

Twinsburg Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 12,

2020

Chair DeFabio called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and noted that the meeting was being video recorded, and that a copy of the recording will be available for public inspection at the Township offices.

Fiscal Officer Johnson called the roll. Present were Chair Jamey DeFabio and Trustee Jim Balogh. Vice Chair Tom Schmidt was absent. Township Manager Rob Kagler was also present.

Executive Session.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to convene into executive session to consider the employment a public employee per ORC §121.22(G)(1); and to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest, per ORC §121.22(G)(2). Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously at 6:04 PM.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to recess the executive session, where no decisions were made and no action was taken. Upon roll call the motion to recess passed unanimously at 6:30 PM.

Work Session.

Mr. DeFabio convened the work session at 6:30 PM, with all members present.

Reports.

Deputy Maccarelli Summit County Sheriff's Department – reviewed the stats for the month of January 2020, and said that the total arrests for the month included eight with 49 citations issued out of 38 traffic stops. The year end stats for 2019 were then reviewed with over 6,539 calls for service, 973 traffic stops and 113 total arrest. Discussions on year end stats for 2019 continued. Deputy Maccarelli introduced Patrol Commander Sanchez to address concerns and questions. Commander Sanchez spoke of the concerns with vehicle break-ins in the area. He said that if it hasn't been reported, please contact them. They need to have the information documented. The majority of the calls are vehicle break-ins, and he reminded residents to lock their car doors and not leave valuables in their cars.

Jashonte Tate – 1995 Rugby – spoke of Deputy Maccarelli's comments from the January meeting, that two individuals were stopped, but they couldn't arrest them. She said that there are many more break-ins that have not been reported. Deputy Maccarelli responded that the two individuals who were stopped did not have evidence of a crime committed. They did collect their information, and they know who they are, but they cannot accuse someone who has not committed a crime. Discussions continued.

Mr. Kagler asked about cars being parked on private property in their driveway and what is considered trespassing. Commander Sanchez said to call the Sheriff so that they can come out and identify the person or persons. It creates a record, so that they cannot return to the property.

Jashonte Tate then asked about squatters and any loopholes. There were discussions about a light in vacant house(s) and if the Sheriff is allowed to knock on the door or enter? Deputy Maccarelli said if it is a vacant house they will stop and check the house. They look for physical signs of break-in to make an arrest. They can arrest squatters. Mr. Kagler said that

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the Township does keep a list of vacant houses, and residents should contact Township Hall so that we can provide the list to the Sheriff for review and updates. He said that the residents are the best eyes and ears to get things done. Commander Sanchez said that the list gives patrol the information needed when making rounds through the neighborhood.

Fiscal Officer Johnson agreed that this has been going on far too long, and it is a safety concern for residents in the Heights. The latest incident, from what she heard, was that there was a gun taken out of a car, and that the perpetrator has a weapon in their possession. She asked what they can do to get extra patrol during the early hours of the morning, to make residents feel safe. Commander Sanchez said that he will speak with the Captain to have detectives in plain cars to check the area. Mr. DeFabio asked if this was specific to the Township? Commander said that it is not, and that the numbers are lower than some larger cities. Discussions continued. Chair DeFabio said that if you see something then call immediately. Don't wait for two to three days to report something. They are always patrolling, at all hours of the night. Discussions continued on scheduling and patrolling.

Mr. Kagler deferred his Manager's report in the interest of time.

Fiscal Officer Johnson reported that last week she successfully rolled the system over to the new year and said that the auditors have contacted the Township to start the 2019 financial audit. On the agenda there is a motion for the December 2019 and January 2020 financial reports. The January 2020 reports are not available, and she asked the Board to table that motion. The Board has received the monthly reports including the bank reconciliation, fund status, appropriations status, and payment register reports totaling \$382,748.33 for December 2019.

Fiscal Officer Johnson offered condolences to the family for the passing of Robert Gaines. He was an employee of Twinsburg Township for many years, and he will be missed.

Trustee Reports.

Jim Balogh – on January 26, 2020 he visited SSP Fittings with Representative David Joyce. Last week he attended the OTA Conference in Columbus. It was his first time there and it was great to see almost 3,000 trustees in attendance. It was a great experience, and one of the featured messages was the Cox Report that analyzes the Township type of government. His comments were that the Township form of government is the most sustainable and efficient type of government with the lowest long-term debt of any form of government.

Offered his condolences to the Gaines family.

Jamey DeFabio – also offered condolences to the family of Robert Gaines.

Trustee Schmidt has a family emergency and isn't able to attend. Passed on thoughts and prayers to his family and sister.

