The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on July 25, 2022 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Callos moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of July 11, 2022. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. All voted Yes.

**RESOLUTION #22-0726-A**

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

**RESOLUTION #22-0726-B**

Chairman Callos moved to determine to proceed to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation in the amount of 4.95 mills for each one dollar of evaluation for police and fire services of the Township. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

The matter of a decision on whether to proceed to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation was brought up by Chairman Callos.  The Chairman asked Administrator Birkenhauer and Adam Goetzman to discuss various options they had researched.  Each reported as to the need for a levy in order to address safety services.  Administrator Frank Birkenhauer addressed the issues affecting the Police Department resources. Mr. Birkenhauer also reported on the continued growth in residential and commercial development as well as an aging population which has resulted in an increased demand for police and fire services.

Development Director Adam Goetzman then reported on a previous levy, current and future revenue and expenses. Mr. Goetzman displayed a chart showing what a 3.95, mill, 4.45 mill, 4.95 mill, 5.45 mill, and 5.95 mill levy would produce in revenue.  Chairman Callos then proceeded with his analysis of the need for a levy and his thoughts on what millage would be appropriate.  At the conclusion of his remarks, he stated that he favored proceeding with a 4.95 mill levy.

Chairman Callos then further discussed the growth in the community and the Police and Fire Department needs.  He stated that the Board has been prudent in managing township funds, but that the need now existed for additional funds to support police and fire services.  He stated that he favored the middle ground on the various proposed millage figures displayed by Mr. Goetzman, and he concluded by stating that he would support passage of a resolution authorizing placing on the November ballot a request for a levy in the amount of 4.95 mills for police and fire services.

Trustee Rosiello then offered remarks as to the need for a levy and the fact that it had been eight years since the last levy was proposed by the Trustees.  He concurred with Chairman Callos that a levy was necessary and that the 4.95 millage figure would be appropriate.

Trustee Linnenberg then spoke on the matter.  He indicated that he favored a higher millage to ensure that the Board would not need to go out for another levy any sooner than five years.  He questioned the Police and Fire Chiefs, along with Administrator Birkenhauer and Mr. Goetzman as to whether the revenue generated by a 4.95 mill levy would be sufficient. He was assured that it was the minimum that staff recommended but that the revenue was commensurate with what the Police and Fire Chiefs forecasted would be needed for the next several years.  Trustee Linnenberg then stated that he would join the other Trustees in selecting the 4.95 millage.

**RESOLUTION #22-0726-C**

Chairman Callos moved to declare surplus equipment and authorizing internet auction of surplus equipment. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Fire & EMS Chief Souders stated a vehicle will be auctioned

**RESOLUTION #22-0726-D**

Chairman Callos moved to declare property surplus and donating property to Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Fire & EMS Chief Souders stated an unused hose will be donated to Cincinnati State Technical and Community College for training purposes.

**RESOLUTION #22-0726-E**

Chairman Callos moved to amend resolution #19-0724-D adopted by the Green Township Board of Trustees on July 24, 2019. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Administrator Birkenhauer reported on the need to amend resolution #19-0724 which is the Western Energy Special Improvement District resolution.

**RESOLUTION #22-0726-F**

The following properties were declared as nuisances due to high grass & weeds, or garbage, junk & debris. The Township Attorney was directed to notify the owner of the properties listed below of this resolution:

1. 3894 Chatwood Court (550-0173-0252), (550-0173-0263), (550-0173-00275), (550-0173-0277) Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. The resolution passed unanimously.

2. 5439 Edalbert Drive (550-0021-0088) Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. 4210 Harrison Avenue (550-0121-0215) Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. 3667 Lakewood Lane (550-0172-0218) Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. 4793 North Bend Road (550-0062-0049) Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. The resolution passed unanimously.

6. 5409 Philloret Drive (550-0071-0078) Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. The resolution passed unanimously.

7. 3263 Van Zandt Drive (550-0061-0234) Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. The resolution passed unanimously.

8. 5511 Werk Road (550-0163-0044) Motion made by Chairman Callos and seconded by Trustee Rosiello. The resolution passed unanimously.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus announced the Ohio Department of Liquor Control has sent notice of application from Brian & Dana LLC, DBA Your Neighborhood Bar & Grill & Patio, 1935 Anderson Ferry Road, Harrison Avenue, Green Township, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. Police Chief Vetter did not have any objections.

Administrator Birkenhauer announced the Northeast Green Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on July 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., Green Township Administration Complex meeting room, 6303 Harrison Avenue, to hear Case NEGT BZA CU #2022-02, filed by the Professional Design Associates, on behalf of The Monfort Heights United Methodist Church (owner).  The applicant is seeking Conditional Use Approval for permission to construct an approximately 792 square-foot (36’ x 22’) addition to an existing chapel located on the grounds of the church for the purpose of creating a multi-purpose community center and additional building.  The proposal also includes site improvements including the construction of a 620 square foot uncovered concrete patio on the east side of the building. The subject property is located in the “B” Residence District of the Northeast Green Township zoning district.

Fiscal Officer Tom Straus reported revenue is approximately $31,400,000 and expenses are approximately $24,600,000 with most of the income coming from TIF. Interest rates with Huntington Bank will be 2% with 200 basis points by the end of the year. A meeting with Fifth Third Bank is scheduled to review investments.

Township Attorney Frank Hyle did not have anything to report.

Administrator Frank Birkenhauer reported Duke Energy mistakenly charged a $4.00 fee to Green Township aggregation members that returned to the utility. Green Township should have a new gas aggregation program in place in a few weeks.

Chairman Callos cautioned residents on joining any aggregation program without knowing all the details.

Director of Public Services Joe Lambing reported a Green Township Public Services crew travelled to Goshen Township to assist with clearing debris caused from the recent tornado.

Chairman Callos thanked the Public Services Department employees for clearing the many signs and debris from the rights-of-way throughout Green Township.

Trustee Linnenberg and Trustee Rosiello discussed the schedule for repairs to the Ebenezer Road “hairpins” and Muddy Creek Road.

Fire & EMS Chief Scott Souders did not have anything to report.

Police Chief Jim Vetter did not have anything to report.

Director of Development Adam Goetzman reported on the Dent School House Rural Zoning Commission case that was heard last week.

Fiscal Officer Straus requested a report on Trail Side Village and a possible new BW3’s Restaurant on Harrison Avenue.

Director of Development Adam Goetzman reported on the pending property transfer located near the Kroger building and Trail Side Village which should begin construction this fall.

Trustee Rosiello wished his wife a happy forty-fifth anniversary.

Chairman Callos announced the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Callos moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rosiello seconded the motion. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST: