

Minutes of March 23, 2021

Record of Proceedings

Due to Covid-19, this regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Trustees was conducted remotely via <http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/147176629> from the Washington Township Administration Building, 6200 Eiterman Road, Dublin, Ohio, on March 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair.

Roll call – Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair – Present
 Mr. Jan Rozanski, Vice Chair – Present
 Ms. Denise Franz King, Trustee – Present

Syntero, Inc. Annual Report Update:

Ms. Julie Erwin Rinaldi with Syntero, Inc. was present to review the annual report with the Board of Trustees. Presentation appended to the minutes. Append #001

A discussion was held regarding the past donations and the Board requested a formal Resolution pertaining to the donation and will be approved at the next meeting.

Authorization to Purchase:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Ms. King, to Authorize the Township Administrator to purchase a 2021 Ford F150 from Byers Auto, cost not to exceed \$30,000 as per the recommendation. Motion passed. #2021.03.23.001

Append #002

Motion by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, to authorize the Township Administrator to Purchase a 2021 Ford Expedition from Byers Auto, cost not to exceed \$42,500 as per the recommendation. Motion passed. #2021.03.23.002

Append #003

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Ms. King, to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2021, as presented. Motion approved. #2021.03.23.003

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Kranstuber, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Bills: March 15, 2021	\$ 90,964.65
Payroll: Biweekly – March 19, 2021	\$ 439,612.61
January Financial Report	

Motion passed.

#2021.03.23.004

Append #004

Round Table Discussion:

Updated reports were given by Department Heads and Trustees.

Discussion was held regarding non-collection of four permanent fire levies for tax year 2021 (payable in 2022) the purpose would be to reduce carry over balances. Ms. King reminded the Board of this goal discussed and approved at the strategic planning meeting in August, to reduce the fund balance to 50% of operational spending for the year. Mr. Kranstuber stated he would feel better with moving forward if there is a final number on the Amlin Project. Mr. Richter stated the total Amlin project cost is approximately 5.2 million. Mr. Rozanski is also in favor of reducing the fund balances. Materials appended to the meeting minutes. Append #005

Permanent Fire Fund Levy's

Motion by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, to authorize the Township to take steps and to move forward to not collect all four of the Permanent Fire Fund Tax Levy's in 2021, payable in 2022, and to re-evaluate the fund balance each year following to determine whether or not this should be repeated. Motion passed. #2021.03.23.005

Append #006

Noting: This retains the full amount of the temporary fire levy, which was passed last spring and it provides the majority of the funding for the Fire Department. Ms. King stated we have no interest of endangering this very successful operation of Washington Township's Fire Department.

Round Table Discussion Continued:

Mr. Richter shared a video that will be posted on the web-site for recruiting staffing in the future. Chief Alec O'Connell gave updates on COVID vaccines which the Township will be a distributor.

Resident from Amlin:

Mr. Kevin Ketchum, 6961 Rings Road, Dublin, OH, 43016, resident of Amlin, wanted to know what the results were of a questionnaire regarding whether or not the residents of Amlin want this project (Amlin Project) and if the residents want the sidewalks that are planned for the improvements? He asked did you ask the residents? Mr. Kranstuber said yes, there was a meeting and a discussion was held regarding the improvements of the area and the sidewalks were discussed. Mr. Richter said there was a letter that went out to all the residents, and notified them of the meetings regarding the Amlin Project. Direction has been giving to the consultants and the Township is moving forward with the project. Project has not been bid out yet and we do not have final engineering drawings. Mr. Kranstuber stated this area hasn't had any attention for many years and the Trustees are trying to improve the area. Mr. Ketchum stated this isn't wanted by the residents and should not be the priority of the Township, drainage should be the priority and fixing the alleys/roads. Mr. Richter stated what drove this project is Stormwater Drainage and the improvement of the roads. Mr. Ketchum stated Stormwater has nothing to do with sidewalks. Mr. Kranstuber stated Stormwater is the priority, and then the Trustees took this opportunity to do some spectacular improvements to the area, which hasn't been done in many years, he stated this is news to the Trustees if residents aren't supporting this. Mr. Ketchum stated sidewalks have nothing to do with the drainage. Mr. Kranstuber stated sidewalks are always controversial in the planning stage, for example Brand Road and Dublin Road the City of Dublin went in and put sidewalks in, which many residents were skeptical about, and didn't want them, but once they went in, everyone loves them.

Mr. Rozanski stated we had public meetings and he is sorry only two residents showed up, so we did not hear their opinion. Mr. Ketchum stated the Township didn't ask their opinion. Ms. King stated she has spoken to some of the residents and their comments have been incorporated into the meeting. Ms. King stated we have made an outreach effort and the information has been publically available. I'm glad you are raising your concerns now but it would have been nice to have heard your concerns along the way. This project has been in the works for approximately two years now. Ms. King stated she has only heard support for this project. Again, Mr. Ketchum is not in support of the sidewalks but is in support of the drainage. Mr. Richter stated 60% of the engineering drawings have been submitted and have reached out to the utility companies. Mr. Kranstuber stated we would let Mr. Ketchum know when the next public meeting is and will supply him with the minutes of the previous meeting regarding this project.

Executive Session for Personnel Matters:

Motion by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, to adjourn into Executive Session for Personnel Matters and for the discussion of employment and compensation of a public employee, per the request of the Township Administrator, Township Trustees and per the Ohio Revised Code Section #121.22 (G)(1) at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called on with all members of the Washington Township Board of Trustees voting aye. Motion passed. #2021.03.23.006

Reconvened Meeting:

Meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

Motion:

Motion by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Rozanski, to authorize the Township Administrator to move forward and issue a bond for the Zoning Inspector position at an amount not less than a \$5,000 Bond. Motion passed. #2021.03.23.007

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting of March 23, 2021, adjourned at approximately 7:28 p.m.