Mr. DeFabio talked of the tour at SSP Fittings on Boyle Parkway. They make high pressure fittings for gas lines and rack and pinions. They have approximately 200 employees, and the problem is that they cannot find enough employees. They are hiring and offer on the job training with entry level positions at \$15.00 per hour. He thanked Congressman Joyce for reaching out to the Township and inviting them to attend. Mr. Balogh said their growth and stability is a direct result of them hiring more people. Discussions on hiring at SSP Fittings and skilled trades training continued.

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Discussion Items.

Mr. Kagler said that back in December the Board adopted a parking policy. Upon adoption, there are four additional streets that need to be addressed, including Harvard, Yale, Huldah in Blue Jaye Farm, and Ansonia Drive in Steffan Woods. Some are streets with no hydrants and others are connector streets. Mr. Kagler said that there is a resolution to be drafted for the Board to consider the amendments.

Mr. Kagler briefly discussed the dump truck replacement scheduled for this year. It takes about six months from time of order, and we would like to do this in the April/May time frame. He reviewed the process of GovDeals auction and said that there are two motions on the agenda related to the sale of the vehicle.

The draft road program scope was reviewed with the Board, and it is based on the scoring of the street inventory. In accordance with the scope there is a resolution on the agenda for the Board to consider to hire the County Engineer to complete the road program. It does not authorize any expenditures; it is only an estimate at this point.

Mr. Kagler talked about the Summit County Port Authority, which has created the Energy Special Improvement District. He said that it is a way for commercial and industrial property, and later residential, to include energy improvements like windows, roofing, insulation, or HVAC systems, in lieu of financing for work, to be assessed on their taxes. Property owners can apply for it, if the political subdivision elects to participate in the program. More detailed information is available, and it would involve the Township consenting for property owners to apply to the Port Authority for financing. Discussions continued.

General Session.

Chair DeFabio convened into the General Session at 7:05 PM. Fiscal Officer Johnson called the roll, with Trustee Schmidt being absent. Chair DeFabio then led all present in the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 8, 2020 regular meeting. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation – Mary Kidd – Community Focus – many people know Community Focus as Cable 9. Jeff Cole. has moved to a part time basis, before retirement later this year, and she is now the Executive Director. They are no longer on Cable 9; it is Spectrum Channel 1021, and they are more than just a channel. They have a website, an app, and social media. They are a community resource and are here for you. Ms. Kidd reviewed the various programs of local government and school districts, along with local events and festivals. She said that Community Focus is a resource and if there is anything that they can cover to reach out and let them know. Mr. Balogh said that he is the Township representative to Community Focus and has worked with Mary and the staff for many, many years. The work that is being done to transition it is a powerful and appropriate thing to do. The ability to provide this monthly programming on a 24/7 basis is outstanding, and it is all about the community. Mr. Balogh said for residents to share their ideas and to contact their office at any time. The local Twinsburg Township information is broadcast on Channel 1023, and he hopes that sometime this year we will be streaming our Township meetings live.

Old Business. *None.*

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Unfinished Business. *None.*

Resident Comments. *Residents must identify themselves by name and address and be recognized by the Chair prior to speaking; comments will be limited to 5 minutes each and must be addressed to the Board of Trustees.*

Juanita Moore – 1857 Stanford – asked for a timeline for sidewalks being done on Stanford Street? Mr. DeFabio said answers will be provided after all questions are asked.

Vicki Duncan – 2063 Case – asked about the price for the property for sale next to her property. She said she gets different prices when talking to Rob, and asked how much it is. Mr. DeFabio said there is a set price for one lot, or two lots, and the price changes per number of lots. Discussions on lot prices continued.

Janina Jones – 1863 Case – is confused on what was just said on the pricing of property. She doesn't understand the price jump for additional lots.

Fred Barkley – 1947 Oxford – asked about the snow removal, and said that it is appreciated that the streets are well kept, but once done they come through and drag the blade on the pavement.

Joyce Lardell – 2017 Case – asked when the sidewalks will be completed on Case Street?

Mr. Kagler asked if there were any other questions for the Sheriff's Department before they return to patrol. He said that they are on duty 24/7 and for residents to call them at any time.

Mr. Kagler said that Stanford Street is part of phases 18, 19, and 20 which is currently in the engineering phase. We would apply for grants in 2020, find out if funding is available in 2021 and possibly construct in 2022 at the earliest. Mr. Kagler said that Ms. Lardell asked about Case Street, which is phases 16 and 17 of the project. Part of Case Street is completed, and we will find out if we receive funding later this year, and construction could occur next year pending availability of local funding. Phases 14 and possibly 15 will be completed this year and include the dead-end blocks of Rugby and Buchtel Streets. Bids are due before the March meeting, and we will find out about funding for phases 16 and 17 later this year. Discussions on Heights Road Reconstruction phases continued.

