

Minutes
November 12, 2019

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol and Brian Robertson

Also Present: Philip Johnson, Doug Cade, Miranda Lobdell, MaryAnn LaRoche, Tim Saltzman, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Revised minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #793-19 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #794-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Hotel Motel. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #795-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court-Adult Probation. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #796-19 – Authorizing entry into agreement with the Nature Conservancy regarding the status and utilization of certain real property South of Township Road 89 in Liberty Township. This is an agreement to leave the property as-is for 25 years after the completion of the creation of a wetlands area. Timothy Bechtol stated the timeframe is palatable and is a more productive use of the land. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Philip requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Doug Cade reported having crews working late last night and early this morning to clear the roadways. There was an accident last night involving their snowplow, a person ran into the rear of the snowplow, so he urged drivers to take caution and slow down. Also, he stated the mailbox policy is on their website.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson stated there was a suspected gas leak at our building on Friday. He thanked our maintenance department for their work on getting the gas turned back on. There was not a gas leak, but it was good to have the lines checked. He also attended the Veterans Parade.

Timothy Bechtol met with representatives from Juvenile/Probate Court and the Sheriff's office for a security walkthrough of the temporary Juvenile/Probate Court Building, former CAC Building. He also attended the Veterans Parade and the Veterans Program at Chamberlain Hill School.

Brian Robertson clarified that the former CAC Building, which will now be referred to as the temporary Juvenile/Probate Court Building, was bought using state and federal dollars for flood mitigation, and it is the intent of the Board to demolish that building once the Juvenile/Probate Court is moved into their new building.

At 9:49 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:10 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential litigation with no action taken, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners held the following Budget Hearings:

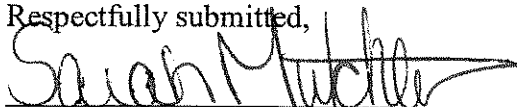
10:30 a.m. – Engineer-Mapping
11:00 a.m. – Board of Elections
11:30 a.m. – Juvenile/Probate Court
2:00 p.m. – Clerk of Courts

At 2:30 p.m. the Commissioners met with Mayor Muryn and Paul Schmelzer to discuss the STRICT Center. Tim Saltzman and Jim Maurer were also present.

Paul stated this meeting is a follow-up to their earlier meeting. They are waiting on more information from the insurance carrier, but there is no doubt that having the training facility in Findlay will improve the I.S.O. rating for the area, which could result in better rates for residential insurance. Also, he stated that having the training facility available to the Volunteer Fire Departments around the County could result in at least \$200,000 of savings (\$150/day x 450 firefighters x 3 days for training). Paul stated that the facility will help with recruitment and the confidence/safety of the volunteer firefighters. Paul and Mayor Muryn asked the Commissioners to consider a \$100,000 contribution towards building the facility. Brian Robertson stated there will definitely benefit the community, but the Commissioners will need to review the budget. The \$540,000 pay back to the Department of Taxation was unexpected, and so they need to readjust the numbers. Mayor Muryn asked about a timeframe. Brian said he hopes to have an answer by the first week of December.

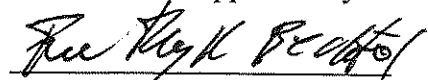
At 2:42 p.m., Brian Robertson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 2:53 p.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential litigation with no action taken, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

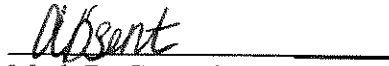


Sarah Mutchler, Clerk


Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson