

Record of Proceedings
Minutes of the Carlisle Township Board of Trustees
Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting
July 20, 2015

The Carlisle Township Board of Trustees met on July 20, 2015 at 7:00PM for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2016 budget. In attendance: Trustee Taylor, Trustee Wright, Fiscal Officer Kimberly Fallon, Administrative Assistant / Zoning Inspector William Oliver, Fire Chief Kevin Dembiec, and Road Superintendent Robert Schworer.

Vice Chairman Taylor closed the public hearing to order at 7:05PM with no further comment.

Trustee Wright motioned to accept the proposed 2016 budget, seconded by Trustee Taylor; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

The Carlisle Township Board of Trustees met on July 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM. In attendance: Trustee James Wright, Trustee Berry Taylor, Fiscal Officer Kimberly Fallon, Administrative Assistant / Zoning Inspector William Oliver, Fire Chief Kevin Dembiec, and Road Superintendent Robert Schworer. Twelve (12) people signed the attendance sheet.

Public Participation

Residents Jim and Donna Maxwell from Wanda Street were in attendance to discuss standing water on their property due to the removal of tires and moving of dirt piles on the businesses property behind them. Soil and Water reviewed the situation and sent the residents to the Trustees. Superintendent Schworer stated that since Soil and Water had already done most of the work, the only thing left to do is to allow the water to drain slowly into a retention area and then release it after a storm. The Township does not have an outlet for the residents. He stated that per the Ohio Revised Code, the Township can only take care of the road right away. Mrs. Maxwell stated that they cannot go onto the other property because it is private property. Mr. Schworer stated the Township has no authority over the issue. Mrs. Maxwell also stated that every weekend there is someone on the property with heavy equipment burying items. Mr. Oliver will contact the Environmental Officer at the Sheriff Department. Mr. Schworer stated that the dirt needs to be removed from the property to alleviate the problem. Trustee Taylor suggested calling the EPA.

Mr. & Mrs. Bender were in attendance and requested an update on East Carlisle School. Trustee Taylor stated it is for sale, but to date there have been no offers. Mr. Bender requested approval to put sand on the baseball diamonds for the residents to use. Trustee Wright questioned if the resident was taking on the expense of the sand. Mr. Bender stated yes. Trustee Wright told Mr. Schworer to accommodate the resident by having the fence opened for Mr. Bender to have access. Currently, the Road department is mowing the front of East Carlisle.

Fiscal Officer Kimberly Fallons' Report

Fiscal Officer Fallon started discussions on the NOPEC Gas and Electric Aggregation. She stated that what was put on the ballot was the approval of the Trustees to act on behalf of the residents to either enter into an aggregation or not. She stated that it had not been discussed yet. If a decision is made to move forward with NOPEC resolutions needed to be prepared to move forward. Trustee Wright questioned if there was a time frame to make a decision. Mrs. Fallon stated there is no specific time

frame. With the passing of the ballot, the Trustees can entertain other prospects; it is not mandatory to use NOPEC. Trustee Wright stated NOPEC is a government entity which would act as a middle man for an aggregation for gas and electric. The program is an opt out program meaning the residents would automatically be registered and would have to opt out if they chose to. He stated that a resident may not get the opportunity to opt out since the postcard NOPEC will send will appear to be junk mail and be thrown out. Fiscal Officer Fallon stated that only the residents eligible would be registered. Trustee Wright stated that when he viewed the status of NOPEC on the BBB, they had a rating of C+. Mrs. Fallon stated it was initially an F when informational meetings were taking place. She addressed the issue with the NOPEC representative and he stated he was unaware of any status with the BBB. The issues brought forth to the BBB dealt with the "ease" of opting out not being addressed by residents who found it difficult to opt out. There is a \$25 fee if a resident does not opt out in the time frame given by NOPEC. She also stated that for the electric only 2/3 of the residents are eligible and 1/3 for the gas. However, eligibility is decreased by those potentially eligible residents if they are currently on a plan. Out of 7500 residents, just over 200 voted for the aggregation, which is a very small percentage of residents in total. She stated that the savings quoted, \$120 over three years, is pennies and not worth the hassle of having to opt out. She suggested the residents visit appletoapples.com and analyze their bills to find the best rate available to them. NOPEC is a middle man, so their rates will not appear on appletoapples.com. Companies such as NOPEC have found it is cheaper to go for cities, townships and villages in this way because it is more cost effective; there is no need to go door to door to each individual. Trustee Wright stated that nobody should be put into it if they don't want to. Mrs. Fallon stated that if the Trustees vote to use NOPEC, she is one of the residents that will be affected unwillingly. She suggested investigating programs that allow the residents to opt in as opposed to being forced to opt out. The Trustees decided to take more time and investigate other prospects.

