

WORKSHOP MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2023

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at the Butler Township Government Center, 3780 Little York Road, Dayton, Ohio, at 6:00 p.m. for a Workshop Session to transact the business of the township. All members were present.

Call to Order

Mike Thein, President called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board President, Mike Thein stated that public comments will be welcomed at the end of the workshop agenda to allow the board to get through all agenda items.

Items for Discussion:

a. Concrete Repair Program

Administrator, Erika Vogel provided a presentation outlining the process for the concrete repair program for Stillwater Woods for 2023. Stillwater Woods was built more than 30 years ago and there is curb and gutter replacement needed, as well as driveway, approach, and sidewalk replacement. Once completed, the plat will get asphalt resurfacing.

The board of township trustees may order the construction or repair of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters along a public roadway and may assess none, all, or any part of the cost against abutting property owners, provided required notification is given, per ORC. Assessments can be divided over 5 or 10 years with a one-time 5% administrative fee from the County.

The Service Department has inspected and marked curbs, sidewalks, and aprons in the subdivision and has provided dimensions for each property in need of repairs. A draft spreadsheet of the totals and estimates were provided to the Board for review. It was discussed that per unit cost estimates were provided and were based on recent pricing that Vandalia and Kettering received through their bid process.

It was explained that further analysis will be made to determine if it makes sense to install new curbs for the entire roadways or do piecemeal. Fiscal Officer Greg Brush stated that the assessment process is cheap money, being able to divide the cost over 10 years. Trustee Jackson noted that he thinks the people in the subdivision are ready for the improvements and they care about their property value.

There was additional discussion about choices for residents and the notification process. It was explained that residents will be mailed letters with an estimate and the proposed public hearing date once the trustees determine the date.

b. Energy Aggregation Contract Renewal & Bidding Process

Scott Belcastro of Trebel introduced himself to the trustees and the public. Trebel has been managing the township's electric aggregation program since it was passed by the voters in 2016. He noted the township's current rate of 4.76 cents per kilowatt-hour. He stated that the utility has seen rates around 10.81 cents per kilowatt-hour, so the township has been very fortunate to have the program in place and has seen significant savings.

Mr. Belcastro explained that rates are expected to continue to rise with the anticipated hot summer. He also stated that the current contract with Dynegy expires in August 2023, and he is recommending that the township enter into a new master supply agreement with Dynegy, because they have been so competitive, and the rate today is at 6.915 cents per kilowatt-hour. He is also recommending a 22-month agreement to change the township from the current August renewal to a June renewal. There was additional discussion regarding the market and the proposed agreement and terms.

Mr. Belcastro noted that the new energy consulting and management agreement would allow Trebel to execute necessary documents for the township as needed. Administrator, Erika Vogel stated that the township would have to have the agreement reviewed by legal counsel and the board was not prepared to approve the proposed agreement at the workshop that evening. Administrator,

Erika Vogel stated that she would have the agreement reviewed and finalized for a future meeting. The board thanked Mr. Belcastro for attending the workshop and providing the information.

c. A Motion to Approve the Purchase of New CVSA Equipment for the Township from the General Fund

Administrator, Erika Vogel presented a quote for new computer voice stress analysis equipment for the police department to use for background process for new hires at the township. The total cost of replacement/trade-in for the new equipment is \$7,795.00 and training for our detectives/officers is \$2,585.00. A motion was requested to authorize the equipment purchase from the general fund, since it is used township wide for backgrounds.

Trustee Missy Pruszynski made a motion to authorize the Police Chief to purchase new CVSA equipment for the township from the general fund. Trustee Bryson Jackson seconded the motion.

Fiscal Officer Brush called the roll for a vote: Trustee Jackson – Yes and Trustee Pruszynski – Yes, Trustee Thein - Yes. **Motion was approved, 3-0.**

Public Comment:

Harold Townsend, 6485 Landsend Ct. stated that there could be an option to have the homeowner's association hire one contractor to do the concrete work for Stillwater Woods. He also noted that he pays taxes for these repairs to be done. He also asked if the township has thought about using Fluoro Seal.

Rod Chiles, 6595 Landsend Ct. stated that Meeker is much more dangerous and in need of repairs than Landsend Ct. He also stated that he does not agree with the condition of the concrete that has been marked. He explained that the only thing he had heard about the concrete repair was the posting online when the marking began on April 14. There was also discussion regarding who the current HOA president is.

Curt Holdeman, 3816 Reinwood Dr. asked about the status of the lighting concerns. Mr. Jeff Barnett stated that the latest report from Miami Valley Lighting stated that all inspections had been resolved and repairs were made, with the exception of York Commons Blvd., because they are waiting on the poles to replace it. He also stated that the Little York paving turned out well.

Informal Business:

Missy Pruszynski reported that the trustees have reviewed the financial statements and made a motion for approval to pay the bills of the township, as submitted, with Bryson Jackson seconding and Mike Thein approving the motion.

Adjournment

Missy Pruszynski a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m., with Bryson Jackson seconding and Mike Thein approving the motion.

MIKE THEIN
PRESIDENT

GREGORY A BRUSH
FISCAL OFFICER