

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

REGULAR

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS, PUBLISHERS, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Form 6101

April 10, 2012

*Held***OPENING OF MEETING**

Mr. Ritter called the meeting to order at 6:08PM. Ms. Rinehart and Mrs. Harlow were in attendance. Mr. Deters was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reuter requested the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and imminent litigation, the employment, compensation, and benefits of public employees or officials as well as the purchase or transfer of property.

At 6:09 PM, Mr. Ritter made a motion to enter Executive Session and Ms. Rinehart offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter reconvened the meeting at 7:01 PM. Mr. Reuter said no decisions or actions were made in Executive Session.

INVOCATION

Mrs. Harlow offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ritter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2012, special meeting. Ms. Rinehart offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2012, regular meeting. Ms. Rinehart offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2012, special meeting. Ms. Rinehart offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2012, work session. Ms. Rinehart offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2012, special meeting. Ms. Rinehart offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

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PRESENTATIONS**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

David Kahle, Parker Kahl and Kelly Graham approached the Board. Mr. Kahle discussed the affect Autism has had on their lives as a family and presented some facts about autism:

- In the last year, over 35,000 children have been born with some form of Autism.
- More children will be diagnosed with Autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer, combined.
- Autism costs our nation over \$42 billion per year.

Mr. Ritter read Resolution 12-12, "Resolution Proclaiming April 2012 as Autism Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month in Colerain Township."

Mr. Ritter made such motion and Ms. Rinehart offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

POLICE REPORTS

Lt. Schoonover of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office said the statistics will be presented next month. Lt. Angela Meyer said in March 2012, the Colerain Police issued 302 citations and 10 OVI arrests.

CITIZEN ADDRESS

Kathy Mohr, of 11987 Walden Drive, said that she heard before the meeting that the zoning inspectors have been fired. She asked if this is a cost-cutting measure and who would now do the inspections.

Mr. Ritter said that we have an agenda item to discuss this, but he will address it now. He said this is about efficiency and budget. He said that we looked at alternatives to revamp the process and this resulted in a reduction of force.

Mr. Rowan said that we have studied opportunities for shared services within Colerain Township and with other townships. We will handle enforcement through the Police Department and partnering with Parks and Services for abatements. We will use the Public Works Department for right-of-way issues. We are reorganizing for delivery of services, which resulted in the reduction of the inspectors and planner. If the Board approves, this new procedure will begin tomorrow. This model is used in Springfield Township and is very successful.

Ms. Mohr asked about who would go out and investigate complaints.

Mr. Rowan said the complaint tracking will be by Zoning; the police will do the inspections and enforcement.

Ms. Mohr asked if there will be future cuts.

Mr. Ritter said that there is no crystal ball and that 2013 is another step with the reductions in the local government fund and estate tax. He said it is logical to assume there will be more.

Ms. Mohr asked about the Zoning Department's vehicles.

Mr. Rowan said the Zoning Department will maintain one vehicle and the truck will be transferred to Parks and Services.

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Ms. Mohr asked if this will overwhelm the other departments.

Mr. Ritter said that we must work harder and smarter, while trying to minimize the impact on services.

James Emmerson of the Skyline Community said the community wishes to acknowledge people who help them along the way, those who put in a hard work ethic to move this community forward. He said the community wishes to acknowledge tonight an individual who has worked very hard for the community: Corporal Jay Schmitt from the Sheriff's Office. He said Corporal Schmitt has stood there with the community to make a difference.

Mr. Emmerson also said they had a problem in the community with a new road, Neptune Drive. He said that Mr. McClain put his best foot forward to repair this new road and he appreciated all of the information coming from him. Mr. Emmerson presented the Outstanding Service Award to Mr. McClain.

Mr. McClain said this actually goes to a lot of people who worked on this project.

Shane Wiseman, of 6470 Springdale Road, is a 14-year police veteran and spoke about the Board declining the Sheriff's department proposal. He said he strongly disagrees with Meloy's plan as we are replacing seasoned deputies with inexperienced officers. He said the reserve officers don't have the experience/training that full-time officers do. He requested the Board re-negotiate with the sheriff's office.

Mr. Ritter said this was a money issue and the county commissioners struck this match. He said that our Neighborhood Resource Officers and Bike Patrol officers will be on patrol.

Sangita Bone, of 2573 Willowspring Ct., is also concerned about the Hamilton County Sheriff's contract. She said she doesn't see a cost benefit analysis. She said she doesn't want a volunteer responsible for our safety. She said she doesn't feel comfortable with this and wants the board to renegotiate the contract with the Sheriff's office. She doesn't think we're really saving money.

