

Record of Proceedings: February 11, 2020
West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: Chairperson Becker convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Mrs. Becker, Mr. Wong, and Mr. Welch responded.
Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

Deter Lubert, 7573 Granby Way, expressed ideas to preserve Keehner Park.

Presentations

Chief Joel Herzog, West Chester Police Department, presented the Chief's Award to Mr. Phil White for his efforts at picking up refuse alongside West Chester Township roads.

Mr. Seth Cutter, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG), gave an update on a myriad of activities and accomplishments at the airport. He responded to questions from the Board.

Ms. Amy Young, MidPointe Library System, gave an update on the activities and offerings at our library. She also noted that the library is having a renewal levy on the ballot on March 17th. She responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

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

Mr. Burks submitted the following requisitions greater than \$7,500:

Requisitions – Greater than \$7,500.00

(Fiscal Officer Note: There were no requisitions greater than \$7,500.)

Personnel Items

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying Mr. Dawson is the Township's Planner and he's been offered employment by the Warren County Planning Department. Mr. Burks said Mr. Dawson is quite an asset to the Township, he explained Mr. Dawson's qualifications and background, and Mr. Dawson's has agreed to a salary of \$70,000 a year.

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve salary adjustment for Mr. Timothy Dawson effective February 23, 2020. Discussion: The Board spoke highly of Mr. Dawson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Business Items

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying the timeframe of the agreement is January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve agreement between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and Butler County, Ohio for continued use of space at West Chester Safety Services Building at a cost of \$2,500.00 per month; and, to authorize the Township Administrator to make non-substantive changes if necessary with Law Director approval and execute said agreement. Discussion: Mr. Welch said the citizens, businesses, and residents are benefited by having the court in the township. Mrs. Becker echoed his comments, adding that Judge Haughey knows our police officers. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item commenting on the event.

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve license agreement between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati for the use of a portion of township property at 9285 Centre Pointe Drive and adjacent ancillary public roadways for the production and presentation of the Walk To End Alzheimer's; and, to authorize the Township Administrator to execute said agreement. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Welch that, having reviewed the staff report and affidavit, we declare 8701 Cincinnati Columbus Road to be public nuisances as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code. Staff is directed to cause removal of the nuisances identified and monitor these properties for 90 days to require continued compliance. An administrative charge of 25% shall be added to the contractor fee for these properties. Motion seconded by Mrs. Becker. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying this is pursuant the Ohio Revised Code.

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve Statutory Resolution No. 04-2020 finding a 2007 International 4300 (Vehicle 407) is not needed and is unfit for use; and authorizing the sale of said vehicle at public auction. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying we were awarded \$3,360, in 2019, and, if the Township is awarded the grant, it would be applied to buying aging portable suction units.

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to apply for the 2020 Ohio EMS and Trauma Priority One Grant to replace aging portable suction units; and, to authorize the Township Administrator to accept said grant if awarded. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to not object to a new D5 liquor permit for Sabastian J & E LLC, 9037 Union Centre Boulevard Suite A & B. Discussion: none.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burks introduced the next item explaining the process for identifying needs and funding. **MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to accept bid and approve contract with Adleta, Inc. for the 2020 Curb Replacement Program per the specifications as advertised not to exceed \$793,888.26 from various funds; and, to authorize the Township Administrator to make non-substantive changes with Law Director approval and to execute said contract (CIP # 1256 and 1258). Discussion: Mrs. Becker said she's naturally suspicious of new people and had a question that resulted in Mr. Franck addressing the Board. He explained the process and said \$900,000 had been budgeted for curb replacement; \$600,000 from the Roads fund and \$300,000 from TIF funds. Mr. Wong and Mr. Welch commented on the well-being of our roads. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying the Community Service Department has been considering a project with the Nature Conservancy in Ohio on Township owned land on Rialto Road, across from the Duke Energy substation. The land was purchased in 2012 using Clean Ohio funds. Mr. Burks explained the funding mechanism by the conservancy enabling them to conduct wetland mitigation projects, and their role going forward. **MOTION** made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to authorize partnership with The Nature Conservancy of Ohio for wetland mitigation on Township owned property; and, to authorize the Township Administrator to make non-substantive changes with Law Director approval and to execute applicable agreement. Discussion: In response to Mr. Welch's question, Mr. Franck addressed the Board, explaining the proposed pathways. **Motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading of Resolutions & Reading of Emergency Resolutions

Mr. Burks read Resolution No. 03-2020 adopting and certifying the Township 2020 Permanent Appropriations and authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund and the Sustainable Infrastructure Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund, and to the Cemetery Fund, and declaring an emergency and dispensing with the second reading. He explained that the Board is required by the ORC to adopt and certify the appropriations and submit to the county Auditor before April 1st. Temporary appropriations are subject to modification by the Board throughout the year. In response to questions by Mr. Welch and Mr. Wong about the cemetery fund, Mr. Keim addressed the Board. The Board had no questions.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to declare Emergency Resolution No. 03-2020 an emergency and dispense with the second reading. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve Resolution No. 03-2020. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Burks introduced the next item saying this Resolution is to approve a Zoning Map Amendment from B-1 to B-2 for Case #ZMA 07-19, Giant Plaza. He noted the First Hearing was on January 28 of this year. The subject property is 9433 Cincinnati-Columbus Road. **MOTION** made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve Resolution No. 01-2020, Case #ZMA 07-19. Discussion: Mr. Welch said he spoke to Community Development Director Wiegand earlier and was supportive of the proposal. Mr. Wong asked that the owner keep the property tidy. Mrs. Becker said she appreciated the investment in Route 42. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion Items & Elected Official Comments

Mr. Burks thanked everyone who prepared the budget.
Mr. Jones praised the three Presentations.
Mr. Burks noted the East-West basketball game was the coming Friday.

Recess to Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m., Mrs. Becker asked for a motion to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session with legal counsel for the purpose of: 1) considering the compensation of a public employee or official, (2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property by competitive bid, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code. *O.R.C.*, and (3) Conference with an attorney for the Township concerning disputes involving the Township that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

. Motion made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch. Mrs. Becker said the Board would return to adjourn the Executive Session and to adjourn the Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Becker declared the meeting in recess.

Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

MOTION made at 8:28 p.m. by Mr. Welch to resume the February 11, 2020 Regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

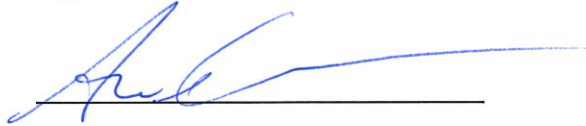
MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to adjourn the February 11 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Mrs. Becker, Chairperson