

BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting May 23, 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 Toni Korleski

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

ATTENDANCE: Fire Chief Craig Hall, Assistant Fire Chief Joe Pichert, Joe & Toni Korleski, Chris Paykoff, Doug Riedell, Andy Brooks and Ron from Millers Landscaping

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

RESOLUTION 16-05-06 APPROVE THE 5/9/2016 SPRING ROADS MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING

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

FISCAL OFFICE:
2017 Budget – Smith reminded them about the budget and asked if they had any questions. Flaherty asked when then needed to have it in and Smith said by next meeting to talk about it.

OLD BUSINESS:
Economic Development Update – Flaherty said there was nothing new but he did attend the open house for the Evans Property which was well attended. He said he did not talk to one person that was upset about it and everyone was really positive about it. He talked to people that live next to it and they said they were pleased with the communication with the developer who reached out to them for their input regarding the design. He stated no lot adjoining a current neighborhood is smaller than what the lot size was set up for.

Lighting Update – Bullard said he met with Belcastro & Andy Brooks from Smart Energy Partners regarding the lighting updates and received a proposal. Brooks reviewed the proposal with the trustees and had three lights that showed the difference between the lighting colors and outputs. The quote for the township hall was \$22,054.53 and for the fire station it was \$22,438.47. Trustees will review the proposals.

Part-time Employee – Bullard said there was nothing new and Flaherty said it was posted to Facebook again.

Property Purchases – Bullard said he is still waiting on the appraisal.

StewCare Increase – Flaherty said he talked to Mike Stewart and it is taking them an extra four hours to cut and weed around the culvert pipes in the cemetery so he is fine with paying the extra price and reevaluating it later this year.

RESOLUTION 16-05-07 APPROVE ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR MOWING WITH THE RATE BEING \$977.27 PER MOW EFFECTIVE MAY 6, 2016 PER THE LETTER FROM STEWCARE DATED MAY 6, 2016.

Motion: Bullard
Second: Fleischer
Discussion: Flaherty said this is retroactive back to the first cut this month after culverts were installed. Fleischer said with all his interactions with them they have been very responsive.
Vote: Fleischer yes, Bullard yes and Flaherty yes

Township Hall Updates – Flaherty said he met with Strand Associates who is an engineering firm and needed to get copies of the drawings from the building. Smith and

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Hall said they were probably in the store room. Flaherty said they were also going to do an energy audit on the township and fire station. He said having them do an engineering and redesign of the building would be outrageous and he knew it would be but he wanted to check our options. They said if we were ever to expand the township hall it would be better to go out to the garage. Flaherty said we talked about putting the road department down by the fire house. He received a quote from the handyman guy and will review it for the next meeting but his quote was about a third of what Brooks quote was but he is providing commercial grade lights and is more than what we are looking at doing.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Piatt Road Culvert – Riedell provided the trustees with two estimate, one to replace the culvert at Piatt Road for \$12,261.72 and one to have a liner installed for \$21,096 which was the townships portion of the repairs. Flaherty asked what the advantage was to lining it and Riedell said the liner is used when there is more fill and a larger pipe or you don't have to go in and put all the makings over the top. Flaherty asked if with the replacement, if it replaces the asphalt over it and Riedell said yes and the road would probably be closed for a week but may not take that long just depends on the weather. With the liner the road would not have to be closed. Bullard said Irwin's suggestion was for the replacement.

RESOLUTION 16-05-08 APPROVE \$12,261.72 TO DELAWARE COUNTY ENGINEER FOR REPLACEMENT OF CULBERT PIPE ON PIATT ROAD IN CONJUNCTION WITH DELAWARE COUNTY ENGINEER WHICH INCLUDES A 20% SHIPPING COST THAT SHOULD NOT BE NEEDED

