

URTLECREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ON

JULY 28

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The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Turtlecreek Township was held on July 28, 2015 at 8:00 AM with the following persons present:

TRUSTEES: Jonathan D. Sams, Dan Jones, and Jim VanDeGrift

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer Niehaus

GUESTS: Steve Flint, Michael Jameson, Jon Paul Campbell, Greg Johnson, and Michael Shaffer

The meeting opened with Mr. Sams leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were received by the Trustees prior to this meeting for review. Since there were no additions or corrections, Mr. VanDeGrift moved for acceptance, seconded by Mr. Jones. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Sams asked for Board approval of a letter to retain Mr. Douglas Miller as TIF counsel. Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. VanDeGrift, to approve Mr. Sams signing said letter.

Ms. Niehaus summarized the matter of considering a different website program for the township website. New program would be slightly higher cost than current software, but would be more flexible, powerful, and allow more access for updating by staff in a user-friendly manner. Andy Ryerson will present the mock-up and features in a future meeting.

The board discussed possible Gas Aggregation with Clearcreek Township and others, and decided to continue this item until further investigation is made into its advantages for township residents, and the fact that it would have to be balloted.

In regards to the Township's ability to buy debt from Port Authority, Prosecutor's office has responded that townships have no authority to purchase such debt. Discussion covered recent news articles which cited Turtlecreek Township as "holding up" progress on the Sports complex/Union Village project. The Trustees were concerned about negative publicity.

Mr. Sams led discussion of recent memo from Otterbein containing project dollar totals for Union Village. The Trustees examined various items on the TIF list, and expressed some reactions to their inclusion. Mr. VanDeGrift and Mr. Jones stated that they felt that Doug Miller would be relevant in discovering what items should be part of the TIF, and Mr. Sams agreed. It was decided to hold a work session with Mr. Miller, the Trustees, and Fiscal Officer Tammy Boggs, to come to agreement on TIF inclusions, occurring within the next few weeks. Mr. Sams stated that the Board could then be comfortable with returning a Letter of Interest to Otterbein.

Fire/EMS:

Chief Flint reported that the Miami Valley Racino had inquired as to the number of runs by our department to their facility.

Road and Bridge:

Trustees were requested by the county and Union Township to pass a resolution to have ODOT undertake a speed study on Turtlecreek Union Road for the purpose of determining whether the part of the road outside Lebanon city limits should be made to match the speed limit in town of 25 mph. After discussion, Mr. Jones made the motion, seconded by Mr. VanDeGrift, to request such a study by the state. **Resolution 15-07-05** concerning the speed study was approved. (A copy of the resolution is included in the minutes.) Continuance of discussion for speed bumps on a township-maintained road was dismissed. Mr. VanDeGrift observed that the more recent practice of laying thicker blacktop directly on dirt was proving more durable than expected, versus a gravel subsurface with blacktop.

Correspondence – IN:

Letter from Duke regarding additional lights for Shaker Run

Email from Monroe for financial paperwork for JEDD review

Letter from Warren Co. Combined Health District for nuisance complaint for 2763 Abby Lane

Email from resident regarding questions for Chief Flint

Email from prosecutor's office regarding speed bumps

Notice from WC Engineer's office that Columbia Road is opened

Email from Larry Budd regarding vote on TIF

Resolution from WC Commissioners of approval of Eagle Ridge Ct. & Red Hawk for public maintenance

Email from MVRPC for long range transportation plan

The Fiscal Officer presented the bills which were due and the following checks were approved and signed. Check Nos. 24420 through 24453 (copy to follow) and voucher 77-2015.

The Fiscal Office reported the following income from: G. Congleton – \$46.21 (Life Squad Services), P. Lowry - \$159.54 (Life Squad Services), P. Stanley - \$25.00 (Life Squad Services), Molina Healthcare - \$171.43 (Life Squad Service), D. Marsee - \$17.64 (Life Squad Services), Constitution Life Ins - \$202.94 (Life Squad Services), Anthem Community Insurance - \$204.92 (Life Squad Services).

There being no further business Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. VanDeGrift. All voiced a "YEA" vote and the motion was passed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Signed: _____ President

Attest: _____ Recording Secretary

**RESOLUTION 15-07-05
TURTLECREEK TOWNSHP
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATIONS TO ESTABLISH A
REASONABLE AND SAFE SPEED
LIMIT ON TURTLECREEK UNION ROAD**

WHEREAS, a request has been made to this Board of Trustees that the statutory vehicular speed limit established by Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 4511.21 is greater than that considered reasonable and safe on Turtlecreek Union Road and,

WHEREAS, the Warren County Engineer has performed an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section of road described, and;

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55mph is unrealistic,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees, Turtlecreek Township that:

Section 1. By virtue of the provisions of Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 4511.21, the Director of Transportation is hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation prepared by the Warren County Engineer and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on Turtlecreek Union Road and ;

Section 2. That when the Board is advised that the Director of Highways has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described in Section 1 hereof, standard signs, properly posted and giving notices thereof, will be erected.

Mr. Jones moved to adopt the foregoing Resolution. Mr. VanDeGrift seconded the motion. All voiced a "YEA" vote and the Resolution was passed.

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2015.

Signed: _____ "YEA"

_____ "YEA"

_____ "YEA"

Attest: _____ Chief Fiscal Officer