

Record of Proceedings: **June 27, 2017**
West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: President Welch convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Welch, Mr. Lang, and Mr. Wong responded.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

Sheridan Lejoi, 9398 Ambleside Drive, commented on the partnership among area organizations and the Lakota staff to feed low income children during the summer months. She said approximately 20% of the Lakota students qualify for the Federal Free Breakfast and Lunch Program, or about 3,500 students. A federal grant enables two food buses to deliver these meals, served by loving community volunteers. She asked the Board to partner with the Liberty Township Trustees and "develop some sort of public commendation for this community collaborative initiated by Faith Alliance". She concluded by saying it is refreshing to see people in our community serve the less fortunate, and hoped the Board would express its gratitude with some form of public proclamation.

Dan Richards, 6677 Station Road, commented on Sharia Law and said San Francisco State University allowed Islamic students to openly discriminate against others, and it could happen here. He said there's legislation in Ohio to prevent that and the law should be applied equally. Sharia Law is not compatible with our Constitutional Law "In any way, shape or form".

Charise Peterson, 7324 North Pisgah Drive, referred to Bill Warner's site, "Political Islam" and read a statement regarding Sharia Law and how it is not compatible with Constitutional Law. She said Sharia Law requires that it replace all other forms of government. Ms. Peterson referenced a book, "The Reliance of the Traveler", calling Sharia Law totalitarian. She concluded by saying "Islam means submission – submission to the Qur'an and the Suma of Muhammed".

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2017. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mrs. Boyko submitted the following requisitions greater than \$2,500:

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1. Adm \$144,282.42 Intergraph Security Government & Infrastructure – Renew annual license and support for public safety systems and software applications
2. Adm \$5,000.00 Ohio Pyrotechnics Arts Guild – Purchase fireworks for display at the UCBMA 2017 Food Truck Rally event
3. Fire \$7,533.00 Phoenix Safety Outfitters – Purchase 107 replacement job shirts per collective bargaining agreement
4. Fire \$6,125.00 Vogelpohl Fire Equipment – Purchase 25 replacement firefighting helmets (CIP #1182)
5. Fire \$2,873.50 National Hose Testing Specialties Inc. – Perform aerial and ground Ladder tests
6. Services \$372,220.20 American Pavements Inc. – Approve contractor and amount for 2017 slurry and microsurface application contract (CIP #1040 and CIP # 1080)
7. Services \$11,995.85 Superior Implement Supply Co – Purchase replacement Grasshopper Mower for cemetery (CIP #1346)

MOTION made by Mr. Lang at the request of Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve payment of item 1, and items 3 through 7. Discussion: none. (Fiscal Officer Note: Mr. Wong had commented prior to this motion that he objected to item 2, saying he could think of better ways to spend taxpayer money. Mr. Lang accommodated Mr. Wong’s request that issue 2 be acted upon separate from the other requisitions.) **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve payment of item 2. Discussion: none. **Motion carried. Mr. Wong voted in opposition.**

Personnel Items

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to hire Mr. Stephen Bosko and Mr. Alex Harper to the vacant positions of career Firefighter/Paramedic effective June 28, 2017 at the annual salary of \$54,365.02 per collective bargaining agreement with a one year probationary period, and contingent upon successful completion of applicable testing and procedures. Discussion: Mr. Lang thanked the two and their families for their commitment to our community, referring to first responders as the heroes in our community. Mr. Wong praised our fire department. Mr. Welch said the work of police and fire personnel is a calling to a higher order, and thanked them as well. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Lang, to hire three 2017 April through October seasonal employees: Mr. Ryan Grant (UCB) effective June 14, 2017, Mr. Ethan Quimby (UCB) effective June 22, 2017, and Mr. Kyle Kinnaman (Parks) effective June 15, 2017; and two 2017 May through September seasonal employees: Mr. Kevin Snelling (Parks) effective June 14, 2017 and Mr. Dakota Fannin (Roads) effective June 19, 2017 all at the hourly rate of \$11.25. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Business Items

Mrs. Boyko introduced the next item saying the Board had authorized her to negotiate a contract with an interim Township Administrator, in light of her resignation effective August 1, 2017. She said the contract has been reviewed and accepted by Mr. Laurence Fronk, who will be in a contract position – not an employee, and proceeded to give a lengthy description of the terms of the contract.