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

CEMETERY: Ron Miller with Miller Landscaping showed the trustees a concept that he created based upon what he understood they wanted for the addition to the cemetery that would hold a scattering garden, a columbarium, the school memorial cornerstones and the veteran's garden. There would be crushed limestone paths leading to each area with benches, trees and landscape plants. Paykoff asked if it could be done in phases and Ron said yes, that his proposal has everything separate and broken out. Flaherty said they need to decide where to place it as they can put it in front of the cemetery but it's by the road or they can put it in the back of the cemetery. Flaherty said the sketch was very nice looking and accomplishes all the areas they are looking at. Flaherty said they need to decide on the placement and asked Ron to get a cost proposal for them by the next meeting and they will work with the boy scouts to see what they can help with, either build the bridge or make the benches. Bullard said if we place it in the front you have to think about the widening of Cheshire Road some day in the future. Flaherty said by placing it in the back you lose plots that could be sold but you make your money from the columbarium's and the scattering garden.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Captains Position – Assistant Fire Chief Pichert said they are looking at approving the 56 hour work week, moving Mark Carey from a full-time firefighter to a full-time captain position and hiring Tim Carr who is currently a part-time firefighter to full-time captain. Pichert said Carey received his 80 hours of vacation for this year in January so with him going to the new 56 hour work week his new vacation will be 120 hours, so we will need to add 40 hours when he starts his cycle to pick up the difference. Pichert's vacation is not due till July and he would have already started so he will start the new 56 hour vacation time then.

RESOLUTION 16-05-09 APPROVE HIRING A FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER FOR THE BERLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS CONDITIONS OF SUCH EMPLOYMENT

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the "Township") desires to hire an individual as a full-time firefighter for the Township; and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Township and its residents to establish and clarify the terms and conditions of employment for **full-time fire captain**, who is presently employed by the Township as a **full-time firefighter**; and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents

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to provide certain additional benefits to this employee as a form of compensation;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the "Board") that the following Resolution be and is hereby adopted: **RESOLVED,** that the Township hereby appoints and employs **MARK C. CAREY** (hereinafter referred to as the "Employee") as a full-time fire captain for the Berlin Township Fire Department, subject to the following terms and conditions of employment, with effective date to be determined by the Fire Chief.

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

**RESOLUTION
16-05-10**

**APPROVE HIRING A FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER FOR THE
BERLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING
THE TERMS CONDITIONS OF SUCH EMPLOYMENT**

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the "Township") desires to hire an individual as a full-time firefighter for the Township; and **WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of Township and its residents to establish and clarify the terms and conditions of employment for **full-time fire captain,** who is presently employed by the Township as a **full-time firefighter;** and **WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to provide certain additional benefits to this employee as a form of compensation;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the "Board") that the following Resolution be and is hereby adopted: **RESOLVED,** that the Township hereby appoints and employs **TIMOTHY R. CARR** (hereinafter referred to as the "Employee") as a full-time fire captain for the Berlin Township Fire Department, subject to the following terms and conditions of employment, with effective date to be determined by the Fire Chief.

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

**RESOLUTION
16-05-11**

**RESOLUTION HIRING A FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER FOR THE
BERLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING
THE TERMS CONDITIONS OF SUCH EMPLOYMENT**

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the "Township") desires to hire an individual as a full-time firefighter for the Township; and **WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of Township and its residents to establish and clarify the terms and conditions of employment for **assistant fire chief,** who is presently employed by the Township as an **assistant fire chief;** and **WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to provide certain additional benefits to this employee as a form of compensation;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the "Board") that the following Resolution be and is hereby adopted: **RESOLVED,** that the Township hereby appoints and employs **JOSEPH T. PICHERT** (hereinafter referred to as the "Employee") as a **full-time assistant fire chief** for the Berlin Township Fire Department, as a 56 hour fire-fighter, subject to the following terms and conditions of employment, with effective date to be determined by the Fire Chief.

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

**RESOLUTION
16-05-12**

**APPROVE \$1,200.00 TO WORKHEALTH FOR OP & F NEW HIRE
PHYSICAL FOR TIM CARR**

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

Flaherty said the pay scale is for year one and Pichert said when we get their start dates for Tim and Mark theirs will carry through so when the organizational meeting comes up we will make a note that their pay scale is reflected as per this resolution and they will not receive a raise at that time.

Chief Hall said he was invited to Delaware Counties EMS annual banquet and he is happy to say that Berlin Township Fire Department was given the External Department of the Year award. Based upon their training with the EMS they were also chosen as the model for the EMS service and the way that they work together back and forth with them. The most exciting part of this for Hall was that it was presented to him by Tim Hansley the ex-county administrator, who spoke largely about how we work together and he wished that other departments would also. Hall said it is not only for Berlin Township but was also for medic 10 and "they make us who we are and we make them who they are." He said there's not much that they do that they are not together. They have done a lot of training with them on the bike trails and boat rescue which they have never had before but last month they had two and they were very successful, in and out in ten minutes and if they had not done the training it would have been a lot longer. They did training on the RIT craft last Saturday for seven hours at Alum Creek with BGST&G, Tri and Orange Township and they had the top three premier instructors of the state of Ohio give their time to get this project going.

Flaherty congratulated them for the award and said it is reflective of the job they do every day and also medic 10 as they are a huge asset to our township and the cohesion between the two groups is almost perfect. Hall said that medic 10 won crew of the year and that all the awards were for Berlin Township. Flaherty said it reflects the leadership down there. Hall said they are working on the Touch a Truck event. Fleischer said he had two conversations today with people from the county where they offered the opinion that they were perfect and had the optimal situation where we offer the space and the county provides the service and it is unfortunate that other entities can't work the same way.

Bullard said he went to both meetings with the county commissioners and the first meeting was basically a request for money by the southern townships and they talked about it like it was a contract and a plan but none of that existed from what he heard. He said he heard that it was a united way kind of drive, we need money, give us money and we will do good things. He heard that both times that he went there. He offered to help the county if they wanted to put a contract together but he's not so sure they want to. They are talking about sub-contracting but none of it is based on a contract and there are no standards that need to be met, just here's some money go do good things and it's for EMS. He's concerned that the county doesn't have any idea of what they are trying to do but they are trying to give money away and he is not happy with that. Flaherty asked if they were going to go through with it and Bullard said it had all the earmarks of that happening. Fleisher said this is how he spent most of his day today and of the three, one is against, one is opposed and one is waiting on a financial report and he thinks a decision will be made in the fall. Bullard said what they went away with was to study it some more. He said before that it was a money grab and he'll say it again. Flaherty said there isn't a direct effect on us right now, it's just that you could have reduced funds in the future for county support. Bullard said from a Berlin Township Trustee stand point it probably doesn't make a difference but from a Berlin Township resident stand point he thinks it's a piece of crap and he thinks the county commissioners need to be doing their job which is to provide EMS service to everyone in the county and they shouldn't be playing favorites with the townships. If they need to have more money to be able to do the EMS for the county then get more money to do it and to provide top level service in the country. Fleischer agreed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT CONTINUED: Bullard said he checked into the grant program for the new truck and said there currently is no grant program available but there may or may not be one in the future and he explained how it worked.

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RESOLUTION 16-05-13 APPROVE \$89,513.00 TO COLUMBUS PETERBUILT FOR NEW MODEL 348 PETERBUILT CAB AND CHASSIS FOR REPLACEMENT DUMP TRUCK

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

RESOLUTION 16-05-14 APPROVE \$11,425.00 TO THE DEXTER COMPANY FOR SNOW PLOW AND SALTING EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

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

RESOLUTION 16-05-15 APPROVE \$48,415.00 TO THE DEXTER COMPANY FOR NEW TRUCK EQUIPMENT PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDES STAINLESS DUMP BODY AND OUTFITTING AND OPTIONAL SELF GREASING SYSTEM

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

TRUSTEE DEPARTMENT:

Flaherty said he wanted to make everyone aware of a house bill that is going through for snow removal on township sidewalks and it passed the house and is going to the senate and it authorizes townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks butting property and can impose a fine for failure to do so. He said in the past they have had people call and complain that sidewalks are not being shoveled so this gives the township the authority to govern that and we could impose a fine and it will be up to each township whether they want to enforce it or not. Bullard said that is a topic for conversation with the homeowner’s associations as that is where the sidewalks are. Flaherty said with the addition of shared use pathways they will need to determine whose responsibility it will be to clean these.

Additional Recycling – Flaherty said he handled the email but he told Summerwood that they can elect to do it as an HOA and it was an all or nothing. There were more people that didn’t want the added cost of \$3 to \$5 to their individual account to get another container. They don’t have to buy one they can use any type of container and mark it recycling and Republic will take it.

ZONING DEPARTMENT: Flaherty said he, Chet and Toni attended the American Planning Association meeting and it was well worth it and was a good networking event for us to be seen at. He said the interesting thing that is coming is with the autonomous cars and how parking is done and how design and business is done.

Bullard said he went to the meeting regarding 36/37 and was told by Tom Slack that someday it will be done.

FUTURE MEETING:

- 6/13/16 Trustee Meeting
- 7/11/16 Trustee Meeting
- 7/30/16 Touch a Truck
- 8/8/16 Trustee Meeting

LATE ITEMS: None

RESOLUTION 16-05-16 MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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Meeting adjourned by Chairman Fleischer at 9:21 p.m.

Adam Fleischer, Trustee

ATTEST:

Ron Bullard, Trustee

Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer

Steve Flaherty, Trustee