Minutes of the May 4, 2015 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, May 18, 2015 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, June 8, 2015 Special Board of Trustees Meeting, previously tabled, and minutes of the June 30, 2015 Special Board of Trustees Meeting were submitted for approval. Trustee Taylor motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried. The special meeting on June 8th was the Public Private Participation with BFI, Inc. a subsidiary of Republic Services for the Compressed Natural Gas Grant and the June 30th was to interview potential candidates for the Road Department.

Purchase Order 47-2015 and 48-2015 and Blanket Certificate 37-2015 through 40-2015 were submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Warrants 11716 through 11750 and EFT Payments (including payroll) 284-2015 to 364-2015 for a total of \$75,526.70 were submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

May and June 2015 Financial Statements were submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Cemetery Deed 2015-01 was submitted for signatures. A resident requested to sell their husbands burial lot back to the Township as he was buried in another location. The amount to purchase lot back would be \$100. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

The Certifications of Valuations were received from the County to proceed with the submittal of the Fire Levy to the Board of Elections. Discussions proceeded with the following levy millage and amounts that could be obtained for the Fire Department: Resolution 2015-32 A Resolution To Proceed With The Placement Of A Tax Levy Consisting Of A 1.75 Mill Renewal, a collection of \$272,000; Resolution 2015-33(A) A Resolution To Proceed With The Placement Of A Tax Levy Consisting Of A 1.75 Mill Replacement, a collection of \$294,000; Resolution 2015-32(B) A Resolution To Proceed With The Placement Of A Tax Levy Consisting Of A 2.0 Mill Replacement, a collection of \$337,000; and Resolution 2015-32(C) A Resolution To Proceed With The Placement Of A Tax Levy Consisting Of A 2.25 Mill Replacement, a collection of \$379,237.

Chief Dembiec stated the funding is needed for a full time firefighter, there are two trucks that need to be replaced, bunker gear needs to be replaced, and a lot of older equipment that needs to be replaced. With just the cost of a full time firefighter at approximately \$80,000, the increase doesn't amount to much left over for the other items needed. Fiscal Officer Fallon questioned if Louis Hodge was still under the Safer Grant. Chief Dembiec stated that Mr. Hodge is not under the Safer Grant. With the Safer Grant and an increase in the Levy, he sees an opportunity to play catchup. With the three trucks received under the FEMA grants over the past couple of years, the fleet age has dramatically improved. The Safer Grant is only funded through 2016 and then will be discontinued. He would not go less than the 2.0 mill levy. Trustee Wright commented that the recession and the cut back of local government funds have put the Township in a conservative mode. He indicated that the Township has benefited from grants for new equipment. With the failure of the Road Levy, he believes the residents do not understand the needs of the Township and why. Because the Trustees as officials of the Township cannot use Township funds to promote a levy, they have to support it through their own personal funds, as they did to purchase signs for the Road Levy. Chief Dembiec stated that whether it's a renewal or a replacement, enough money would not be generated to support a full time firefighter. He also stated that Engine 8, the 1983 Seagrave, is in danger of being removed from service which will affect the ISO ratings which will affect the residents insurance. With a 2.25 mill, the homeowner would pay \$225 a year, where currently they are paying \$175 a year per \$100,000 property valuation. Resident Jerry Hunne stated that at Eaton Township there are two ambulances, 3-4 trucks, and at least 25-30 employees; he questioned why the fire department can't make it on what they have with all they have. It was argued that Carlisle has full time firefighters whereas Eaton has part time firefighters. Chief Dembiec also stated that Eaton has had ambulances since 1973 and everything was obtained back then. If Carlisle chose to have an ambulance service it would have to be started at today's rates. Over the past three years, the Township has received over a million dollars in grant funds for vehicles, retainment, recruitment and equipment. Trustee Wright motioned to approve Resolution 2015--32(C) A Resolution To Proceed With The Placement Of A Tax Levy Consisting Of A 2.25 Mill Replacement, a collection of \$379,237, seconded by Trustee Taylor; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Resident Dale Handley requested detail of what the fire department has received in grants for the vehicles and what it would have costed the Township if the grants hadn't been received. Chief Dembiec stated the Fire Fighter Association will be out promoting the Fire Levy and will have that information available.

