Hamilton Township Trustee's Meeting

June 5, 2019

Trustee Board Chairman, Darryl Cordrey, called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Mr. Cordrey, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Rozzi were present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all in attendance.

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Walker to approve of the clerk's journal and accept the tapes as the Official Meeting Minutes of the May 23, 2019 Trustee Meeting.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Walker to approve billing invoices for pay cycle May 27, 2019 – May 31, 2019, Electronic Fund Transfer Direct Deposit Vouchers 80193 – 80202.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Walker to approve billing invoices for payment cycle June 3, 2019 – June 7, 2019, checks numbered 80203 – 80238.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Walker to approve Payroll for pay cycle May 19, 2019 – June 1, 2019, Electronic Fund Transfer Direct Deposit Vouchers 1162605657 – 1162605728.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the withholding payments for payment cycle May 19, 2019 – June 1, 2019, checks numbered 30276491 - 30276513.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Public Hearing

- Alexander Pointe Development

Mr. Yoder explained the way the hearing would take place. He would present the staff report, swear in witnesses, allow the applicant to speak, allow any public testimony in favor of the development and then those opposed to the development could speak. After the public hearing portion is closed, the Board would deliberate publicly and make their vote.

Mark Morrison with PLK on behalf of the Gallenstein Brothers owns the property in question. Approximately 12 acres is located at the corners of Willow Pond Blvd. and 22/3. This property is

zoned R-3 Multi- family with a PUD. Stage 1 has already been approved. The Stage 2 & 3 plans are what is before this board. The plans consist of nine buildings that are two stories each. There will 16 units located in each of the buildings totaling 144 units altogether.

Mr. Yoder swore in all witnesses, both applicant and public, who wished to speak during this hearing.

Mark Morrison with PLK highlighted the main points of the development stating the following:

- The clubhouse is single story.
- Front and rear of each building is identical and each unit will have their own entrance.
- The left turn lane analysis was prepared in accordance with ODOT regulations as requested by the Warren County Engineer's office. The result of that was to look at a turn lane entering into the development off Willow Pond Blvd. The turn lane is warranted based on the standards of the study. The Warren County Engineer's office has asked for a turn lane going southbound as well. Approximately 70 ft. from each existing island will have to be removed to accommodate those turn lanes.
- The units will be between 1,026 square feet and 1,352 square feet.
- Additional landscaping is requested around buildings 2, 3 and 4 to buffer between this development and the Sunrise Landing neighborhood. There will be evergreen trees added.
- Warren County Water and Sewer district approved capacity.
- The Zoning Commission requested open space calculations. The open space is 48.5%. The overall PUD that remains to be developed out is approximately 75.5%.
- The lighting plan was designed at zero lumens to keep the light off of the surrounding homes of Sunrise Landing. They are all face down.
- Signage is not completely finalized.

Mr. Cordrey asked if the existing mound and fencing that runs along 22/3 is staying or being taken out? Is there an idea where the sign will go?

Mr. Morrison stated that the mound would stay as long as they do not run into any unforeseen circumstances with it. Part of the fence will come down for construction purposes but it will be replaced. The signs will be placed at the entrance for the development as well as along 22/3.

Mr. Cordrey also asked if there was going to be an earth mound built as a buffer or no?

Mr. Morrison explained that he met with some of the residents and they had proposed a mound due to the existing vegetation consisting mostly of honeysuckle and other deciduous trees. The developers are fine with leaving all vegetation or constructing a mound as a buffer.

Mr. Rozzi asked if there are detention ponds anywhere and if water run-off is a concern?

Mr. Morrison responded stating there are two ponds on the property and water run-off is not a concern.

Mr. Yoder opened the floor to anyone in favor of the applicant or anyone with neutral comments.

Lisa Wilson- explained that she was sworn in. This development is her direct neighbor. This is a beautiful development and it will add a lot to the community. However, she is concerned about water and how it will affect the traffic on 22/3. Ms. Wilson also read a letter from her husband questioning multiple areas such as water control, erosion control, etc.

Mr. Yoder spoke about the storm water control and stated that is the responsibility of Warren County.

Mr. Yoder invited audience members who were in opposition of this development to step forward and state their name, address, and if they were sworn in.

