketball courts at 8128 Blanchetta Drive has begun. After construction crews staked out the project site, it was determined that an additional 10' of asphalt space would make navigating vehicles through the small parking area more manageable, thus, aiding in the protection of private property.

Incorporating this additional space has created a change order in the amount of \$5,005.26. While the extension is not mandatory, staff supports the recommendation from the contractor in order to provide a more user-friendly space.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

Discussion:

Mr Unger - In the specification they're putting in crushed aggregate base beneath the pavement, which is something we've long talked to the county about.

Mr Weckbach - This is an opportunity to talk about the neat partnerships between the county and government.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

Administration

- a. Motion to Set Special Meeting on Tax Budget for June 25, 2024 at 6PM

Mr Weckbach recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: Annually, the Township adopts a tax budget as a first step in the budget process in order to ensure that the County Auditor collects all property taxes for the following fiscal year. This document is not intended to be a final budget but is a first step in the budget review process. The intent of this Special Meeting will be to hold a work session where staff can work directly with the Trustees at a high level to review the short and long-term budget priorities. This will assist staff as they then develop temporary appropriations and as Department Directors begin to review their budget needs and capital plans in more depth.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion:

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

- b. Motion to Set Public Hearing on 2025 Tax Budget for June 25, 2024 at 7pm



Mr WeckbachMcElravy recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: As part of the 2025 budget process, the Board must hold a public hearing to consider the 2025 tax budget. Staff recommends that the public hearing be held as part of the regular meeting on June 25, 2024.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

c. Motion to Set Special Meeting on Strategic Priorities and Strategic Initiatives for July 23, 2024 at 6PM

Mr Weckbach recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: The intent of this Special Meeting will be to hold a work session for the Trustees to review our existing strategic priorities and to make adjustments as necessary. This is an annual conversation by the Trustees that leads to the adoption of strategic priorities to serve as the guiding principles for development of the 2025 budget. In 2023, the Board adopted a three-year set of legislative priorities as follows:

1. Chart a Pathway to Long Term Financial Stability
2. Continue to Provide High Quality Safety Services, with an Emphasis on Crime Deterrence and Enhanced Response Times
3. Revitalization of the Community through Economic Development, Beautification, and Code Enforcement
4. Expand Opportunities for Recreation for all Ages
5. Continue to Improve Operations and Operational Efficiency with a Focus on Alternative Service Delivery
6. Make Progress on Deferred Maintenance and Reposition Existing Assets, including both Township Buildings and Roads;

In addition to discussing priorities, this work session will provide a forum for additional dialog around potential strategic initiatives that the Trustees would like to ensure are included in the 2025 budget. To review the existing initiatives that are contemplated for 2025, please use the link below and click on each individual goal area:

<https://stories.opengov.com/coleraintownshiphamiltonoh/published/3h9Ix7uWH7i>

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

No discussion:

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

11. Old Business

Mr Wahlert - Asked Mr Weckbach to specify the Hamilton County CDBG as it pertains to Sovereign.

12. Consent Items



a. New Hire - Fleet Mechanic Co-Op - Department of Fire and EMS - \$16.00 hour
The position of Part-Time Co-op Fleet Maintenance Student was posted, applications were received, and interviews were conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual: Pierre Akili. The wage for this job is \$16.00 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, Pierre would be eligible to begin work on June 10, 2024.

b. New Hire - PT Bus Driver - Public Services - Dan Johnson - \$17.31

The position of Part-Time Bus Driver was posted, applications were received, and interviews were conducted. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the following individual:

Dan Johnson.

The wage for this job is \$17.31 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week. Contingent upon Board approval, Dan Johnson would be eligible to begin work on June 10, 2024.

c. Contract - Cincinnati State - Paramedicine Partnership

This contract continues our partnership with Cincinnati State to provide emergency medical training. There is no cost to the Township, and it generates revenue for the Department of Fire and EMS.

d. Contract – BCS, LLC (dba Environmental Design Group, LLC) - ROW consulting services for the Springdale Road sidewalk project - \$38,695.00

At the April 9, 2024 board meeting, the board approved a motion authorizing the Township Administrator to execute a contract with Briggs Creative Solutions, LLC (dba Environmental Design Group, LLC) for the ROW consulting services for the Springdale Road sidewalk project and not to exceed \$50,000. This contract has been finalized with the amount of private property that will need to be temporarily taken for the project and totals \$38,695. This has been placed on the consent agenda for transparency purposes.

e. Contract - AARP Grant for Fall Prevention - \$2,500

The Township was awarded a grant from AARP to install grab bars and other fall prevention devices in various homes throughout Colerain Township. This grant is for \$2,500 and must be used on residents that are 50+ years old.

Motion to approve all consent items Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
All voted Yes. All consent items approved.

13. Fiscal Office Report

No report.

14. Executive Session – if needed

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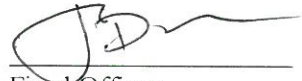
Not needed.

15. **Adjournment**

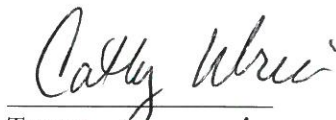
Motion to adjourn Mr Wahlert, Seconded Mr Unger

All voted Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm



Fiscal Officer



Trustee



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