Mr. Rowan said that Chief Meloy and he looked at the numbers. We need to extend the dollars as long as we can. With this plan, we will still have a positive fund balance in 2013, but can't do that with the Sheriff's proposal. Mr. Rowan offered to go through the financials with her. He said this is an externship, where we can then bring the officer on full-time later. He said we will save substantially with this plan.

Mr. Rinehart said these are fully trained police officers and not all are brand new officers.

Ms. Bone said the money doesn't add up and would like some follow-up on this.

Deborah Law, of 2498 Cranbrook Drive, asked the Board to reconsider the Sheriff's contract. She said that even with the reserve officers, we are still short officers. She said that Pleasant Run Elementary is under lock down very frequently. It's not safe anymore.

Paul Janszen, of Newberry Acres Drive, said that there are two types of people: those who don't want to change and those who look at things and don't care about being liked or about shaking things up. That person asks, "How can I make it better?" That's what this department has done.

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Mr. Ritter said that a lot of decisions come down to the credibility of the person proposing it. He said the Chief Meloy is always raising the bar and being innovative. This makes budget sense and Meloy hits the ball out of the park on most occasions.

TRUSTEE REPORTS**MS. RINEHART**

No Report.

MR. RITTER

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**POLICE DEPARTMENT****Reserve Police Officer Appointment**

Lt. Meyer said that since the March 27th meeting, the Police Department has been working to identify quality candidates to work in the role of "reserve" police officers.

The first is recently retired Colerain officer, Karl Altheim. Karl served as an officer for more than 25 years, the final 20 with Colerain Police Department. Officer Altheim can start right away and once up to date on our "paperless" reporting system, can begin solo patrol.

We are excited to present Karl Altheim for appointment as our first "Reserve" officer. His outstanding experience and character are provides short and long term benefits to the Department and the reserve officer corp. We ask for Board approval to appoint Reserve Police Officer Karl Altheim. If approved, Officer Altheim is a non-contract employee. There is no salary associated with this appointment.

Lt. Meyer asked the Board to approve the appointment of Reserve candidate Karl Altheim. Upon approval, the start date is April 16, 2012.

Mrs. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

The second request for "reserve officer" appointment is Jordan Wagers.

- Reserve Officer candidate Jordan Wagers is single and graduated from the Butler Tech Police Academy in 2011
- He currently serves as a police officer for the Linder Center of Hope
- He completed the requirements for an Associate's Degree from Miami University in 2011

If approved, Reserve Officer Wagers is a non-contract employee. There is no salary associated with this appointment. He asked the Board to approve the appointment of Reserve candidate Jordan Wagers pending the successful completion of the psychological and medical testing. Upon approval, the tentative start date is May 1, 2012.

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Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

The third request for "reserve officer" appointment is Craig Moore. Craig is 27 years old and resides in Liberty Township, Ohio. He is single and a graduate of Lakota East High School. He received 96 credit hours while attending the University of Cincinnati. He is a graduate of the Sinclair Community College Police Academy.

Craig was administered a pre-employment interview and CVSA and there were no questionable admissions that would prohibit him from employment at the Colerain Police Department.

Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Full-time Police Officer Hire

Lt. Meyer said the Police Department is presenting police officer candidate Jeremy Beckwith as the choice to fill one full-time police officer position. From the pool of available candidates, Jeremy Beckwith was identified as the "best" candidate for presentation and hiring approval. Jeremy has accepted a "Conditional Offer of Employment," pending the successful completion of a psychological evaluation, a medical examination, and the Board's approval.

- Jeremy Beckwith is a 30 year old resident of Harrison, Ohio and a graduate of Diamond Oaks Vocational School.
- Jeremy is married and they have two sons
- Jeremy is a certified police officer and bomb technician
- He has been employed by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for 11 years.
- Jeremy served in the United States Army in the 101st Airborne from 2003 to 2007. Jeremy is currently in the United States Army Reserves.
- Officer Jeremy Beckwith will be paid at the recently agreed upon "entry" level salary of \$47,520.28 per year as well as the 20% health care contribution
- Upon Board approval, Jeremy will be required to complete a "Field Training" program along with a one-year probationary period

Lt. Meyer asked the Board to approve the hiring of Jeremy Beckwith as police officer pending the successful completion of the psychological and medical testing. Upon approval, the start date for Jeremy Beckwith is May 1, 2012.

Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

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ZONING**Barthas Place Demolition**

Dr. Roschke said the house at 2671 Barthas Place was completed on March 26. She showed photos of the demolition.

ADMINISTRATION**Gateway Update**

Mr. Birkenhauer said that he has met with the new owners of Northgate Mall and the new Cheddars Restaurant. They will be grading the site in 4-6 weeks. The draft bid package is out our review by ODOT and EPA. He said the new owners of mall will have new tenants to announce. This will be a busy year on the site.

Mr. Ritter asked about the utilities being buried.

Mr. Birkenhauer said a geophysical survey is being completed before they can finalize the plan for the burying of utilities. This must be reviewed by Duke and approved by ODOT, but they are waiting on cable and telephone.

Mr. Ritter asked if this will be completed by the end of year.

Mr. Birkenhauer said it will begin in the fall, but not be completed by the end of year.

NEW BUSINESS**POLICE DEPARTMENT****Vehicle to Auction**

Lt. Meyer said the Police Department was awarded the title to a 1972 Buick Skylark through drug forfeiture and requests the Board's approval to advertise the vehicle for sale on the Hamilton County website.

Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Pay Journalizations

Lt. Meyer presented two pay journalizations to the Board, as information:

- Effective April 7, 2012, per the current collective bargaining agreement, Officer Melissa Johnson will receive her "annual" step increase. She will move from "Step 4" to "Step 5" and the annual wage of \$65,590.45. Copy of the "journalization" has already been forwarded to Fiscal Officer.
- Effective April 23, 2012, per the current collective bargaining agreement, Officer Joseph Carter will receive his "annual" step increase. He will move from "Step 4" to "Step 5" and the annual wage of \$65,590.45. Copy of the "journalization" has already been forwarded to Fiscal Officer.

PUBLIC WORKS**Colerain Avenue Street Sweeping Program**

Mr. McClain said the contractor that we have had for the past two years is willing to re-new the services with no price increase (for the 2nd year in a row). We are requesting the Board approve a renewed agreement for 2012 with Best General Contracting LLC not to exceed \$5,600.00

The initial sweeping includes the cleaning off of the center islands and the sidewalks adjoining the curb ahead of the sweeper. The 6 additional street

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sweepings would be as needed but tentatively monthly. We also coordinate with ODOT's street sweepings witch is normally semi-annually.

Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Center Name Change

Ms. Sprenger requested that the Township removes the word "Senior" from the Center's name to be known as the Colerain Township Community Center. In the past years, there has been a national trend to remove the label due to non-identification and image perception.

Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Membership Amendments

Ms. Sprenger requested the Center lowers the age for day membership from 55 to 50, effective May 1.

Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

PARKS AND SERVICES

Residential Recycling Programs

Mr. Schwartzhoff discussed three recycling events:

- The Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services is holding community composting seminars this spring. Colerain Township was a community host this past March. Hamilton County was very pleased with the turnout – over 100 attendees at this informative event.
- The annual Residential Recycling Incentive Program allows the Township to hold this event for all Township residents to dispose of recyclable items that are accumulating on their property. 2011 was a record breaking year for the County – and Colerain Township was one of the five top county communities that achieved a substantial increase from the previous year – more than one percent. The higher the recycling rate, the more dollars per ton we receive.
- Mr. Schwartzhoff also said the Citizen Police Academy Alumni is hosting a paper shredding event on May 26.

ZONING

Nuisance Resolution

Dr. Roschke read by caption, Resolution 13-12, Nuisance Abatement.

Mr. Ritter such motion and Ms. Rinehart offered the second. The roll was called:

- Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

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Litter Clean-Up Program

Dr. Roschke said that we have been selected for this litter clean-up program again this year. It is sponsored by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, with the Hamilton County Sheriff's office.

ADMINISTRATION**Zoning Enforcement and Nuisance Abatement Process**

Mr. Rowan read, by caption, Resolution 14-12, "Resolution Eliminating Positions of Part Time Zoning Inspector and Full Time Zoning Department Land Use Planner."

Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Rowan read, by caption, Resolution 15-12, "Designating All Employees of Public Works Department (Road Division and Parks and Services Division) as Assistants to Zoning Inspector for Certain Tasks."

Mr. Ritter made such motion and Ms. Rinehart offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Mrs. Harlow said financial reports are available for viewing at the Administration Office weekdays during regular business hours; or you can call or email to receive information.

Mrs. Harlow asked for approval of payroll, purchase orders, and receipts.

Mr. Ritter made such motion and Ms. Rinehart offered the second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

The Fiscal Officer has recorded the following receipts:

REC	VENDOR	FOR	AMOUNT
177-2012	Hamilton County Auditor	Feb. Permissive Motor Vehicle	37,944.00
178-2012	Hamilton County Auditor	Feb. Motor Vehicle Reg., Mar. Local Govt. Hwy., LFG Mar.	48,287.30
179-2012	Cincinnati Bell	Franchise Fees	9,182.00
180-2012	Sr. & Community Ctr.	Membership, Classes & Events, Lunch Donation, Miami Auto	868.00
181-2012	Sr. & Community Ctr.	Membership, Classes, Rental Event Fee, Lunch Donations, Misc., Duke Energy	2,331.50
182-2012	Sr. & Community Ctr.	Membership, Classes, Rental Event Fee, Lunch Donations	1,173.50