Katherine Sweet- Landsend Ct. explained that she is not directly opposed to this development however; it does butt up to her home and her neighborhood so maintaining their privacy is a big concern. Ms. Sweet explained that she and her neighbors would like to have additional evergreen trees planted between their properties and Alexander Pointe, to create a dense buffer for privacy reasons.

Mr. Cordrey asked if the request is to stager the trees in a zigzag line to help with growth and to fill in any sparse areas to which Ms. Sweet agreed that is the request.

Leslie Laine- expressed her concerns with lighting, privacy, distance between the properties and traffic control for sunrise landing.

Mr. Yoder asked if anyone else would like to comment. No one from the audience came forward so he gave the applicant the opportunity to speak again before deliberations.

Mark Morrison with PLK spoke again on the landscaping. He explained that there is a challenge between creating a wall of landscaping between properties. The drawings always look appealing but once they are planted and begin to grow, they may look different from the renderings. The privacy buffer has always been taken into consideration for all parties.

Mr. Cordrey asked about the design of tree placement. Is there is an impact of moving them from 5 ft. off of the property lines to 10 ft. off of the property lines?

Mr. Morrison stated that there is a storm sewer line that cannot be built on top of including adding trees.

Katherine Sweet disagreed with moving the trees 5 ft. She just wants the dense tree buffer constructed to maintain privacy.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to close the public portion of the hearing and begin deliberations.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Mr. Cordrey stated that he is in favor of the project but the Board needs to look at the bigger picture because we will see more and more of this is the future. He has some concerns with the landscaping and wants to make sure that it is done correctly. He would be fine to approve the site plan now and separately approve the landscaping after reviewing it more. He does not want to hold up the project though.

Mr. Walker explained that if they meet RPC's recommendations and our Zoning Code/Landscaping requirements then we could not really tell them that they have to wait.

Mr. Rozzi believes that the Board would be "trapping" themselves into doing something different from what the plan shows rather than accomplishing the task of creating privacy when the trees actually grow. He would like to approve the plans and see how everything goes as the building occurs.

Mr. Walker mentioned that the parties are working together the best that they can now. If they delay over something like this, they could lose a lot of money.

Mr. Cordrey stated that the Board could approve the plans with the condition to further review the landscaping, as the time gets closer.

Mr. Yoder stated that they could continue the entire hearing until the next meeting to see if the parties can work together and come up with a plan that they all like. The Board could approve the plans with modifications. Alternatively, they could give approval of everything. It is their decision.

Mr. Cordrey asked if they approved with modifications can they establish a deadline to come together on the plan or would that hold up the entire project?

Mr. Yoder stated that the Trustees could do it however they would like. They could approve the stage two and three plans as submitted and the landscape plans could be conditional upon comp

There was continued discussion amongst the Trustees and the Law Director about the options to approve the site plans, and the Landscaping plans for the Alexander Pointe development.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to approve the application as presented subject to the condition that landscaping modifications pertaining to the Sunrise Landing portion of the property be treated as minor modifications.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Public Comments- Agenda Related

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments related to agenda items, at 7:29 pm.

Rusty Holman- gave his opinion on the proposed agenda in reference to a work session over the Fire and Police Levies and asked questions related to the current budget and expenditures.

Tom McAlpin- expressed his concerns of safety due to high traffic and speeds on his road.

Josh Hawthorne- gave statistical comparisons of townships similar in size to ours and expressed his in support of a Police Levy for safety purposes for both officers and residents.

Robbie Begley- stated that he loves the relationships that our Police and Fire Departments have with the community and he believes that the faster we grow, the more staff we will need to maintain the safety.

Jennifer Dafoe- thanked everyone for serving our rapidly growing community.

Bob Gorski- expressed his gratitude for our first responders. He would to see the specifics that levy money would be used for.

Lynn Ratliff- asked about the steps to get the levies on the ballot.

Mr. Yoder stated that this Resolution just initiates the process. If this Resolution is passed, it will go to the County Auditor to evaluate property values and figure out exactly what one mill will do for the township. It is then certified and sent back to the township explaining what it would give and then they decide what they would like to do such as passing an additional resolution to request that it is certified and added to the ballot.

