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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 25, 2021

The Board of Trustees met on January 25, 2021 at the Butler High School Media Center, 600 S. Dixie Drive, Vandalia, Ohio for a Special Joint Meeting of the Township, City and School District. Missy Pruszyński, Mike Lang, Ken Betz, Greg Brush and Erika Vogel were present from the township. Others present, included: Richard Herbst, Robert Ahlers, Corey M. Follick, Mike Blakesly, David Lewis, Candice Farst, Constance Woods, Kurt Althouse, Daniel Wendt, Amber Holloway, Holly Herbst, Daniel Pierron, Scott Fullam, Rodney Washburn, Eric Beavers, Robert O'Leary, and Thomas Luebbe.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Vandalia Butler City Schools, Superintendent Robert O'Leary began by delivering an update on how the pandemic has impacted the daily operations of the school district including but not limited to classrooms and staff. He continued by sharing many items including but not limited to - vaccinations will begin for Montgomery County Schools February 1, 2021, there is a 2-hour early release every Friday for every school in the district during the 3rd quarter to allow staff to prepare and assist those students who are in quarantine and temporarily assigned to remote learning, the District's success for in-person teaching has been due to the collaboration of staff, parents, students & community. Mr. O'Leary continued by noting private donations paid for the in-field turf of the baseball field at Butler, and dirt surface upgrades were added to Butler softball field 6 at the Sports Complex by the City of Vandalia. He advised the current Strategic plan expires June 30, 2022 and the District will be re-engaging the committee in the fall of the 2021/2022 school year, a committee has been established and is currently planning a 100th year celebration of city and township school districts merging, and the former Murlin Heights Elementary site is up for sale. Next, Mr. Beavers shared information related to the passage of the most recent emergency levy and expressed appreciation to all who assisted in its passage. He also shared the total amount of COVID-19 and CARES Act grants received and outlined how the District has spent the monies.

City of Vandalia, Mayor Herbst and Chief Althouse shared City of Vandalia updates. Mayor Herbst began by introducing Mr. Daniel D. Wendt the City's new City Manager. Then Chief Althouse delivered a brief summary of how COVID-19 impacted city departments and staff during and after lockdown and explained various delays to capital projects and the filling of vacant positions due to COVID-19, the spending of CARES Act monies, and the collaboration on the second joint newsletter with the township and school district is in-the-works, outlined the US 40 paving and expansion project approved in October 2020, the recent ODOT study that showed a decrease of truck traffic in community, that the new Comprehensive Plan has been finalized, that construction on the Redwood Development - an upscale apartment complex - is about to begin, the Northwoods Boulevard expansion is underway, and the website will be redesigned, and finally that a rebranding project is underway.

Butler Township, Board President, Ken Betz shared information on how COVID-19 impacted the township and halted many community events and projects, and that only required projects were completed. He continued by sharing that the township launched a rebranding with a new logo and website, and shared information on upcoming improvements to Miller Lane as well information on new branding that will begin for business district, and staff continues to work within the boundaries of

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the law on panhandling and safety of all involved, that a cyber-security study is currently underway related to the vulnerability of the township, and a collaborative redevelopment study with the school district and private developer, Jean Maychack of the former township government center site, the former Murin Heights Elementary site, and properties on the north side of Sudachi Drive is underway. Ms. Vogel added the township recently published a posting for a full-time Code Enforcement Officer of which this position was formerly a part-time position.

Vandalia Councilman, Dave Lewis requested a joint effort to install sidewalks on Stonequarry Road leading to Morton middle School. A brief discussion was held on this matter.

The special meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



KENNETH M. BETZ
PRESIDENT



GREGORY A. BRUSH
FISCAL OFFICER