

## Record of Proceedings:

May 8, 2018

## West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: President Wong convened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Wong, Mrs. Becker, and Mr. Welch responded.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

### Citizen's Comments

Erin Clemons, 10111 Cliffwood Court, representing the Community Foundation of West Chester-Liberty, said a needs assessment identified trails as a need in the community. She questioned the vision of West Chester in 20 years, and spoke in support of the Miami2Miami Trail.

Larry Brushaber, 7454 Lake Park Drive, said there's been a consistent theme in the community to keep West Chester on a better track.

Kara Lyons, 8620 LeSourdsville-West Chester Road, spoke in favor of bike trails, the Miami2Miami Trail, and pursuing the grant at issue.

Lee Redkey, 6609 Chessie Drive, wanted to make sure the Trustees were fiscally responsible, terming the proposed trail a luxury item. She questioned maintenance and management costs, and where those funds would come from. She also asked if the matter was going on the ballot.

David Corfman, 7568 Kirkwood Drive, referred to an opinion article in the April 29<sup>th</sup> Cincinnati Enquirer written by the vice president of the Site Selectors Guild that praised REDI Cincinnati, the regional economic development initiative with which West Chester Township has invested. The article credited REDI Cincinnati for enlightening his guild as to the offerings in greater Cincinnati.

### Presentations

Proclamation: Declare May 13 – 19, 2018 Police Memorial Week- Police Chief Joel Herzog was presented a Proclamation recognizing May 13<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup> as 2018 Police Memorial Week. Chief Herzog expressed his appreciation.

### Action Items – For Approval by Motion

**MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2018. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve the OpenGov Work Session Minutes for April 24, 2018. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to approve payment of bills. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks submitted the following requisitions greater than \$2,500:

Requisitions – Greater than \$2,500.00

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| 1. Fire     | \$4,614.80 | Best One Tire & Service of Mid America – Purchase and install eight (8) rear tires for Tower 71 (Vehicle #610)                  |
| 2. Police   | \$8,100.00 | Hard Head Veterans, LLC – Purchase twenty (20) high-cut ballistic helmets for SWAT Team   |
| 3. Police   | \$6,329.60 | Atlantic Signal – Purchase additional equipment to outfit twenty (20) SWAT Team helmets   |
| 4. Services | \$6,900.00 | Pinecrest Nursery – Purchase annual flowers for the Union Centre Boulevard Landscape District (UCB)                             |
| 5. Services | \$6,600.00 | A-Plus Concrete & Excavation, LLC – Purchase annual landscaping materials for the UCB District, parks and Safety Service Center |

**MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to approve payment of requisitions 1 through 5. Discussion: In response to Mrs. Becker’s question, Chief Herzog commented about the SWAT Team helmets usage. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Personnel Items

**MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to hire Mr. Michael Berling as a part-time Firefighter/EMT to fill a vacant position effective May 8, 2018 at the hourly rate of \$17.07 with a one (1) year probationary period and contingent upon successful completion of applicable testing and procedures. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to transfer Mrs. Shawn Cooper to the vacant position of Administrative Assistant in the Fire Department effective May 9, 2018 at the non-exempt hourly rate of \$17.30 with a ninety (90) day introductory period and contingent upon successful completion of all applicable testing and procedures. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to approve the revised job description for the Crime Analyst position as illustrated in the attached supporting documentation and to hire Ms. Christine Carol Daley to the position of Crime Analyst effective May 21, 2018 at the non-exempt hourly rate of \$20.80 with a one (1) year probationary period and contingent upon successful completion of applicable testing and procedures. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Business Items

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve license agreement between West Chester Township and Neurosurgery Fitzpatrick Chiari foundation for the use of a portion of township property at 8630 & 8558 Beckett Road, and ancillary and adjacent roadways for Lei

5k Run/Walk and post-race Lei Bash. Discussion: Mr. Burks said infant brain malformations is the charitable cause. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying West Chester Township was asked by Springdale to submit a letter expressing support for the project because the letter would help them to attain a grant. The letter however does not encumber the township.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to support application for an OKI grant for public infrastructure improvements to Crescentville Road between State Route 747 and International Blvd., and to authorize the Township Administrator to execute and submit the letter of support. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### First Reading of Resolutions & Reading of Emergency Resolutions

There were no first readings of resolutions or readings of emergency resolutions.

### Citizen's Comments

David Brown, 130 High Street, Hamilton, representing Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds, commented on fuel quality testing

Pamela Jones, 9238 Pilgram Court, asked for more information on the bike trail and questioned the cost.