Ms. Ratliff asked if there would be another public meeting before it would go on the ballot.

Mr. Cordrey stated that there would be and that the details of what the levies are being requested for should be provided after the work session takes place during this meeting.

Brandon Roark- thanked our first responders for their service and stated that he is in strong support of these levies.

Caleb Jones- LMHS Football Coach- expressed that he supports the Police and Fire Levies.

Dan Phipps- stated that the levies should be put on the ballot for the people to decide if they want to pass them or not.

Ryan Ziemba- Advisory Board member- expressed that we should let the citizens decide to approve the levies or not. His opinion is that we are a growing community and we need the support however, we need to focus on getting more businesses in the community so the tax burden does not fall strictly on the residents.

Emily Barrett- expressed her support for the levies.

Jeff Sellars- also spoke in support of the levies. Asked anyone in opposition of the levies to put themselves in these men and women's shoes for 12 hours.

Bill Dowden- expressed general concerns of taxation and assessment rates. He urged our elected officials to be wise in spending the township money.

Sean Mahan- believes that one mill is not asking a lot and that we need to keep the first responders in mind.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 8:04 pm.

Human Resources

Human Resources Manager, Ms. Kellie Krieger requested a motion to approve the extension of 30 days for our Economic Development and Zoning Coordinator position and post this position to Career Builder. The cost of \$375.00.

Mr. Rozzi asked what the reach is for the website?

Ms. Krieger stated that it is nationwide.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to approve the extension of the job to Career Builder for 30 days.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Work Session

Fire and Police Levy

-Chief Reese stated that he presented a plan to the Board in March 2018 for adding two additional personnel because of issues with the turnover in part timers. He mentioned that before long, the Fire Department would have been dipping into their reserve money and in 2021, he will need to come before the board to discuss additional revenue to maintain operations.

Mr. Cordrey clarified that it was brought up that the Chief would be operating out of the reserves before long. This 1 mill that we are asking for is essentially the result of a "rollback". The residents voted to give the fire department funding and the previous Board decided to give it back to the residents. He also asked Chief Reese if we would hire more staff right away?

Chief Reese stated that the initiative is not to hire but more to maintain for the time being. Eventually we need to hire more and this would prepare us for that.

Mr. Rozzi asked how hard is it to staff an effective fighting force for each shift?

Chief Reese replied that it is hard because the experience level of current staff can be concerning since most of them have been with us for less than a year or they are recent graduates.

Mr. Walker discussed reports from past fire department decisions such as building and operating Station 77. He questioned what kind of savings we could see if Station 77 was closed. If we combined everything into one station and maintain the same amount of staff and trucks, we should save some money.

Mr. Cordrey explained that he is not in favor of closing Station 77 because we have a large population base near that particular station such as the Jr. High and High School. It would be a disservice to our residents to remove personnel from that location.

Chief Reese stated that the report criticized the current response times. If we close that station, the population will see an increase in response times.

Mr. Centers explained that we own the land and the building that is Station 77. The only major cost savings to closing Station 77 would be the cost of utilities.

Mr. Walker stated that we could sell it and we need to run the Township like a business and not on emotion. We need to look for ways to cut expenses.

Mr. Cordrey discussed his thoughts on Mr. Walker's concerns.

Mr. Rozzi stated that we have large pockets of heavy density and we have large spaces in between those pockets. Station 77 usually responds first to the schools where there is a large population of children for 9 months out of the year. There is no need to close Station 77.

Mr. Hunter spoke on his experience with multiple fire stations and that they are needed so the Fire Chief can direct emergency vehicles to a scene from more than one direction. There are many advantages of having more than one station.

Mr. Walker asked if we don't put the levy on the ballot, is there is an imminent need for more funding right now?

Chief Reese and Mr. Centers explained that at the end of 2020 our Fire Department reserves drop down to 3.9 months. We have approximately one year of reserve money and we will be tapping into that sooner than expected.

The Trustee's gave their opinions of what we should and should not offer in regards to taxes.

Mr. Cordrey asked how long is this levy projected to last before we would need to go before the residents again to ask for more funding?

Mr. Centers explained that these levies are projected for a decade. It would be irresponsible to ask for more than a mill.

