The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on December 16, 2019 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustee Linnenberg, present; Trustee Callos, present; Chairman Rosiello, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Chairman Rosiello moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of November 25, 2019. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. All voted Yes.

Chairman Tony Rosiello announced the La Salle High School Football Team won the 2019 Ohio Division II State Football Championship Game. The team was present to be recognized by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Triffon Callos and Trustee David Linnenberg congratulated the La Salle High School Football team members and coaching staff for winning the 2019 Ohio Division II State Football Championship Game.

Trustee Callos invited the La Salle High School Football team members and coaching staff to the podium to speak.

Pat McLaughlin, La Salle High School Football Coach, praised his team and coaching staff for their dedication, leadership and hard work and thanked the Green Township Board of Trustees for all they do for the community.

Cam Porter, La Salle High School Football player and senior student, thanked the Green Township Board of Trustees for recognizing the team for their accomplishment.

The Green Township Board of Trustees presented the La Salle High School Football Team with a plaque to commemorate the 2019 Ohio Division II State Football Championship.

Chairman Rosiello announced members of the Green Township VFW Post 10380 were present to award Firefighter Elliot Bergman with the 2019 Firefighter of the Year Award and Police Officer Troy Biggs the 2019 Police Officer of the Year Award.

Police Chief Jim Vetter thanked VFW Post 10380 for taking the time to recognize an officer each year. Chief Vetter stated Officer Biggs has done a wonderful job dealing with property nuisance code violations as well as traffic and criminal enforcement.

Fire & EMS Chief Scott Souders thanked VFW Post 10380 for taking the time to recognize a firefighter each year. Chief Souders praised Firefighter Elliot Bergman for his management of protective equipment for all members of the Fire & EMS Department and for his assistance on many Fire & EMS committees.

Mike Donnelly of VFW Post 10380 presented Firefighter Elliot Bergman with the 2019 Firefighter of the Year.

Firefighter Bergman thanked his family, fellow firefighters and VFW Post 10380 for the award.

Mike Donnelly of VFW Post 10380 presented Police Officer Troy Biggs with the 2019 Police Officer of the Year.

Officer Biggs thanked his family, friends, the Trustees for support and VFW Post 10380 for the award.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-A**

Chairman Rosiello moved to approve the hiring of John Lammers as a Green Township Police Officer with a start date of January 2, 2020 and a starting salary of $29.99 per hour. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Police Chief Vetter stated Officer Lammers was the best candidate throughout the hiring process and will represent the Police Department and community well.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus swore in Police Officer John Lammers.

Officer Lammers thanked Chief Vetter, Green Township, family and friends for their support. Officer Lammers introduced his family members.

Chairman Rosiello, Trustee Callos and Trustee Linnenberg welcomed and congratulated Officer Lammers.

Chairman Rosiello and Trustee Callos congratulated Officer Biggs for the 2019 Police Officer of the Year award and thanked him for his service to the Green Township Police Department.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-B**

Chairman Rosiello moved to approve the promotion of Conner Wilburn to the rank of Full-Time Firefighter for the Green Township Fire & EMS Department with a start date of January 6, 2020 and a starting salary of $20.00 per hour. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Fire & EMS Chief Souders stated Firefighter Wilburn has been a Part-Time Firefighter for a few years and has become a Certified Paramedic. Firefighter Wilburn will make a great Full Time Firefighter.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus swore in Full-Time Firefighter Conner Wilburn.

Firefighter Wilburn thanked Chief Souders, Trustees, co-workers and family. Firefighter Wilburn introduced his family.

Chairman Rosiello congratulated Firefighter Wilburn.

Chairman Rosiello and Trustee Callos congratulated Firefighter Bergman for the 2019 Firefighter of the Year award and thanked him for his service to the Green Township Fire & EMS Department.

Trustee Callos congratulated Firefighter Wilburn.

Trustee Linnenberg congratulated Firefighter Bergman for the 2019 Firefighter of the Year award and thanked him for his service to the Green Township Fire & EMS Department.

Trustee Linnenberg Congratulated Firefighter Wilburn.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-C**

Chairman Rosiello moved to accept and approve the financial reports as submitted. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-D**

Chairman Rosiello moved to accept and approve the Amended Appropriations for 2019. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-E**

Chairman Rosiello moved to accept and approve the Amended Estimated Resources for 2019. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-F**

Chairman Rosiello moved to authorize contract with Board of County Commissioners for Internet Auction Services. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-G**

Chairman Rosiello moved to establish the reimbursement rate of mileage to match the IRS approved rate in 2020. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-H**

Chairman Rosiello moved to appoint David Linnenberg as Chairman of the Green Township Board of Trustees for 2020. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-I**

Chairman Rosiello moved to appoint Triffon Callos as Vice Chairman of the Green Township Board of Trustees for 2020. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-J**

