

MINUTES
CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION
July 12, 2022

The Concord Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday July 12, 2022. Trustee Don Pence called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, Trustee Neil Rhoades, Tom Mercer and Fiscal Officer Bill Whidden were present.

Pursuant to the Notice of Public Hearing published in the Miami Valley News on June 9, 2022 on the Township's 2023 Tax Budget, Don Pence inquired if anyone had any comments or questions. There were none and Mr. Pence proceeded to begin the regular meeting of the Township.

Minutes: Neil Rhoades made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2022 and was seconded by Tom Mercer.

Guests: none

Fiscal Officers Report: Bill Whidden

- Distributed copies of the Payment Register;
- Provided copies of the June 30, 2022 Fund and Revenue Status Reports;
- Circulated the reconciled Bank Statement of June 30, 2022 for Trustee signatures;
- Presented Resolution 2022-04 (Tax Budget for 2023) for signature.
- Presented Resolution 2022-05 (To Amend 2022 Permanent Appropriations) for signature
- Presented copies of the 2020-2021 Audit Report.
- Reported the second tranche of ARPA funds is expected to be deposited by July 15, 2022 in the amount of \$293,159.29.

Communications: The Trustees reviewed all of the items listed on the Agenda.

Road Superintendent: Brandt Miller submitted his report in writing.

- Brush pickup consisted of 20 loads and consumed 88 gallons of diesel.
- Reported the lighting project at the Township building has been completed.
- Low hanging tree limbs have been trimmed along Forest Hill Road to allow the farmer to gain access to his fields.
- Reported the crew will again participate in the annual Miami River cleanup and will be providing a dump truck and backhoe to aid in trash removal.
- A catch basin on Hickorywood Drive has been repaired.
- Trimmed around the stop sign at Laurel Creek and Shenandoah Drive to improve visibility.
- Reported vandalism of stop signs, primarily at Barnhart/718 and Stanfield/Washington Road. A report has been filed with the Miami County Sheriff's Department.
- Followed up on a complaint regarding line of sight at Merrimont and Monroe-concord Roads. The crew trimmed what was possible and reported to Miami County for their part of the roadway.

Old Business:

A. Open Items:

- Concord Debris Management Plan
- Miami County Visionary Initiative

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- Feasibility of approaching Miami County re: potential joint projects with ARP fund:
- Update Policy and Procedure Manual
- Annexation Agreement
- Mr. Mercer discussed the possibility of moving forward with a nuisance letter to the owner of the property on Marby Drive with a large growth of bamboo in the yard. It was suggested one more attempt to persuade the owner to follow through on his commitment to trim or otherwise take care of the problem be made.
- Mr. Pence reported that Patrick Titterington once again assured him Troy was preparing the Annexation Agreement for the Mortell property.
- Mr. Pence asked the Trustees for comments on last months presentation of the Miami County Wind Turbines and Solar Panel policy. Some changes to the document were noted and Mr. Pence will contact Jackson Bennett at the Miami County Department of Development with these.

New Business:

- Mr. Whidden discussed the Audit results pertaining to the underpayment of salaries for 2020 and 2021 to each of the elected officials. Salaries are set by the Ohio State Legislature and are based on the budget of the Township. For the 2020 and 2021 Concord Township's budget exceeded \$3,500,000 and therefore the elected officials should have had an increase in salary as a result. Mr. Whidden noted the same is true for 2022. Mr. Pence requested a review with the State Auditors office before any reimbursement would be considered. Mr. Whidden will follow up and report at the August meeting.
- Mr. Rhoades discussed the Thomas Cemetery flag pole and information signs recently taken down. It was decided to reinstall the historical marker at the entrance to the cemetery and not reinstall the flag pole.
- Mr. Pence led a discussion of repair and maintenance of residential curbs and gutters in the Township. It was determined that the property owners have the responsibility for this maintenance.
- The placement of security cameras on the outside of the Township garage was discussed. It was agreed to seek bids for this work and no decision was made until further study.

Public Comments:

none

Payments: Tom Mercer made a motion to approve and pay Charges 255-2022 through 286-2022. Neil Rhoades seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. on a motion and second by Tom Mercer and Neil Rhoades. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Building.

Thomas N. Mercer

Donald D. Pence

Neil E. Rhoades

William B. Whidden, Fiscal Officer

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All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Concord Township concerning and relating to the adoption or resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.