Barry Riddell, 8069 Lawrence Drive, questioned the sources of input on the proposed trail, saying they lacked data. He also commented that affected groups wouldn't realize benefit, and the funds that could address their needs would be depleted on this project. He also said the Miami2Miami Trail is a regional issue and should not be an expense borne by West Chester residents, rather the matter should be on the ballot for a vote.

Lee Redkey, 6609 Chessie Drive, noted problems resulting from the mental health facility being built on Route 42.

Steve Cornell, 8334 Polo Trail Place, proposed a pickle ball court in Keehner Park.

Dave Corfman, 7568 Kirkwood Drive, expressed support for pursuing a grant for a multi-purpose path as part of the Miami2Miami Trail. He cited the economic and health benefits of bike paths.

Kim Satzer, 9968 Wexford Way, said West Chester would be "the donut hole" if it didn't implement the Miami2Miami Trail.

Beth Dossenbach, 6981 Dublin Court, said she was opposed to the bike path because there was no data to support it and said the decision should be up to West Chester people, rather than focus groups.

Ginny Johnson, 6440 West Chester Road, reflected on a comment made at the previous meeting, “He’s a trustee and you’re not”. She said everyone has frustrations, but the Trustees must be responsive, but not punitive and assail citizens for commenting, referencing an experience at the previous meeting.

Erin Clemmons, 10111 Cliffwood Court, said the purpose for community foundations was to take care of all of the needs of a community with its trust funds. She said the West Chester Liberty Foundation conducted a needs assessment survey, which they do every five years, with input only from local residents.

Randy Simmons, 5924 Owl Nest Drive, said bike path usage does not raise to the level of need, and suggested the matter should be put up to a vote and put the matter to rest.

Wade Johnston, Director of Miami2Miami Trails, said they were leading the Miami2Miami connection, stated the purpose for the trail, and the history on public input in the matter. He also commented on the Ohio2Erie Trail, stating resultant economic benefits.

Dennis Bradbury, 9023 and 9031 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, requested information that was discussed at an April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with the township administrator.

#### Business Items, Continued

**MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to apply for the Miami 2 Miami – OKI Transportation Alternatives Grant and to authorize the Township Administrator to accept the Grant if awarded. Discussion: Mr. Wong expressed the reason he supported the motion. Mr. Wiegand responded to a question regarding the cohesiveness of the 2013 Land Use Plan and the Miami2Miami Trail. The Board noted the engineering study and contingencies. Mr. Brueshaber said the groups that formed the Land Use Plan and the 2020 Vision expressed a recurring theme supportive of amenities like bike paths. Mr. Welch provided very specific costs for the project and cited reasons he objected to the proposal. He said the owner of a \$200,000 home would pay about \$70 a year on a 5 year levy to raise about \$10 million to pay for the trail. He suggested a compromise trail. There was substantial Board discussion. **Motion failed. Mr. Welch and Mrs. Becker voted in opposition.**

#### Second Reading & Vote on Pending Resolutions & Vote on Emergency Resolutions

There were no second readings, or votes on pending resolutions or emergency resolutions.

#### Discussion Items & Elected Official Comments

Mr. Burks noted Coffee with a Cop was the coming Friday at IKEA.  
Mr. Jones commended Mr. Welch for the depth of his research and due diligence.  
Mr. Welch observed that BBQ Fest was the weekend after next. In response to Ms. Redkey’s Citizen Comment, he asked that Township personnel look into the Route 42 mental health facility’s zoning compliance. Mr. Burks confirmed that he would pursue the material Mr.

Bradbury requested. In response to Ms. Johnson' comment, Mr. Wong said anyone can run for Trustee.

Recess to Executive Session

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Wong asked for a motion to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session with legal counsel for the purpose of considering and discussing (1) employment and compensation of a public employee, (2) sale and disposition of public property, (3) negotiations and public employees concerning compensation and other terms of employment, (4) pending or imminent litigation. Motion made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker. Mr. Wong said the Board would return to adjourn the Executive Session and to resume the Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Wong declared the meeting in recess.

Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

**MOTION** made at 8:20 p.m. by Mrs. Becker to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the May 8, 2018 Regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Welch. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

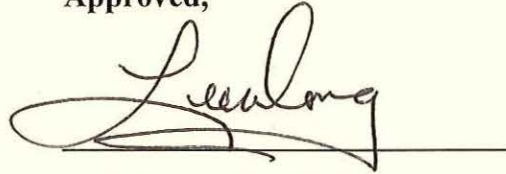
**MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mrs. Becker, to adjourn the May 8, 2018 Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer**

Approved,



**Lee Wong, President**