CLAY TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees Meeting

September 5, 2017

The regular meeting of Clay Township Trustees was called to order by Trustee President Steve Woolf at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was observed for our military serving here and abroad, our fire fighters, our road workers and police in harm’s way.

Roll call:

  Mr. Winner, present  Mr. Woolf, present  Mr. Vore, present

Trustee Winner moved to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2017 Trustee Meeting; seconded by Trustee Vore.

Roll call:

  Winner – Yes  Woolf – Yes  Vore – Present

Trustee Winner moved to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2017 Trustee Special Meeting; seconded by Trustee Vore.

Roll call:

  Winner – Yes  Woolf – Yes  Vore – Present

Hearing from the Public:

Joe Tuss, Montgomery County Administrator, was present to share information concerning the upcoming Human Services renewal levy for Montgomery County. There was five key points he wanted to share with the Trustees

1) Renewal – they have two levies and this is Levy B and it is a renewal.

2) The levy is capped – even though property values are going up, taxes will not increase as it is set for an amount for the monies raised.

3) Human Services helps over 50,000 people throughout Montgomery County – there are five major agencies, Children Services, Public Health, Disabilities, Alcohol and Mental Health Services and Senior Services.

4) Human Services is managed by the Human Services Council made up a broad range of individuals from the community.

5) Human services have worked on implementing efficiencies that has resulted in a 9% reduction in costs over the past five years.

6) Again, it is a renewal; no new taxes - $15/mo. for every $100,000 of home value.
Statistics of their services provided is maintained by zip code and Mr. Tuss could provide this information for 45309.

There was a question if the agency covers opium/heroin epidemic indigent burials provided by Townships that are currently are not funded which Mr. Tuss did not readily know the answer. Trustee Woolf requested a review to see how these services are handled to see if the Township could receive financial assistance with these costs. Trustee Vore inquired about the total revenue generated by Clay Township from these levies. Mr. Tuss did not have that information, however he did share that Levy B generated around $52 million and Levy A raised around $70 million. The General Fund had a budget of $158 million.

Gary Horstman, Clay Township Historical Society, want to give Zoning Office Justin Brown a big thank you in assisting them with the Ohio Attorney General registration with e-mail set up. He believes they are registered and set up in the system. He appreciated the assistance.

Department Reports:

Police –Sargent Hawkins sitting in for Chief VanGundy - nothing to report.

Road & Cemetery –Chris Maleski, Road and Cemetery Superintendent, not present. Trustee Winner reported they are working on Pansing Road to get things done so the paving and related work can get started by September 15th as originally scheduled.

Trustee Winner reported that 3 deeds had been prepared for the lots recently sold in Arlington Cemetery. Trustee Winner moved to authorize the issuance of the prepared deeds. Trustee Woolf, seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Winner – Yes    Woolf-Yes    Vore – Yes

Fiscal Officer Limbert had a question if the Township mows water ways outside of the road’s right-of-ways. Trustee Woolf indicated that the Township does not mow those; the County does the mowing. There was general discussion on the history of the ditch responsibility in the Township by the County. Trustee Woolf indicated that the Township is not to be mowing out of the right-of-ways.

Zoning – Zoning Director Brown shared his report that had been distributed earlier. No questions.
Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer Limbert presented appropriation reallocations to the Trustees for gas/diesel in the Road Fund. Trustee Woolf moved to approve the appropriation reallocations as presented; Trustee Winner seconded the motion.
Roll call:
   Winner – Yes    Woolf - Yes    Vore - Yes

Fiscal Officer Limbert presented Blanket Certificate as prepared for the payment of bills. Trustee Vore moved to accept the Blanket Certificate as presented. Trustee Winner seconded the motion.
Roll call:
   Winner – Yes    Woolf - Yes    Vore - Yes

Fiscal Officer Limbert presented the warrants and electronic payment vouchers for approval to pay. Trustee Winner moved to pay the warrants and electronic payment vouchers as prepared. Trustee Vore seconded the motion.
Roll call:
   Winner – Yes    Woolf-Yes    Vore - Yes

Unfinished Business:

Fiscal Officer Limbert reported that a copy of the completed contract with Walls Brothers for the repaving of the Pansing Road Phase 2 Issue II project had been received.

Trustee Woolf reported the ads for health benefits have been prepared and place in the local papers and the Dayton Daily News. Trustee Woolf shared that insurance brokers are now utilizing electronic sign up by employees for their proposals. Foxfire is one such program used online. Trustee Woolf indicated that he will be preparing a letter for our employees to explain the process for providing that information on line for the interested insurance providers. Fiscal Officer Limbert indicated that he would be available to help employees in providing such information in the morning if they needed assistance. Trustee Vore shared the process of working on controlling health insurance/benefits costs discussed in the special meeting on 8/27/17 on trying to contain costs with level revenues being received and understanding the options available. After reviewing the Township’s financial position, it is apparent changes are needed.
New Business:

Trustee Winner presented the Cemetery report for approval as prepared by Cemetery Superintendent Maleski. Trustee Winner moved to accept the report as presented. Trustee Vore seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Winner – Yes       Woolf - Yes       Vore - Yes

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Winner Nothing else to report.

Trustee Vore reported that Clay Township’s share of Local Government disbursement is approximately $24,500 for next year.

Trustee Woolf reported that he is in the process of reviewing the revised contract with our Website vendor. He plans to have the contract ready for approval soon.

Trustee Woolf indicated that he is scheduled to meet with Fire Chiefs in preparation of the upcoming Fire Levy to plan on promoting passage of the levy.

Trustee Woolf is working on providing the additional information on the recent Lutheran Cemetery abandonment deed search with M&M. Trustee Vore inquired how soon their work may be done. There are issues that are being looked into but should been completed soon.

Trustee Woolf reported there will be a Warning Siren meeting Thursday to plan for installation.

Trustee Woolf indicated September 13th as a date for a ‘Hard Hat” tour of the new Brookville Fire Station currently under construction for local elected officials.

Trustee Winner moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Vore seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Winner – Yes       Woolf - Yes       Vore - Yes

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm.

Dale Winner, Trustee
Steve Woolf, Trustee

Dave Vore, Trustee

Bradley E. Limbert, Fiscal Officer