Chairman Rosiello moved to increase non-union employees and elected official’s contribution toward health care coverage. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Administrator Frank Birkenhauer stated non-union employees and elected officials will be responsible for 19% of the cost of their health care coverage.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-K**

Chairman Rosiello moved to authorize Township Administrator to institute merit increases for non-union employees. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Administrator Birkenhauer stated merit increases will not exceed 3.1% for 2020.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-L**

Chairman Rosiello moved to appoint Francis M. Hyle as Township Attorney for 2020 with a salary increase of 3%. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-M**

Chairman Rosiello moved to approve contract with Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission for 2020. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-N**

Chairman Rosiello moved to authorize advertising for bids for 2020 Street Rehabilitation Program. The engineer’s estimate is $1,805,000.00. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Public Services Director Joe Lambing stated there are seven streets on the 2020 Street Rehabilitation list.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-O**

Chairman Rosiello moved to approve Tony Rosiello and Frank Birkenhauer as board members of the Volunteer Firefighter’s Dependents Fund for 2020. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #19-1216-P**

The following properties were declared as nuisances. The Township Attorney was directed to notify the owner of the properties listed below of this resolution:

1. 3836 Church Lane (550-0121-0225) Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Callos. The resolution passed unanimously.

2. 3860 Church Lane (550-0121-0220) Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Callos. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. 6768 Hearne Road (550-0310-0107) Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Callos. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. 3426 North Bend Road (550-0071-0004) Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Callos. The resolution passed unanimously.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus announced the Ohio Department of Liquor Control has sent notice of application from Tham and Ooi Inc., DBA Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 5818 Cheviot Road, Green Township, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247.

Police Chief Vetter did not have any objections.

Administrator Birkenhauer announced the annual meeting of the Joint Economic Development District I will take place on December 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., the annual meeting of the Joint Economic Development District II will take place on December 20, 2019 at 9:20 a.m., the annual meeting of the Joint Economic Development District III will take place on December 20, 2019 at 9:40 a.m., the annual meeting of the Joint Economic Development District IV will take place on December 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., the annual meeting of the Joint Economic Development District V will take place on December 20, 2019 at 10:20 a.m., the annual meeting of the Joint Economic Development District VI will take place on December 20, 2019 at 10:40 a.m.

Attorney Frank Hyle stated the Joint Economic Development District Meetings will take place at the Green Township Administration Building. The Joint Economic Development Districts are required to meet with their Board of Directors each year. The Board of Directors include two Green Township Board of Trustee members, a representative from the City of Cheviot and representatives from property owners and businesses located within the districts. Each JEDD has provisions to adjust the salary cap annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus stated the General Fund received 4.9 million and spent 4.6 million, and the TIF Fund received approximately 27 million and spent approximately 27 million with a total 47.3 million received and 45.6 million spent and 38 million in unencumbered funds.

Township Attorney Frank Hyle stated there was a need for Executive Session for the purpose of acquisition of property.

Administrator Frank Birkenhauer stated he will attend the MSD Capital Improvement Public Hearing regarding the Muddy Creek Interceptor which will help to alleviate odors in the area of the EHRT facility.

Director of Public Services Joe Lambing announced the parking lot for the Hiker Biker Path on Hutchinson has been completed, the Public Services Department employees have been treating roads for ice and snow recently and Clean-Up Day on November 30th was very busy and successful.

Trustee Callos praised the Public Services Department staff for their work on Clean-Up Day and Family Winterfest.

Fire & EMS Chief Scott Souders reminded residents to continue to water real Christmas trees, keep portable heaters away from other objects and make sure that homes have working Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

Trustee Callos stated Green Township Firefighter Mike Weissmann is in need of a Kidney Transplant and requested the Chief to pass along kind thoughts from the Trustees to Firefighter Weissmann and his family.

Fire & EMS Chief Souders stated anyone interested in helping Firefighter Weissmann can call the Green Township Fire & EMS Department.

Police Chief Jim Vetter stated the Cops and Tots shopping event was held over the weekend for the benefit of 103 children. Chief Vetter thanked Sergeant Ibold, the Green Township Police Citizen Academy Alumni, personnel from local schools, Meijer, many Police Officers and Arnold and Mary Jo Barnett for their support of the event.

Director of Development Adam Goetzman did not have anything to report.

Trustee Callos read a thank you letter from Oak Hills Local School District Superintendent Jeff Brandt to Fire Chief Souders to thank his department for their health and safety assistance throughout all of the buildings in the district and for their assistance with Active Shooter Training.

Trustee Linnenberg praised and thanked Attorney Hyle for his many years of service to Green Township.

Chairman Rosiello announced the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Rosiello made a motion to proceed to Executive Session for the purpose of acquisition of property. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. All voted Yes.

Chairman Rosiello moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST: