

BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting January 11, 16

HELD AT: Berlin Township House, 3271 Cheshire Rd., Delaware, OH

CALL TO ORDER: Adam Fleischer, Trustee Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Pichert

ROLL CALL: Adam Fleischer, Ron Bullard, Steve Flaherty and Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer.

ATTENDANCE: Joe Pichert, Mark Carey, Michael Kray, Scott Belcastro & Chris Paykoff

PUBLIC COMMENT: Fleischer asked if there were any public comments. Scott Belcastro from Trebel said that the township natural gas aggregation program was expiring in April so in order to get it renewed and get opt out letters mailed to make a smooth transition we need to start soon. He stated the market has not changed since we did this two years ago and Volunteer Energy is the only firm in the market that offers a discount off what the Columbia rate is. The current program is a guaranteed 7% discount off the rate of \$1.29 currently. Right now they are offering \$1.10 which is a 15% savings discount which is the best program out there and is his recommendation to renew.

RESOLUTION 16-01-39 APPROVE APPOINTING RON BULLARD AS TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE TO WORK WITH MARK FOWLER AND SCOTT BELCASTRO TO GET A BID PUT IN PLACE FOR GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Motion: Bullard
Second: Flaherty
Vote: Fleischer yes, Bullard yes and Flaherty yes

Belcastro said he talked to the lighting company and said he looked at the numbers and he doesn't feel they are compelling enough to spend the money. He presented the trustees with a flush mount LED light that could be out in the township hall and suggested that they consider replacing the lights in the township hall, zoning office and the fire bays for sure. If they want they can add the trustee's office and the fiscal officer's office but he does not suggest doing the lights outside. Flaherty asked for a quote for a light that is more ecstatically pleasing. Belcastro said he would get that and come back to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 16-01-40 APPROVE THE 12/28/2015 END OF YEAR MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING

Motion: Bullard
Second: Flaherty
Vote: Fleischer yes, Bullard yes and Flaherty yes

FISCAL OFFICE:
2016 Raises – Smith said when computing the raises she wasn't sure if the BZA & BZC was supposed to be included and asked for clarification. Flaherty said the intention was to leave it alone as it was raised a few years ago. Fleischer said he doesn't feel the need to raise it at this point.

RESOLUTION 16-01-41 CLARIFY THAT IN OUR PREVIOUS RESOLUTION TO RAISE OUR EMPLOYEES PAYRATES BY 2% WE INTENDED TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE BZA & BZC

Motion: Fleischer
Second: Bullard
Vote: Bullard yes, Flaherty yes and Fleischer yes

Bank statement for December was signed.

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Annual Financial Report - Smith indicated that the annual financial report has been completed and has been posted on the bulletin boards and she sent it to Rippel to post on the website.

First Amended Certificate – Smith stated she received the 1st Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources today and the total was \$5,814,265.93, so spending could resume.

OLD BUSINESS:

Computer Contract – Fleischer said Steve Hearst was scheduled to come tonight but couldn't make it but he will be in in February. He said he spoke to someone from another computer company but didn't have a huge interest in pursuing it unless someone has a reason to. Smith said it would be nice to see what they charge and Flaherty said he set up a meeting since he thought the computer contract would fall under him now. He said if we can find something that is close to what we were looking for with the county for less and get it now with the option to switch. He asked Fleischer if he wanted him to take it over as Smith gave him the information from ComputerSmith and he is working on an ROI and he is meeting with the other company. Fleischer said that was fine.

Columbarium's – Flaherty said he thinks this is a nice option and fits with the memorial park they are planning on doing. Smith said Buell was in favor of it and we have the money in the SPRBA fund for it. Flaherty asked if we wanted Buell to get a firm quote for it and based on the information Buell gave them they would pay for themselves and being granite would be maintenance free. Bullard will ask the Boy Scouts if they can come up with a drawing for the layout and he was going to see if there were any vendors at the OTA conference.

2016 Road Improvements – Bullard said we had a list of roads that were going to get the onyx coating and Irwin will submit the information to the county. There will be some crack sealing that will be done but they will use Hills Blacktop which has worked out real well in the past. Flaherty said the list looks a lot different than when they first took office as you are seeing more preventative maintenance being done than reactive maintenance and the roads look great and this helps prolong the pavement. The only repaving that will be done is if we get the OPWC grant for Curve Road. Flaherty said by putting these repaving projects under the OPWC makes a great use of tax funds. We spent \$85,000 last year to get \$460,000 worth of road work.

Township Hall Lighting – Discussed earlier.

CEMETERY: Nothing

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fleischer said he had PDS come out and do a more investigative quote for us and he would discuss it with the fire department when he meets with them this week.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Bullard said he and Irwin figured out a way to store salt if they need to.

TRUSTEE ITEMS: None

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Reports – Flaherty said Ryan Homes is pretty active.

Robertson BZA Renewal – Smith said she received an email that Robertson wanted to stay on the BZA after we took him off at the organizational meeting since we had not heard from him. Bullard asked if he had been to any meetings last year and Smith said they might have only had two and he knows he attended at least one of them. Bullard said he is a alternate an we have another alternate.

RESOLUTION 16-01-42 APPROVE REAPPOINTING DWIGHT ROBERTSON TO THE BZA WITH A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Motion: Flaherty
Second: Bullard
Vote: Flaherty yes, Fleischer yes and Bullard yes

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Fleischer said Heid told him they worked Martin Luther King Day last year but they have it off this year. Smith said part-time employees do not get the holidays paid off so they could take it off without pay or they could choose to work it. Fleischer said Heid was under the impression that they could not come in and get paid for it. Smith said she never told anyone that so she doesn't know where he heard that from.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- 1/25/16 Trustee Meeting & Westport Homes/Johnnycake Corners Zoning hearing
- 1/26/16 Zoning Training with County Prosecutor
- 1/27/16 - 1/29/16 OTA Winter Conference

LATE ITEMS: Paykoff said the carpet in the hall is starting to get a bunch of runs and asked if that was something that could be fixed or replaced. Flaherty said fixing would be difficult and Bullard said it was put in before he became trustee. Flaherty said he had general building upgrades on his to do list and will add this to it.

**RESOLUTION MOTION TO ADJOURN
16-01-43**

Motion: Bullard
 Second: Flaherty
 Vote: Flaherty yes, Fleischer yes and Bullard yes

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Fleischer at 7:57 p.m.

Adam Fleischer, Trustee

ATTEST:

Ron Bullard, Trustee

Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer

Steve Flaherty, Trustee