Mr. Kagler spoke to Mr. Barkley about clearing snow from the streets. Mr. DeFabio said he suspects that it is just to remove any further snow and ice. Mr. Kagler said he will find an answer and knows that after they plow the centerline, they do go out a second time to get out to the curb.

Regarding the lot pricing, Mr. Kagler said that the pricing for lots that are offered to adjacent property owners as side lots. The price for a single lot is \$7,500.00 and for adjacent property owners, as a side lot, the first lot is discounted down to \$2,500.00, the second lot is discounted down to \$5,000.00, and if there are three or more lots, then additional lots would be at full price. The full price is \$7,500.00 per lot, with discounts for potential side lots. Discussion on lot sales continued.

New Business.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to approve Resolution #72-19 As Amended titled, "A Resolution to adopt rules for vehicle parking (\$0.00)." Mr. Balogh said that the resolution is to be drafted. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Balogh moved and Mr. DeFabio seconded the motion to approve Resolution #14-20 titled, “A Resolution to authorize additional appropriations (reallocations) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 (\$0.00 net increase).” Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to approve Resolution #15-20 titled, “A Resolution approve various Township obligations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 (\$12,215.50 additional).” Mr. Kagler reviewed the changes before the Board. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Balogh moved and Mr. DeFabio seconded the motion to approve Resolution #16-20 titled, “A Resolution to authorize various then and now commitments (\$6,634.92 additional).” Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to approve Resolution #17-20 titled, “A Resolution accepting a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2020 Energized Community Grant.” Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Balogh moved and Mr. DeFabio seconded the motion to approve Resolution #18-20 titled, “A Resolution to hire the County Engineer to complete the 2020 Township Road Program (\$369,931.79).” Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to advertise for bids for the Twinsburg Heights Allotment Road Improvement Project Phases 14 & 15. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to declare the 2013 International 4400 truck as surplus equipment and no longer needed by the Township pursuant to ORC 505.10. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Balogh moved and Mr. DeFabio seconded the motion to allow the listing of the surplus 2013 International 4400 truck on Govdeals.com for sale, in accordance with ORC 505.10. Mr. Balogh commented on the benefit of the Township using this platform for selling vehicles. It maximizes our return on investment. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to table a donation to the Twinsburg High School After Prom. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to approve a request by Girl Scout Troop #90794 (Twinsburg) to use the Township Square on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to sell Girl Scout Cookies on the Square. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to approve a request by Twinsburg Ministerial to use the Township Square on Friday, April 10, 2020 for Good Friday Services, from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to approve the December 2019 financial reports. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to table the January 2020 financial reports. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

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Announcements.

Monday, February 17, 2020 – Presidents’ Day – Township Offices Closed

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – Twinsburg Township Water District Board Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – Joint Economic Development District Board Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM – Village Hall

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM (Executive Session at 6:00 PM, followed by a Work Session at 6:30 PM, and a General Session at 7:00 PM).

Additional Items.

Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to approve a donation to the Twinsburg High School After Prom in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Mr. DeFabio talked about the donation and safe environment of the After-Prom event. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

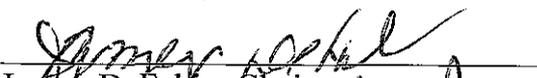
Mr. Kagler noted that the cell phone charging station, which was provided by NOPEC through a grant on behalf of the Township. It has been located at the library and says “Brought to you by Twinsburg Township” and thanks them for their support. Township resident Holly Cameron said that the new unit is right by the circulation desk, and it is a secure slot for charging devices.

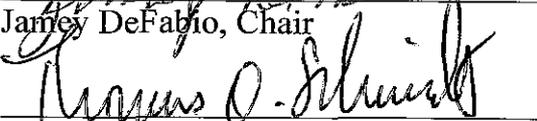
Fiscal Officer Johnson noted that for Black History Month the Twinsburg Historical Society will be presenting their program on Saturday, February 29th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the First Congregational Church. Also, in honor of Kobe Bryant, the High School Black History Club is selling commemorative shirts and are due by Friday of this week.

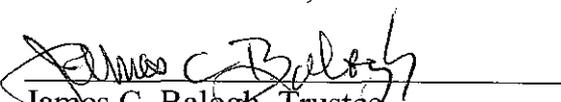
Executive Session. None.

Adjournment. *Hearing no further business, Mr. DeFabio moved and Mr. Balogh seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Upon a roll call the motion passed unanimously.*

BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES


James DeFabio, Chair


Thomas O. Schmidt, Vice Chair


James C. Balogh, Trustee

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Twinsburg, County of Summit, State of Ohio, at a meeting held on the 11th day of March, 2020, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certification.


Tania L. Johnson, Fiscal Officer