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183-2012	Zoning Dept.	Reallocated amount	1,417.00
184-2012	Fire & EMS	Foster Care Inspection	15.00
185-2012	Fire & EMS	Plan Review	125.00
186-2012	Administration	Memorial Bricks	150.00
187-2012	Sr. & Community Ctr.	Membership, Classes, Rental Event Deposit, Rental Event Fees, Lunch Donations	2,938.75
188-2012	Police Dept.	CPA Firearms Training	325.00
189-2011	Police Dept.	Feb. Towing Fees	660.00
190-2012	Police Dept.	Feb. Towing Fees	630.00
191-2012	Police Dept.	Court Reimbursement	132.00
192-2012	Fire & EMS Dept.	Foster Care Inspection	15.00
193-2012	Police Dept.	DUI Task Force	756.64
194-2012	Police Dept.	Court Reimbursement	6.00
195-2012	Fire & EMS Dept.	Misc. Receipts	9,345.52
196-2012	Parks & Services	Shelter Rentals, Baseball and Soccer Field Rentals	1,020.00
197-2012	Public Works Dept.	Receipts	97.06
198-2012	Zoning Dept.	Certificates	778.50
199-2012	Parks & Services	Shelter and Ball Field Rentals	1,528.27
200-2012	Administration	Memorial Bricks	650.00
201-2012	Police Dept.	Court Reimbursement	72.00
202-2012	Medicare	EMS Fees	67,250.56
203-2012	Police Dept.	Receipt Correction 111- 2012	169.00
204-2012	Sr. & Community Ctr.	Feb. Council on Aging	2,099.64
205-2012	Ohio Div. of Liquor	Feb. Liquor Fees	1,810.90
206-2012	Police Dept.	150 Vendors, 70 BMW	220.00
207-2012	Police Dept.	Juvenile Court	22.50
208-2012	Fire & EMS Dept.	Eckert	125.00
209-2012	Police Dept.	Forfeiture	2,543.00
210-2012	Police Dept.	Insurance Reimbursement	34.86
211-2012	Police Dept.	DPS – Angela Meyer	437.12
212-2012	Star Ohio United Fund	Interest	82.31
213-2012	OTARMA	2012 OTARMA	15,281.13
214-2012	VOID		
215-2012	United Healthcare	Medical Interest Payment	137.63
216-2012	Allstate	Fire Damage 9885 Pippin Road	14,000.00
217-2012	Fifth Third	Interest 3133XXAT4	7,500.00
218-2012	Parks & Services	Shelter and Ball Field Rentals	425.00
219-2012	Hamilton County Auditor	RRI2011/CT 2011 2 nd RRI Award	11,549.03
220-2012	Hamilton County Auditor	March Gas Excise Tax	22,997.75
221-2012	OTARMA	Reimbursement	75.00
222-2012	Rumpke	Tipping Fees	53,903.10

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223-2012	Fifth Third	Interest	159.49
224-2012	Fifth Third	Interest	10,000.00
225-2012	Fifth Third	Interest	2,500.00
226-2012	Medicare	March EMS Billing	103,716.66
227-2012	Zoning Dept.	Fees and Miscellaneous	352.50
228-2012	Colerain Township	Reimburse Healthcare Premiums	59,175.93
229-2012	Police Dept.	Court Fees	36.00
230-2012	Police Dept.	Misc. NWLSD and Court Reimbursement	16,219.87
231-2012	Parks & Services	Shelter and Ball Field Rentals	1,360.00
232-2012	Sr. & Community Ctr.	Meals and Transportation Program Council on Aging	2,734.11

Mrs. Harlow requested the Board advance \$100,000 from 1000-920-920-0000 (General Fund advance out) to 2281-941-0000 (Ambulance and Emergency Services fund advance in).

Mr. Ritter made such motion and Mr. Rinehart offered the second.

Mr. Ritter asked why this was needed. Mrs. Harlow said that when the payroll was set-up, first million dollars came out of EMS, instead of the fire fund.

The roll was called:
 Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
 Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mrs. Harlow said she has received word from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that all permits to see alcoholic beverages in the township will expire on June 1, 2012. In order to maintain permit privileges, every permit holder must file a new renewal application. The ORC provides the legislative authority with the right to object to the renewal of the permit and to request a hearing. These objections are due May 2. This letter will be provided to the Police and Zoning departments.


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Ritter motioned for adjournment. Ms. Rinehart offered a second. The roll was called:

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
 Mr. Ritter. "Aye"


 Fiscal Officer


 Trustee


 Trustee


 Trustee