

BERKSHIRE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2018

Rod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Bill Holtry, here; Rod Myers, here; and Mike Dattilo, here.

Bill made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 24, 2018 and Mike second. Vote: Bill Holtry, yes; Rod Myers, yes; and Mike Dattilo, yes.

Public participation:

Susie Blessing – Dustin Road

18-6-2 Rod made a motion to revise the JEDD tax collection Schedule to be in conformity with the JEDD Contract and Economic Development Plan and to approve and adopt the amended "JEDD Tax Collection Schedule. Second by Bill Holtry, Vote: Unanimous

The JEDD Tax Schedule Language Change is amended as follows:

The Berkshire Joint Economic Development District No. 2 (the "JEDD") to be created pursuant to a Joint Economic Development District Contract (the "JEDD Contract") by and between the City of Delaware, Ohio (the "City") and Berkshire Township (Delaware County), Ohio (the "Township") authorizes and anticipates the levy by the board of directors of the JEDD (the "Board") of a tax on the income of persons working or residing in the JEDD and the net profits of businesses located in the JEDD at the same rate currently levied by the City (1.85%) for distribution to the Board, the City and the Township. Pursuant to Article III of the JEDD Contract and upon timely notice, either the City or the Township may terminate the JEDD Contract if the Board has not adopted a resolution to levy the JEDD Income Tax within one year after the Effective Date of the JEDD Contract.

Rod made a motion to approve Jeff George, Township Administrator, to sign the Engagement Letter and documents for the Economic development incentive matters for Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous.

Bill made a motion to approved Jeff George, Township Administrator to sign the documents for transfer of files from Benesch Law Office to Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP. Second by Rod Vote: Unanimous.

18-6-3 Bill made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter for Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP.

Second by Rod. Vote: Unanimous.

Old Business:

Health Care Reimbursement: some discussion about raising the reimbursement to healthcare for eligible employees and elected officials.

18-6-4 Bill made a motion to approve the increase of the healthcare reimbursement each month to eligible employees and elected officials from \$700.00 per month to \$1400.00 per month starting with the July1, 2018 reimbursement. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Jeff George suggested to the Trustees that they might want to invite the Delaware County Commissioners to a meeting to discuss the sewer agreement between the village of Sunbury and Delaware County. He suggested they ask why they made their decision and what the agreement consists of. He also suggested the Trustees send a letter to the Commissioners about the sewer agreement. The Trustees agreed to have Jeff George and Shawn Burkham draft a letter to send. They do not feel the need to have them attend a meeting.

Joe Walker Road – Ken McVicker wants to put a gate up in the township right away. There is a gate issue with the other property owner. The Township will need to make a turnaround for their trucks and Rod suggested that they start gathering bids for this turn around. They are also looking into vacating 25 feet of Joe Walker Road.

The Trustees will hold special meeting July 9, 2018 for Interviews for BZA Alternate to the Board. At 6:30, 6:40 and 6:50 p.m.

New Business:

Jeff George advised a notice of Violation was sent to William Green 1881 Blayney Road, Sunbury Ohio, a 30-day notice to correct the violation to remove all debris and noxious weeds/grass from his property. Failure to do so will result in prosecution and fine.

Bill spoke to the Trustees regarding hiring a Human Resource Firm, Clemans, Nelson & Associates. Geared towards small organizations to help with compliance of human resources and materials. Rod wants to do more research and Mike agreed. Will be brought up later.

Rod gave a BST&G Fire Board Update:

Candidates are down to top 2 to fill the Chief position and they will be offering the Chief position to someone soon.

Park Grant application:

Bill discussed the opportunity to apply for a Grant for the Park. It would be for a 10-foot asphalt multipurpose trail on Berkshire property eventually to connect the Cheshire trail. Cost estimates to complete paperwork for Grant is \$2,000 to \$3,000 and the construction cost would be 40,000 to 60,000. Township would be responsible for the payment of about 40,000.00 if the Grant is awarded. The Township would also have the option to not participate if they wanted to. Rod is hesitant and Mike did not voice his opinion of this.

Bill made a motion to go ahead and apply for the Grant with the Delaware County Trail Assistance Program. The Trustees approved the go ahead to apply for this Grant and they approve the 43,000.00.

Second by Mike. Vote: Bill Holtry, yes; Rod Myers, NO; and Mike Dattilo, yes.

Rod made a motion to go into Executive Session ORC 121-22G2 to discuss Employment employees. Rod invited, Jeff George, Township Administrator, Melody George, Fiscal Officer, and Dave Weade, Assistant Zoning, to the session at 8:05 p.m. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous.

Return from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and Rod made a motion to come back to regular session. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous.

Rod made a motion to return to Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. under the ORC 121-22 G2to discuss real estate. Second by Bill. Invited in Jeff George and Melody George. Vote: Unanimous.

Rod made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting at 8:50 p.m. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous

Bill made a motion to authorize the fiscal officer to pay the bills. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous