

Monday, February 27,

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The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on February 27, 2017. Those present were trustees Mrs. Lorrie Sass Benza, Mrs. Kristina O'Brien, Mr. Jeffrey Markley, and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Janice S. Sugarman. Mrs. O'Brien presided and called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

#### PARK COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS

The trustees met with Mr. Bill Curran and Ms. Becky Obradovic to discuss their interest in serving on the Bainbridge Township Park Committee. There are two open positions at this time.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to go into executive session for the Employment and Compensation of Public Employees per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1).

Mr. Markley seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mrs. O'Brien, aye; Mrs. Benza, aye; Mr. Markley, aye. Motion carried.

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 6:04 P.M. in order to go into executive session.

Chief Jon Bokovitz, Mr. Josh Poweski, Mr. Nicholas Blasko, and Mr. Nolan Brandt were invited into the executive session at 6:04 P.M. and left at 6:44 P.M.

Chief Lou Ann Metz was invited into the executive session at 6:45 P.M. and left at 7:04 P.M.

The trustees returned from executive session, after considering the employment and compensation of public employees and reconvened their meeting at 7:07 P.M.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

##### New Hires

Mr. Markley made a motion to hire Mr. Nicholas D. Blasko as a Probationary Patrolman E at a starting salary of \$51,795.19 per year and effective immediately based on the recommendation of the police chief.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Markley made a motion to hire Mr. Nolan Brandt as a Probationary Patrolman E at a starting salary of \$51,795.19 per year and effective immediately based on the recommendation of the police chief.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Markley made a motion to hire Mr. Joshua A. Poweski as a Probationary Patrolman E at a starting salary of \$51,795.19 per year and effective immediately based on the recommendation of the police chief.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

##### Swearing In

The new officers were sworn in by the fiscal officer, Mrs. Janice Sugarman.

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CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

1. Fire Department – Old Business: Tabled Wage and Benefit Package for Full-Time Fire fighters
2. Fire Department – New Business: Tabled Firefighter Reinstatement

MINUTES

Mrs. Benza moved to approve the minutes of the trustees' February 13, 2017 regular meeting and February 1, 2017 and February 21, 2017 special meetings as submitted.

Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Mrs. Benza, aye; Mrs. O'Brien, aye; Mr. Markley, aye. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS BY GUESTSMr. Matt McGill, MPG Property Group

Mr. McGill discussed with the trustees his opinions and concerns regarding the Geauga Lake property master plan. His company owns the property across the street where Walmart and Kohl's are located, and he would like to see different uses other than retail go into the Geauga Lake property. Mr. Gil Myers asked Mr. McGill's opinion on the potential for Meijer to build there. Mr. McGill feels that it will split the same dollar and that the BOT needs to look for uses that we do not already have in the area.

Mr. James M. Kastelic, Cleveland State University

Ms. Jennifer Syx introduced Mr. Kastelic and talked about the plan/concept for the Geauga Lake property that is already in place. Mr. Kastelic teaches a graduate program at Cleveland State University – The Cleveland State University Master of Urban Planning & Development. The students take on a real world project each year. This year they are working on the Geauga Lake Property. Four graduate students were also in attendance. Mr. Drew Crawford and Mr. Simon Husted spoke and explained the parameters of their project. Mrs. Benza was concerned about their interview questions. A Kenston High School student in the audience, Ms. Hannah Koehn, asked about the survey area. They responded that they would be surveying within a three-mile radius and in public spaces like the Walmart plaza area. Mr. Kastelic mentioned that there would be a final project presentation on May 1, 2017 at the Cleveland State Urban Affairs Building on 1717 Euclid Avenue at 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTSPOLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jon Bokovitz did not give a verbal report, but he left copies of the Police Department report for the month of January, 2017 on the back table for the residents. The complete report is attached to and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Lou Ann Metz presented the Fire Department report for the month of January, 2017. She reported that it has been a busy start to the year. The complete report is attached to and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

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ZONING DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Karen Endres presented the Zoning Department report for the month of January, 2017. She reported two new housing starts and receipts of \$3,125.00. She mentioned that Bainbridge Township hosted the Geauga County Zoning Inspectors' meeting on February 8, 2017. In addition, the Zoning Commission will be discussing zoning for medical marijuana businesses. The complete report is attached to and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS

Wage/Benefit Package for Full-time Firefighters

This item is tabled until the next meeting in order to gather more information.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

Request for Tuition – Darrell Rose

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the tuition request for Firefighter Darrell Rose for paramedic school at Auburn Career Center in the amount of \$6,958.00 as a requirement of his full-time employment per the recommendation of the fire chief.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Physicals for Full-time Firefighters

