

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

August 12, 2019

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Craig Wright, PTFD, Cpl. Ryan Feilhauer, CCSO, Frank Renn, Ron McGlone, Dave O'Connor, Andy Dickerson, Cindy Cassell, David Uible, Emma Uible, Nancy Griffiths, Tricia Bosse, Dave Bosse, Clermont County Commissioner David Painter, Cindy Southall, Barb Wallace, Cindy Chumley, Dan Chumley, Susan McCord, Kiana Chumley, Elise Bezold, Jetta McCart, Jeanette Johnson, Bonnie Batchler, Kathy Waldeck, Marty Waldeck, Ginny Dennison, Dean Johns, Amy Cralick, Joe Braun and Les Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Polster.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2019 tax budget hearing, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Andy Dickerson of Cardinal Land Conservancy gave a power point presentation on their operation and the proposed Uible property nature preserve project. Cindy Cassell presented information on how the project could increase township revenue by increasing nearby property values; also reviewed how their property is currently being used for 4H, etc. Cindy Cassell also reported that she is involved with the farm bureau and displayed references of community support for the land conservancy project. Andy Dickerson reviewed the unique features of the property that make it a good candidate for this type of nature preserve. Andy Dickerson also reported that the property appraised for \$2,358,068 and that \$1,768,551 is being sought for funding the project. Andy Dickerson noted that they are looking for support from the community while applying for the fall round of funding. Mr. Polster asked if any of the questions asked earlier in the year had a different answer now. Andy Dickerson replied no.

Dave Bosse asked what could be done to secure a restaurant in the former Frisch's location.

Tricia Bosse noted that she supports the nature preserve as an option for walking and exercising her dog.

Dan Chumley asked if the property would open to everyone; answer given was yes.

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Amy Cralick reported moving here from New York where they have many of these types of areas that are great to enjoy and beneficial for the community.

Kianna Chumley, Elise Bezold, Barb Wallace, Jetta McCart and Nancy Griffiths also showed support for the proposed land conservancy project.

Frank Renn reported that he has 80 acres for sale that he would like to get \$6k per acre and stated that he is not opposed to the project but is opposed to the price the Uible's would be getting for their property. Andy Dickerson noted that Cardinal has to use the approved ODOT appraiser's figures.

Mr. Polster noted that a special meeting will be scheduled later in the month to address the resolution for the project.

Bonnie Batchler introduced herself and reported that she is running for county commissioner.

County Commissioner David Painter reported that he was in attendance to answer any questions. Mr. Vogelsang noted that the county has been more cooperative with the township lately on zoning issues.

Barb Wallace asked when the county was going to make repairs on 12 mile road. Mr. Hinson reported that he has called the engineer's office twice with no return phone call received as of yet.

Frank Renn noted that 3016 St. Rt. 132 looks to be abandoned with tall grass and appliances in the yard.

Ginny Dennison asked where the access to the land conservancy would be. Andy Dickerson responded that the entrance will be off of 12 mile road.

Asst. Chief Light, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Thanked the New Richmond Fire Department for assisting with coverage while St. Rt. 132 was closed; noted that the all hazards mitigation plan is in the final comments stage and will be finalized soon. The plan will need to be approved by the township. Mr. Hinson asked about staffing. Asst. Chief Light responded that it is getting better as 5 employees have recently completed educational certifications.

Cpl. Feilhauer, CCSO: Reported that there was 3 incidents in Hilltop Estates, 1 in Tradewinds last month. There were no overdoses last month in the township.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that 1258 Riebel Ridge is now in compliance with zoning regulations. It was noted that it is difficult to see traffic on St. Rt. 132 when at the intersection of Mt. Pisgah Rd. and SR 132.

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Dave O'Connor maintenance report: Libby Lane will be paved this Thursday, paving repairs on Riebel Ridge will be performed soon as well; Petri Drive still has drainage issues with water coming across the road; may need to cut in open ditches to correct the drainage issue. Mr. Hinson asked when the new squad would be put into service. Dave O'Connor noted that he is still working on a few items before it is put into service.

OLD BUSINESS:

2017-18 Financial Audit: Bill Gilpin reported that the audit is finished and has been submitted to the state by the auditing firm.

COMMUNICATIONS: A postcard from the League of Women Voters was received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Speed Limit Resolutions: Bill Gilpin reported that there are resolutions to authorize speed studies for Chestnut Lane, Fagins Run Rd. and Grays Lane.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold to adopt Resolution 2019-54 authorizing a speed limit study for Chestnut Lane, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold to adopt Resolution 2019-55 authorizing a speed limit study for Fagins Run Road, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold to adopt Resolution 2019-56 authorizing a speed limit study for Grays Lane, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Resolution for Internet Auctions: Joe Braun reported that this resolution is necessary to authorize selling items on the internet and that it must be passed on an annual basis.

Mr. Polster made a motion to hold to adopt Resolution 2019-57 authorizing the sale of obsolete items on the internet, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Joe Braun reported that there is a national class action lawsuit regarding opioid abuse and that all public entities will be receiving a settlement later in the year.

Mr. Vogelsang reported that the state capital grant program can be used for items in the park and township hall but not the firehouse; the deadline for application is September 3; could also apply in 2 years. Mr. Polster noted that the grant application is complex and will likely require help to complete.

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Commissioner Painter noted that Sherri Cmar may be able to assist with the application process. There was discussion on spending monies upfront to get a cost estimate for repairs or replacement of the mound septic system.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold to hire an engineer to estimate the replacement cost for the mound system, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson reported that he contacted the residents who sent a letter to the township last month regarding invasive vegetation growth along US 52.

There was discussion on the need to schedule a special meeting to discuss active litigation and to address the resolution for the Cardinal Land Conservancy project.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold a special meeting on August 23 at 9am to discuss active litigation and a resolution for the land conservancy project, seconded by Mr. Polster. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson reported that two zoning commission seats will expire in September and appointments will need to be made.

Fund balances were discussed.

The following were read and approved with warrants written for same: (payment summary on following page).

There being no further business called for, meeting on motion adjourned at 7:56pm.