

BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

7:00 p.m. End of Year Regular Meeting December 28, 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 Absent, Steve Flaherty, and Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer

ATTENDANCE: Joe & Toni Korleski, Joe Pichert, Joe Thomas, Frank Peirsol and Chris Paykoff

PUBLIC COMMENT: Fleischer asked if there were any. Hearing none they moved to the next item on the agenda.

RESOLUTION 16-12-04 APPROVE THE 11/28/2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING

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

RESOLUTION 16-12-05 APPROVE THE 12/5/2016 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING

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

FISCAL OFFICE:
November bank statement was signed.

Liquor Permits – Smith said she received a letter from the Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control asking if they wanted to object to any liquor permits being renewed in February 2017. Flaherty said he didn't know of any problems so there were no objections.

Purchase Orders – Smith asked if they wanted to keep open the purchase order for Columbus Sign Co that was approved in 2015 and the sign still has not been updated. She is not sure what the problem is as Cannon asked her recently if she received an email from them which she had not. Flaherty suggested that Cannon call them again but to close the PO and new one can be done. Smith said she has not received a bill from Miller Landscape and Flaherty said he will contact them and Smith said she will keep it open.

OTA Winter Conference – Smith gave the trustees registration forms to complete for the conference which are due January 11th to get the discount.

Inventory – Smith said she was still waiting on their inventory and Bullard said he just had a few more things to do.

*******7:15 p.m.*****TIME CERTAIN**SOUTHWOODS*****BZC 16-004*******

Todd Faris and Joe Thomas presented the plans for Southwoods located on the south side of Cheshire Road and east of Piatt Road which are 1.5 units per acre with 35% open space with a total of thirty (30) homes. The trustee's questions were answered to their satisfaction.

RESOLUTION 16-12-06 APPROVE ADDING EXHIBITS 11 THROUGH 16 TO BZC CASE 16-004 SOUTHWOODS

Exhibits BZC Case # 16-004, Southwoods
11.) Informal discussion with Todd Faris, minutes, agenda & sign in sheet dated September 13, 2016.

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- 12.) BZC minutes, agenda & sign in sheet dated October 11, 2016.
- 13.) BZC minutes, agenda & sign in sheet dated November 8, 2016.
- 14.) Rezone conclusion letter for BZC Case # 16-004, Southwoods, Toni Korleski, BZC Chair dated December 8, 2016
- 15.) Request of publication via email in the Delaware Gazette dated December 14, 2016.
- 16.) Proof of Publication - Delaware Gazette dated December 16, 2016.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVE BZC CASE 16-004 SOUTHWOODS
 16-12-07**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS AT 7:32 P.M.
 16-12-08**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVE RETURNING FROM RECESS AT 7:35 P.M.
 16-12-09**

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

OTARMA Renewal – Smith said she received the OTARMA renewal and asked if they wanted to increase anything.

**RESOLUTION APPROVE \$34,582.00 TO OTARMA FOR RENEWAL OF ANNUAL
 16-12-10 2017-2018 INSURANCE CONTRACT**

Motion: Bullard
 Second: Fleischer
 Discussion: Bullard said we had our liability at \$10,000,000 and we worked for years to get it there and he feels that is sufficient. Flaherty said as we grow we might have to increase it. Bullard said we raised it to \$10,000,000 from \$3,000,000.
 Vote: Fleischer yes, Bullard yes and Flaherty yes

**CareWorks –
 RESOLUTION APPROVE \$1,109.00 FOR CAREWORKS GROUP RATING FOR
 16-12-11 WORKERS COMP**

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

Smith said Rippel took a hall rental application in November for a memorial in December and she said she doesn't normally charge the fee for memorials but she was unaware that they were using it for that and is now asking for the full fee to be refunded. Flaherty said he talked to her about it and he is fine with not charging the fee if they purchased a grave space from us but in this case they were not buried here. He is okay with refunding this one but in the future if they have not purchased a grave space and are not being buried here then they are welcome to rent the room but it will be at the normal room rental fee. Flaherty said Rippel asked her about one and if he recalls the funeral did not take place here but they had the memorial here. He said the room would be free if you purchase a grave space from us but not if you are having a memorial. Smith said she would still get her \$50 back. Flaherty said he would go with that unless they find out that it was a person that was buried here and then we will refund the whole thing. Bullard said if the funeral wasn't here

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then we are setting a precedent and he would rather not do that. Smith will only refund the \$50 deposit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fleischer said he wanted to thank Irwin & Rippel for putting together the Christmas luncheon a few weeks ago.