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the physicals for five of the full-time firefighters at Hillcrest Hospital in the amount of \$6,140.00 per the recommendation of the fire chief.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Request to Transfer Equipment

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the transfer of a Dell computer valued at \$550.00 from the fire department to the zoning department per the recommendation of the fire chief and the County IT department.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Firefighter Reinstatement

This item is tabled until the next meeting in order to gather more information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

Equipment for Police Vehicles

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the purchase of police equipment for the four new police cruisers in the amount of \$33,329.68 from Hall Public Safety and based on the recommendation of the police chief.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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SERVICE DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS

Amended Union Contract

Mr. Markley made a motion to accept the new language in the Teamsters Local 436 contract in regards to starting pay for new service workers in the memo of understanding dated February 21, 2017 and per the recommendation of the service director.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

Park Committee Vacancy

Mr. Markley made a motion to appoint Mr. Bill Curran to the vacant or unexpired term on the Bainbridge Township Park Committee.

Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Markley made a motion to appoint Ms. Becky Obradovic to the vacant or unexpired term on the Bainbridge Township Park Committee.

Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Tree Removal – Taylor May

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the tree removal on Taylor May Road in the amount of \$11,850.00 to Van Curen per the recommendation of the service director.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Rental Fee Waiver Request

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the rental fee waiver request from Troop 444 Boy Scouts of America in the amount of \$1,935.00 per the recommendation of the property manager.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL – OLD BUSINESS

Bicentennial

Mrs. O'Brien presented the board with a tentative schedule of the 2017 Bicentennial festivities for Bainbridge Township. The dates include April 23, July 2, July 4, and August 5. The trustees were in general agreement to accept the proposed schedule as presented and post it on the township website.

Girl Scout Proclamations

Mrs. Benza made a motion to issue Girl Scout Gold Award proclamations for Ms. Jordan Spehar and Ms. Dana Kapcio.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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Fireworks Contract

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the amended contract with American Fireworks Company detailing the dates for the fireworks for 2017 and 2018 as per the recommendation of the parks director and with the amended rain date of Thursday, July 5, 2018.

Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Cub Scout Storage

Mr. Markley will contact the leader of Troop 102 and this item will be put on the next agenda.

Land Bank

Mr. Markley mentioned that the Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority has been asked if they are interested in any of the 24 parcels that need to be sold by the end of 2017.

TOWN HALL – NEW BUSINESSEagle Scout Proclamation

Mrs. Benza made a motion to issue an Eagle Scout proclamation for Mr. David Michael Cooper.

Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Post Office in Bainbridge

Mr. Markley will contact our representative from the US Post Office in Cleveland with our concerns about the customer service at the Chagrin Falls post office. At the next meeting, the trustees will set a date for a town hall meeting with the residents to get their input on creating a new post office in Bainbridge Township.

FISCAL OFFICE - NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the permanent appropriations for 2017 Resolution 02272017-A as submitted by the fiscal officer.

Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Purchase Order Approvals

Mrs. Benza made a motion to approve the purchase order list (Items 1 – 6) as submitted by the Fiscal Officer.

Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Purchase Order Requests

1. Valley Enforcement Group – 2017 Dues - \$7,000.00 (Police)
2. Hall Public Safety Co. – Equipment for Police Vehicles - \$33,329.68 (Police)
3. Kenston Community Education – 2017 Rec Contribution - \$11,395.00 (General)
4. Auburn Career Center – Tuition for Darrell Rose - \$6,958.00 (Fire)
5. Cleveland Clinic – Full time Physicals - \$6,140.00 (Fire/EMS)
6. Van Curen – Tree Removal: Taylor May - \$11,850.00 (Roads)

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Checks Dated February 14, 2017 through February 27, 2017

The trustees examined and signed checks and invoices dated February 14, 2017 through February 27, 2017 consisting of warrants #26811 through #26889 in the amount of \$54,728.85.

NOTE: A register of said checks is attached to, and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

PUBLIC INTERACTION

Mr. Gil Myers asked about the 2017 Project List meeting. Mr. Markley updated him on the list and how the trustees graded each project. A, B, or C.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to go into executive session for the Employment and Compensation of Public Employees per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1).

Mr. Markley seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mrs. O'Brien, aye; Mrs. Benza, aye; Mr. Markley, aye. Motion carried.

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 8:32 P.M. in order to go into executive session.

Chief Lou Ann Metz and Mr. Mike Esposito were invited into the executive session at 8:40 P.M. and left at 9:39 P.M.

The trustees returned from executive session, after considering the employment and compensation of public employees and reconvened their meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice S. Sugarman,  
Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Township

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