

The September 12, 2018 regular meeting of the Delhi Township Board of Trustees was called to order by President Rose K. Stertz. Trustee Cheryl A. Sieve, Fiscal Officer James J. Luebbe, Administrator Jack Cameron and Law Director David C. Lane were present.

OPEN THE MEETING:

- The Board received certification that the rules adopted pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code had been complied with for the meeting.
- The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence, in memory of Ruth Pritchard, mother of one of our firefighters Pete Pritchard, and grandmother to Ben Pritchard, who is also a Delhi firefighter. Ruth is survived by her children Molly Tufts, Patrick Pritchard, Pete Pritchard and their spouses, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Pritchard truly demonstrated a life well lived. May she rest in peace.
Sympathies also go out to the Highlander Community for the loss of Connor Cain, an Oak Hills High School senior student who passed away today. Prayers go out to everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion 2018-165 (August 29, 2018)

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting held on August 29, 2018 and dispense with the reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2018-166 (September 6, 2018)

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees special meeting held on September 6, 2018 and dispense with the reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion 2018-167

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to approve bills for payment. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL PAYMENT OF OVERTIME: (period ending 8/28/18)

Motion 2018-168

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to approve the payment of overtime for pay periods ending August 28, 2018. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER: James Luebbe

1. Resolution 2018-173 – Approve Purchase Orders

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution approving purchase order obligations incurred on behalf of the Township by the Township Administrator, authorizing

payment of certain purchase order obligations and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

2. Significant Transactions – Mr. Luebbe reported on the following:

Deposits: \$27,000 for EMS reimbursements on August 31st, \$903,000 for the Homestead Rollback on September 12th. Disbursements: checks cut on September 12th for reimbursement to the school districts from TIF funding: \$42,000 to the Cincinnati Public Schools, \$984,000 to the Oak Hills Local School District and \$52,000 to Great Oaks Career Campus, and \$260,000 Payroll transaction on September 6th.

TRUSTEES' CORRESPONDENCE:

- Trustee Sieve referenced correspondence that was shared at the Delhi Business Association meeting this morning: Dog Days of Delhi event hosted by the Delhi Business Association on October 27th, Mount St. Joseph University Trick-or-Treat event on October 23rd, and the Delhi Business Association Christmas Parade on December 1st.
- Trustee Stertz referenced the application for the Christmas Parade can be found on the Delhi Business Associations website, of which the deadline to register is October 30th.
- Trustee Stertz recognized the Bacon, Beer and Bourbon event and the Delhi Business Association for putting it on for their members. She referred to the upcoming Speakeasy Spirits event hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department.

ADMINISTRATION: HR Director Melanie Hermes

1. Resolution 2018-174

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing and entering into the Delhi Township Medial Plan Amendment and Summary of Material Modifications with Custom Design Benefits, LLC, (Custom Design Benefits) in connection with the provision of certain self-insured group health benefits for eligible Township employees and officers, authorizing the Township Administrator to execute and deliver all necessary documents, and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mrs. Hermes reported that this will be our 3rd year to be self-insured, and our 2nd year that we will contract with Custom Design Benefits.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

2. Resolution 2018-175

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing and entering into a renewal agreement with Dental Care Plus for the provision of group dental insurance benefits for eligible Township employees and officers, authorizing the Township Administrator to execute and deliver the necessary documents, and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mrs. Hermes reported that the renewal with Dental Care Plus has a 2% increase guaranteed for two years.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

3. Resolution 2018-176

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing and entering into an agreement with Guard Well, LLC for the provision of identity protection services for eligible Township employees and officers, authorizing the Township Administrator to execute and deliver the necessary documents, and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mrs. Hermes reported that this is a new voluntary benefit that is being offered to employees and their family members.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

4. Resolution 2018-177

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing and entering into the Excess Loss Insurance Policy Contract with Symetra Life Insurance Company in connection with the provision of group health insurance benefits through an individual self-insurance program for the provision of individual and aggregate stop loss protection, authorizing the Township Administrator to execute and deliver the necessary documents, and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mrs. Hermes reported that the insurance company becomes liable for losses that exceed the limit set at \$50,000 per individual per year. She commented that Symentra had a more favorable coverage compared to our current provider, and they are a preferred partner with Horan, our insurance broker.

Mr. Cameron reported the policy also has a maximum for the group in addition to the annual maximum of \$50,000 per individual.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

PARKS AND RECREATION: No Agenda Items.

Trustee Stertz congratulated Park Director Josh Torbeck on graduating from the Center of Local Government Leadership Training.

Mr. Torbeck reported on upcoming events hosted by the Parks Department:
 Delhi Farmers Market at Clearview Lake this Saturday from 9 until noon,
 Speakeasy Spirits bourbon tasting with Northside Distillery on September 21st,
 Harvest Hootenanny all-day family festival scheduled at Story Woods Park on October 20th.

Trustee Stertz thanked Park Director Josh Torbeck for hosting a variety of events for the community this year.

In response to Trustee Sieve's question regarding an update on the stage, Mr. Torbeck reported that they plan to start construction in the fall and have it ready to use next spring.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Campbell

Motion 2018-169

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to approve the promotion of Austin Ecklar as Career Firefighter/Paramedic in the Fire Department at the rate per the collective bargaining agreement with the IAFF Local 3389 effective upon final confirmation from the State of Ohio. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES. Motion carried.

Chief Campbell reported that the department hired Austin as an EMT with the intent for him to continue his education so he could work as a paramedic in the future.

Chief Campbell referenced the September 21st Coffee with the Chiefs to be held at the Greenwell Fire Station from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS: Director Ron Ripperger

1. Resolution 2018-178

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution entering into joint agreement with the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners for the Hillside Avenue Slip Repair Project No. 501311 and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mr. Ripperger reported that the repair project was a joint effort with Hamilton County to secure funding for a county road.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Howarth

1. Resolution 2018-179

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution updating and replacing job descriptions for all Police Department employees, Article 12 Positions Descriptions of the Delhi Township amended and restated Summary of Policies dated January 1, 2014, updating staffing levels and pay rates, and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

2. Resolution 2018-180

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution entering into Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement authorized at Resolution No. 2018-070 with the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio regarding use of Clear Funding for mobile data computers and docking stations transferred to law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County, and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Chief Howarth reported that the amendment will allow Hamilton County to move forward with signing the agreement.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Director Greg DeLong

1. Resolution 2018-181

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 664 Libbejo Drive and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Mr. DeLong informed the board that the department received two separate complaints on two addresses, one for excessive vegetation and one for debris, so you will see two resolutions per address. With regard to all of the resolutions (2018-181 through 2018-189) the properties were found to be in the same condition this morning during the follow up inspection.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

2. Resolution 2018-182

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 1066 Beechmeadow Lane and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

3. Resolution 2018-183

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 4911 Alvernovalley Court and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

4. Resolution 2018-184

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for accumulated debris at 4954 Alvernovalley Court and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

5. Resolution 2018-185

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 4954 Alvernovalley Court and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

6. Resolution 2018-186

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 5218 Riverwatch Drive and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

7. Resolution 2018-187

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for accumulated debris at 5368 Plover Lane and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

8. Resolution 2018-188

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for excessive vegetation at 5368 Plover Lane and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

9. Resolution 2018-189

Trustee Sieve introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution declaring nuisance for accumulated debris at 5378 Palisades Drive and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Stertz seconded.

Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES during roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: N/A

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. Clearview Lake is open for fishing on Friday through September 28th from 7:00 a.m. until dusk.
2. Delhi Farmers Market is open every other Saturday (next date September 15) at Clearview Lake from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Clearview Lake.
3. Delhi Township Parks & Recreation Dept. presents "Speakeasy Spirits" on Friday, September 21, 2018 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Delhi Park Lodge.
4. 5th Annual MSJ 5K on Friday, September 21, 2018 at the Mount at 6:30 p.m.
5. Delhi Branch Library to host a free Solar Workshop on Monday, September 24, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
6. Mount St. Joseph Community Electronic Recycling Day on Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the MSJ West parking lot.

Update on the Water Rate Increase

Trustee Sieve reported that ten townships, out of the twelve located in Hamilton County, have participated in the filing of an intervention along with Hamilton County's legal department, in a fight to reduce the planned water rate hike of 18% for Hamilton County residents. She commented that the case is currently pending a decision by Judge Ruehlman to have an injunction placed on the agreement. She stated the purpose is an attempt to come to some

conclusion as to why the unincorporated areas are getting such a significant rate hike, as compared to the incorporate areas.

Mr. Cameron added that the township rates will remain the same until a decision is made in this court proceeding.

Trustee Sieve reported that a temporary restraining order is in place on the recommended rate hike until the injunction to allow the task force to reconvene is approved, allowing the group to reconvene to continue discussion so they can come up with a logical, acceptable increase, the data to support it, and explanation as to why the unincorporated areas would be charged more. She added that more testimony will be heard tomorrow in court.

Law Director Dave Lane reported that his understanding was that the substantive testimony was scheduled to be heard on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. He commented that ultimately task force recommendations are advisory only and are not considered to be binding, so the city does not have to be agree to them anyway.

Trustee Stertz referenced the Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN MEETING:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Sieve moved and Trustee Stertz seconded to adjourn. Trustees Stertz and Sieve voted YES.

_____, Fiscal Officer

Approved: _____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Trustee

I hereby certify that the amounts needed to meet the above obligations have been lawfully appropriated and are in the treasury or the process of collection free from any and all obligations.

James J. Luebbe, Fiscal Officer