RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Pleasant Township Board of Trustees

February 28, 2023

The Pleasant Township Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting on February

28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at 5373 Norton Road, Grove City, Ohio.

Trustee Hunter called the meeting to order with all Board members present.

Minutes

None to present at this time.

Financial Reports

Financial reports were provided to the Trustees and Department Heads.

Trustee Hunter made a motion to pay expenditures. Trustee Good seconded.

Vote: Trustee Sheets - yes, Trustee Hunter - yes and Trustee Good. **M-0008**

Visitors

Mr. Scott Belcastro of Trebel Energy was present to discuss possible future rates for

the electric aggregation program and to request the Board to approve and sign paperwork authorizing Trebel Energy to sign necessary paperwork on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Belcastro reported the current agreement with Dynegy saved citizens in the Ohio Edison market $359,085.21 and those with AEP saved $444,328.44.

A copy of gas rates during the last several years was shared with the Board and those

present. Mr. Belcastro stated electric rates tend to follow gas rates. Belcastro

stated electric rates have fallen through the floor recently, more than anyone ever expected, and it will save citizens money at least for another year if they can lock

in rates while they are down.

Mr. Belcastro requested the Board to renew the Energy Consulting and Management

Agreement with Trebel, LLC. Belcastro stated there were several changes from the previous agreement(s).

A main change is under Chapter 3, Letter D that states “Trebel as the Client’s attorney-in-fact to execute, file, or record any documents necessary to accomplish and facilitate

the exclusive Services set forth in Section 3.”

Mr. Belcastro stated this allowed Trebel to lock in rates immediately before they

change without having to meet again with the Board, etc. and possibly miss out

on the best rates. It was noted Trebel has a notary on staff that will be able to

notarize any paperwork as needed to save additional time.

A second change is Attachment 1 which spells out Trebell’s authority parameters.

Mr. Belcastro highlighted the section that pricing under the MSA shall be equal to or less than $0.08 per kwh. Belcastro stated he would notify a Board member or all

Board membrs if they wished, of the rate Trebell is locking in with a supplier.

Mr. Belcastro stated the rate today was in the 6.6 and 6.9 range for suppliers. It was

reported rates in the AEP and Ohio Edison markets are suppose to raise in June. Belcastro said anyone not participating in the aggregation program are going to be paying approximately in the range of 10.50 and 11.50 cents per kwh.

It was stated the current rate in the aggregation program is 4.69 through the end of

the July billing cycle. The new aggregation rate will be around 7 in the program compared to 11 for electric company rates.

In response to Trustee Sheets’ question, Mr. Belcastro stated they would make the

agreement be through May, 2025.

In response to Trustee Goods’ question, Mr. Belcastro stated that South Central is

not included in the aggregation program because it is a co-op rather than a public

utility.

Trustee Hunter made a resolution to authorize Trebel to sign on behalf of Pleasant

Township Trustees for the Energy Management Agreement. Trustee Sheets seconded.

Vote: Trustee Sheets - yes, Trustee Hunter - yes and Trustee Good - yes. **R-0018**

Mr. Belcastro will inform the Trustees of the new rate that is planned to be locked in within the next day or so. Belcastro stated he will not go with anything over 7 kwh.

Trustee email addresses was confirmed for Mr. Belcastro so he can keep them informed. Trustee Good made copies of the signed documents.

Brief comments were made about residents hopefully realizing the savings and

sharing the information with others. Mr. Belcastro plans to develop an Energy Bulletin that will summarize what the rates are, when they take effect and is essentially like

an instruction manual about the program that can be put on the Township’s website

for everyone’s information.

Deputy Report

Deputy Hamilton reported on activities between February 14th through the 28th.

There were one hundred twenty-one calls for service that resulted in eighteen

reports and one ticket written.

A recap of the various calls received was given. It was noted there were three thefts that were unrelated and that different types of items were taken. There were two burglaries that were unrelated and are still being investigated.

Trustee Sheets questioned if there was any information on a bomb threat to the

Dollar General store located at Lambert Road and US 62. Deputy Hamilton will

check on any information and present it at the next Board meeting.

Road Department

Road Superintendent Bausch reported on Department activities.

It was reported that after the new roof installation last year, there was a need to

reinsulate the third bay in the garage. The work was completed last week and

noted they did a very nice job.

Superintendent Bausch stated if weather permits, the Department will continue

filling potholes and pushing brush back from the edge of roadways.

The Board was informed there was minimal damage along roadways from the

storm last evening but a large cedar tree fell in Oak Grove Cemetery. The

driveway has been opened up so people can get through. The dump truck

needs cleaned out of pothole patch so the rest of the tree can be cleaned up,

hopefully tomorrow.

Superintendent Bausch stated he would like to schedule the dates for the spring

cleanup. Bausch suggested the dates of April 28th and 29th or May 5th and 6th.

The dates were left to the discretion of Superintendent Bausch who chose the

April 28th and 29th which is the last weekend in April.

Discussion was held regarding a possible ditch petition for a tile on Johnson Road

with the petition done through the Franklin County Engineer’s office.

Superintendent Bausch stated the original petition was done in 1912 which is

over a hundred years ago. The petition was only for the installation of the tile

and did not contain any provisions for maintenance.

It was stated a new petition would require a $1,500 bond filed with the petition and

after that the cost of maintenance would be shared by the Township and all of the

property owners within that respective watershed.

Superintendent Bausch stated he would need to determine the number of property

owners involved if the Board wishes him to pursue the issue or not.