Submitted for first reading were Resolution 2015-21 A Resolution Levying Special Assessments For Street Lighting Purposes On Certain Lots And Lands In Brentwood Lake Village, An Unincorporated District In The Township Of Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio, Resolution 2015-22 A Resolution Levying Special Assessments For Street Lighting Purposes On Certain Lots And Lands In Northeast Area Lighting District #1 (i.e., Betty Lane, Robert Lane, Carol Lane, Penny Lane, Rosemere street and Oakwood Street),

An Unincorporated District In The Township Of Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio, Resolution 2015-23 A Resolution Levying Special Assessments For Street Lighting Purposes On Certain Lots And Lands In Northeast Area Lighting District #2 (i.e., Miller Court, Hope Court Subdivision I & II, East River Road, and Calann Drive), An Unincorporated District In The Township Of Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio, Resolution 2015-24 Overlook Drive Lighting District, An Unincorporated District In The Township Of Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio, Resolution 2015-25 Southwood Drive District, An Unincorporated District In The Township Of Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio, Resolution 2015-26 Tanglewood Lighting District, An Unincorporated District In The Township Of Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio, and Resolution 2015-27 Carlisle Avenue Lighting District, An Unincorporated District In The Township Of Carlisle, Lorain County, Ohio. Motion by Trustee Taylor to approve Resolutions 2015-22 through Resolution 2015-27 for the Township Lighting Districts, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Administrative Assistant/Zoning Inspector William Olivers' Report

Resolution 2015-31 A Resolution To Adopt The Solid Waste Management Plan For The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District was submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Oliver discussed a correspondence he received from a long term resident that recently moved out of the Township, but wants to purchase a cemetery plot at the resident cost. He received a legal reply in which the Trustees have the ability to approve the cost of a resident. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Oliver stated that the current nuisance orders are progressing along well with 80-90% of cleanup has been done by the residents in question. The deadline extension for complete cleanup is August 10th for Mr. Carter on Indian Hollow and July 28th for Mr. Husk on Grafton Road. Trustee Taylor was happy to see the amount of progress the residents have taken on their properties. Mr. Oliver stated that there 130 tires removed from Mr. Husk's property. The Oldfield property is back on the agenda as it has accumulated garbage and more vehicles on the property. The Knoppsyder property on LaGrange Road has also been brought to question since the house appears to be vacated and the grass needs mowing.

Zoning Inspector Oliver gave the zoning report for June 2015: 4 pools, 1 accessory building, 1 new single family dwelling, 3 fences, 1 commercial sign, 1 agricultural building, and 1 chicken coop. The BZA meets on August 5th to discuss a conditional use permit and 2 variances.

The Zoning Commission met on July 15th to discuss the rezoning of the Macham property from GB-1 to LI-1. It will then be submitted to the Trustees in August for approval.

Road Superintendent Robert Schworers' Report

Road Superintendent Schworer gave a progress report on the Edgewood Storm Sewer project in Brentwood. Herk Excavating is working on the project and the County Engineers are inspecting daily.

Mr. Schworer indicated the need to repair the roof on Town Hall. He received a quote of \$4,940 from West Roofing. Fiscal Officer Fallon questioned if other estimates had been received. He stated he called Koch Brothers and received no answer. He also stated he only trusts West Roofing to do the job. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

The project selected for the OPWC Round 30 application is according to the recommendation of the Lorain County Engineers is the paving of Whitehead Road from Parson's to Diagonal. An estimate will be available at the next meeting.

All the paperwork is complete for the Winter Salt Contract. The cost per ton is \$55.41. Mr. Schworer is looking into the cost of a dump bed for the truck in order to have it usable for the upcoming winter. There is approximately \$45,000 of road repairs needed this year. He would like to have \$10,000 from Machinery and Equipment and move it to Operating for the Chip and Seal projects.

Fire Chief Kevin Dembiecs' Report

Chief Dembiec requested executive session to discuss hiring, firing, and promotion of public employees.

The Township was awarded the Safer Grant for a total of \$161,897. The AFG grant for the SCBA Airpacks is still in progress waiting for a response.

Lieutenant Higgins is requesting approval to take the Fire Officer 1 Course with a cost of \$600, and also Chief Dembiec is requesting approval to take the Instructor online class with a cost of \$700. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Taylor motioned to enter into executive session to discuss hiring, firing, and promotion of public employees at 8:58PM, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular session was re-entered at 9:23PM.

Robert Hanmer will be offered to return to work under pending the formal acceptance of the Safer Grant. A Resolution will be required for the acceptance of the Safer Grant. Motion to approve by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Wright questioned the progress on the new Road employee. Fiscal Officer Fallon has sent him down to have a background and drug check before starting the position.

Additional Business & Announcements

1. Next regularly scheduled Trustees' Board Meeting is on Monday August 17, 2015 at 7PM.
2. Keep up with Township events and contact information at carlisletownship.com.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Wright, roll call: all ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.


 Trustee Berry Taylor


 Attested: Kimberly Fallon, Fiscal Officer

Trustee Robert White

9/8/15
 Date


 Trustee James Wright