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Lang, to approve an agreement with Laurence F. Fronk in substantially the same form as attached to contract for professional management services as Interim Township Administrator not to exceed \$60.00 per hour to perform public administration duties as outlined in the attached agreement; as listed in the West Chester Township Administrator job description; and as defined by the West Chester Township Board of Trustees. Discussion: Mr. Wong said they're approving this contract at this time in order to give Mr. Fronk exposure to Mrs. Boyko's leadership, the Township processes, and maintain continuity of township services. Mr. Lang noted several aspects of Mr. Fronk's background and the contract. Mr. Welch commented on the benefits and continuity that will be realized. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Lang that, having reviewed the staff report and affidavit, we declare the properties located at 9770 McCauly Road and 8872 Cincinnati Dayton 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 Mr. Wong. Discussion: none.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to not object to a D5 and D6 liquor permit transfer from Casey JRS Inc., dba Casey DS, 1st FL & Patio 9292 Columbus Cincinnati Road Unit F, to Casey JRS Too Inc., dba Casey DS, 1st FL & Patio 9292 Columbus Cincinnati Road Unit F. 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

Brian McManus, 7694 Kennesaw Drive, Senior Pastor at Tri-County Baptist Church, related an experience wherein a parishioner had a health emergency requiring West Chester Fire and EMT personnel. Pastor McManus said he had previously served as a fulltime firefighter/paramedic for 12 years and expressed how impressed he was with the responsiveness, care, and professionalism of West Chester's fire and police personnel.

Dan Meehan, 9412 Patti Circle, said it was unfortunate that the Zoning Commission did not permit the Montessori School zoning request for the Station Road Schoolhouse. He attributed the denial to the 10 to 12 foot of fill dirt next to the schoolhouse driveway that obstructs

visibility, and expressed his disappointment. He suggested that there was substantial visibility on the other side of the schoolhouse property, fronting Station Road, wherein a driveway could be installed.

Dan Richards, 6677 Station Road, responding to Mr. Meehan's comments, said he lives almost across from the Station Road Schoolhouse, and he'll object to anything other than a single family residence at the schoolhouse location. He also praised the West Chester Police and Fire Departments.

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. Lang explained why he has a soft spot for children, sharing his experience as a child as well as that of his four older sisters. He noted that three of them were raised in loving foster homes, but two of his sisters were subjected to abuse in their foster homes. Mr. Lang observed the success realized by those from a loving environment and the life difficulties of the two from an abusive environment, and the generational quality stemming from those childhood experiences. He asked the other two Trustees to consider making a \$5,000 appropriation for the next five years to the Boys and Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty. He said a positive impact on children can positively impact the world for generations. Mr. Wong said he believed such an appropriation would be good for the community. Mrs. Boyko interjected that the Board had budgeted \$10,000 for non-identifiable contributions for 2017 and \$5,000 had previously been allocated, consequently there would not be any more discretionary funding for 2017 if this allocation were approved by the Board. The Board agreed to place the matter on the next meeting agenda in the interest of public notice, and the terms of the motion were briefly discussed.

Mr. Welch said he'd be serving ice cream Saturday evening at the Keehner Park concert.

Recess to Executive Session

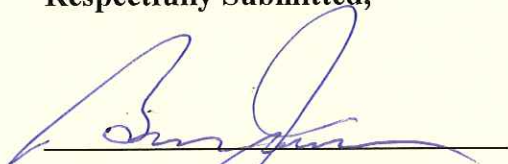
At 6:51 p.m., Mr. Welch asked for a motion to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session with legal counsel for the purpose of considering and discussing (1) personnel matters: (a) discipline, termination, promotion, hiring, or transfer of a current or candidate public employee; (b) provision of benefits for public employees, (2) Acquisition, sale, or swap of real property, (3) Pending or current litigation. Mr. Welch said the Board would return to adjourn the Executive Session and to adjourn the Regular meeting. Motion made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Welch declared the meeting in recess.

Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

MOTION made at 7:17 p.m. by Mr. Lang to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the June 27, 2017 Regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

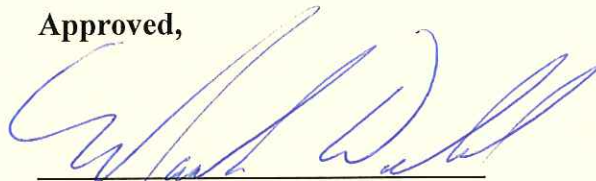
MOTION made by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wong, to adjourn the June 27, 2017 Regular meeting. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Mark Welch, President