Trustee Hunter stated she feels all property owners who would have to pay needs

to be contacted to see if they are all in agreement, and if they are, then she would

be all for it. Hunter said she is not for putting something on someone who has no

choice and without knowing what amount of money they would have to pay.

Superintendent Bausch said a representative of the Franklin County Engineer’s

Drainage Department could be present at possibly the next meeting to better explain

the issue and process.

It was noted Superintendent Bausch and Trustee Sheets sat in on the Argabright - ODOT ditch petition meeting. It was held by the Franklin County Engineer’s office

and figures were available as to what the cost would be to the property owners.

Several comments were made that by the time the Argabright - ODOT meeting was held, residents were already pretty angry.

Trustee Hunter stated by the time that meeting was held, the issue had significantly progressed and was already scheduled to be heard by the Franklin County Commissioners. Hunter stated if it had gone before the Commissioners and if

they had approved a study to be done, the study would have cost approximately $100,000 that could have been passed on to the residents whether they wanted it

or not.

Trustee Sheets stated he felt if going to pursue the issue, a meeting should be held

and invite the residents who are going to be involved in it and see what happens.

Superintendent Bausch will find out the number of properties involved and hopefully

have the information by the next meeting.

Trustee Good stated that would be step one and then they could decide. Trustee Hunter stated they (property owners) may decide they want it but they should have

a choice.

Fire Department

Chief Whiting reported on Department activities.

It was reported the Department has been busy but things have been slow, which is a

good thing.

Chief Whiting stated the new medic is in service and a check will need to be issued

for payment. Whiting commented the company will be happy to be paid as the Township has been using the medic.

It was noted there was a tornado response yesterday and there was nothing of

significance to report.

Old Business

Trustee Hunter stated Mr. Bill Dawson applied for and was awarded a $1,300 grant

from the Franklin Park Conservatory for the purpose of supporting the Ebenezer Cemetery Beautification Project.

Trustee Hunters questioned if the check had been received by the Fiscal Officer and

if a separate account would need to be set up. Hunter stated she had instructed

Mr. Dawson to provide all receipts to the Fiscal Officer. Nothing has been received

to date by the Fiscal Officer.

Trustee Good questioned if Mr. Dawson would be paying for expenses and then

getting reimbursed or would things be paid directly by the Township.

Trustee Hunter clarified it is believed the check is coming to the Township as the

grant was awarded to Pleasant Township rather than to Mr. Dawson. Hunter stated there are things the Township will need to do such as publicize it so she will ask

David (Donofrio) to put the information on the three social media sites.

Trustee Hunter stated she will also request information be included on the websites

that Mr. Dawson is planning a Volunteer Work Day to be held on May 10th. Hunter noted she has volunteered the Road Department to assist Mr. Dawson with picking

up supplies and said Mr. Dawson may be requesting a check(s) from the Fiscal officer for any purchases.

Road Superintendent Bausch stated he had spoken with Mr. Dawson about assisting

with putting a roof on the Free Tree Library located at the cemetery. Bausch said

he would do that work on a volunteer basis and not through the Township.

Trustee Hunter stated she has volunteered her son and his dad to help. Hunter said they have any tools that might be needed.

Trustee Hunter thanked Mr. Dawson very much for all the work and care he has put in and noted Dawson has the cemetery looking like Franklin Park Conservatory.

New Business

Trustee Hunter noted she printed the email received from State Auditor’s office and

following the meeting, the Board can answer the questions and she will return it to

the Auditor’s office.

Announcements

Trustee Hunter reported she received an email from the Franklin County Township

Association regarding a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd for the General Health District Advisory Council and noted she plans to attend.

Trustee Good requested the RSVP deadline. The email did not provide a deadline

but contains the contact name of Ms. Debra Smith with a phone number and an

email address. Good requested Trustee Hunter add her as attending when Hunter submits her own reservation.

Fiscal Officer Updates

At the request of the Fiscal Officer, Trustee Hunter made a resolution to transfer $10,000 to the Medical Reimbursement account. Trustee Sheets seconded. Vote: Trustee Sheets - yes, Trustee Hunter - yes and Trustee Good - yes. **R-0019**

Clerk Wilkins reported receiving the following information and/or correspondence;

an invitation from the Franklin County Farm Bureau to attend a meeting on April 4th,

a notice from Bureau of Workers Compensation regarding a hearing on an

injured worker and various newsletters and updates from several agencies.

Copies will be provided as requested by Trustee Sheets and Trustee Good.

Brief discussion was held regarding emails and information received from Franklin County Emergency Management regarding the Franklin County Hazard Mitigation

Plan update, some of which had been marked “High Importance”.

It was stated Chief Whiting is handling this issue on behalf of Pleasant Township

and he will check with the Clerk to see if it is the same information he had previously

received and has been working on. It was noted the information contains a list of various locations within Pleasant Township.

A notice was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control on a liquor permit

request from Gidgets Garden Center located on Lambert Road. The Board did not

have a problem with permit being issued and did not request a hearing. The Clerk

will sign the bottom of the notice and return it.

Trustee Hunter made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Good seconded. Vote: Trustee

Sheets - yes, Trustee Hunter - yes and Trustee Good - yes. **M-0009**

 Respectfully submitted,

 Paula J. Wilkins

 Fiscal Officer

NOTATIONS: Please be advised that written meeting minutes are a summary of

issues, statements, etc. which take place at meetings. Meeting minutes which

contain approval, additions and/or corrections to these minutes should be reviewed.

Tape recordings and Web X recordings of meetings via the internet are available

to provide Board action, information, statements, etc. in their entirety.