Names for VFFDF – Pichert said it would be Pichert, Paykoff, Spangler and Reda.

Fire Levy – Pichert said he sent them information from the auditor’s office and they need a resolution tonight to get the wording to the prosecutor’s office so they meet the deadline to the Board of Elections. The resolution only needs to state that the trustee’s feel there is a need to place an operating levy on the ballot so Fowler can prepare the resolution and ballot wording. Flaherty said we are not approving the ballot wording tonight. We are asking that for every \$100,000, \$103.25 will be added to Berlin Township resident’s tax bills for a fire department staffing levy. Flaherty said we are coming into a service area that is growing and people are expecting a certain level of service and we have made every stride we can with the budget that we have without having an additional levy and we have maintained the operating levy at its current rate and have not asked for an increase there. This staffing levy is a necessary to keep the department moving forward to accomplish the goals that we want. Bullard said George Kaitisa said everyone was going to get an impressive increase in their taxes this year for the Olentangy School taxes and people will not be happy with what they see and we are attempting to put a levy on the ballot during a time frame when people are unhappy. Flaherty said that is up for the people to decide as it takes money to get the services that people desire. Pichert said they have not asked for an increase since 2006.

**RESOLUTION APPROVE NECESSITY FOR FIRE LEVY
16-12-12**

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

Noise Ordinance – Fleischer said he is still waiting on Fowler.

Speed Limit Resolution –

**RESOLUTION APPROVE A SPEED LIMIT REVISION FOR THAT PORTION
16-12-13 OF GLENN ROAD (TR043) EXTENDING FROM CURVE ROAD (TR089) TO CITY OF DELAWARE CORPORATION LIMIT AND LOCATED IN CITY OF DELAWARE CORPORATION LIMIT AND LOCATED IN BERLIN TOWNSHIP**

Whereas, the Delaware County Engineer is requesting the Board of Trustees to consider the adoption of a Resolution to request the Ohio Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit for those portions of Glenn Road (TR093) extending from Curve Road (TR089) to City of Delaware Corporation Limit and located in Berlin Township; and

Whereas, Glenn Road (TR093) is currently unposted; and

Whereas, to provide a consistent speed limit to the traveling public, it has been determined that the Ohio Department of Transportation will consider a 35 mph speed zone for that roadway; and

Whereas, the Delaware County Engineer is recommending the Berlin Township Trustees pass a Resolution to request the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to determine and declare a 35 mph speed limit for that portion of Glenn Road (TR093) extending from Curve Road (TR089) to City of Delaware Corporation Limits and located in Berlin Township.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Berlin Township Board of Trustees, Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio:

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Section 1, The Board of Trustees hereby requests request the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to determine and declare a 35 mph speed limit for that portion of Glenn Road (TR093) extending from Curve Road (TR089) to City of Delaware Corporation Limits and located in Berlin Township.

Section 2. Upon being advised that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation has declared a revision to the speed limit on the sections of the road described above, the Berlin Township Trustees shall promptly erect standard signs properly posted and giving notice thereof.

Approved and Adopted by the Berlin Township Trustees.

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

CEMETERY – Nothing more.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Nothing more.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Curve Road Culvert – Bullard said they received an estimate from the Delaware County Engineer to repair culvert on Curve Road.

**RESOLUTION APPROVE \$8,000.00 FOR CURVE ROAD CULVERT REPAIR
16-12-14**

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

TRUSTEE DEPARTMENT: Nothing

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Zoning Report – Nothing

FUTURE MEETINGS:

1/9/17 Trustee Meeting
1/23/17 Trustee Meeting
1/25/17 – 1/28/17 OTA Conference

LATE ITEMS: None

**RESOLUTION MOTION TO ADJOURN
16-12-15**

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

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Fleischer at 9:56 p.m.

Adam Fleischer, Trustee

ATTEST:

Ron Bullard, Trustee

Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer

Steve Flaherty, Trustee