Mr. Hunter discussed the history of the fire levy that was taken back by the previous Board. He stated that we would not be talking about a levy right now had that money never been taken away.

-Chief Hughes discussed his need for a levy and explained that his objective is to add "more boots on the ground from the bottom up." He referenced an incident from 2018 where response

times were staggered for a homicide due to a minimum staffing of two officers. That currently is not working. He explained that we are in dire need of more bodies. Adding a levy would allow six additional officers to be hired, increasing our staffing to four officers per shift. We currently operate 60% below national standards. This one mill is bare bones and gets us a decade out as we continue to grow. With the guidance of this Board, we have cut what we can and have been extremely conservative. The Township is divided into four quadrants. The majority of our population is in the north and the majority of our calls are in the north. Therefore, when we get calls in that region, there is no one available for the other areas of the township.

Mr. Cordrey asked if we could handle calls simultaneously in the township right now.

Chief Hughes explained that if our patrolman are tied up on a call and another comes out, we have to rely on mutual aid. They just are not always available. Chief referenced the response times and how waiting happens a lot with calls like locked keys in a car. We have to ask ourselves what level of service we want to provide to our residents.

Mr. Rozzi spoke about the dangers or concerns of minimum staffing on any given night.

Chief Hughes expressed that we are currently playing catch up and continuing to kick the can.

Mr. Cordrey asked what our staffing numbers have been since 2010.

Mr. Centers stated that in 2011 we had 25 officers. Today we have 19 officers total but 13 that actively work the road after removing the Chief, Administrative officer, Detective Sargent, and the two School Resource Officers.

Mr. Centers broke down the numbers and how they came up with the one mill in order to add six additional officers. Both Chiefs are currently responding to most of our calls from home to give coverage when on duty officers are not available.

Mr. Walker asked why now versus next year or two years. Let us work with our budgets and look at this a year from now.

Mr. Centers explained that we have worked with our budgets and scrutinized every number. They are very tight budgets.

Mr. Walker spoke up for the residents in the rural part of the township and gave different scenarios regarding money and property taxes.

Mr. Cordrey explained that it is an issue that we cannot currently respond to two calls at once. Over the last ten years, this township has seen substantial growth.

Mr. Rozzi stated that it is the Boards obligation to let the residents and the people decide what they want. All the board is saying is that they can put it on the ballot. It is ultimately up to the people to decide if they want to see this through or not.

Mr. Cordrey and Mr. Rozzi discussed the roads levy and that the Board's responsibility is to make sure that every department has the budget and funding they need to operate efficiently.

Mr. Walker asked if we have to spend and money to have the auditor certify this before we get it on the ballot and if we have to pay approximately \$16,000.00.

Mr. Yoder responded no. This just gets the auditor in motion to calculate how much one mill will generate for the township.

Mr. Centers explained the cost generates from how many issues will be placed on the ballot. If there are more issues then the cost will be lower. If there are not many issues being added, the cost will be higher. However, at this moment there is no cost to get this certified by the auditor

Township Current Business

Motion: Enter into Contract with Y2K Landcaping

- Mr. Cordrey stated that this is to enter into a contract for cemetery mowing services. After the issue with mowing over Memorial Day weekend and the Board and staff being unsatisfied with the quality of service we were receiving, we have ended the previous contract and are now considering this company.

Mr. Centers explained that we were not pleased with the service and the prior company did not follow through. We placed at least three phone calls to them just trying to get them to come out. With that, we did not tolerate the unsatisfactory work on Memorial Day and we placed a call to their boss. There was no push back from him as he apologized. We then cut that contract and Mr. Hickey reached out to other companies that have shown interest or placed bids. A township resident who has actually toured the cemeteries to go over a detailed plan of what we expect runs this particular company. The cost is the exact same that we had contracted with the pervious company.

Mr. Cordrey asked if she is aware that the number of mowings will fluctuate based on the weather.

Mr. Centers explained that she is aware and she is backed by 19 years of experience with this line of work.

Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Hickey, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Cordrey and Mr. Rozzi for going out to mow and weed eat on Memorial Day so that our cemeteries looked better. Mr. Rozzi also thanked Mr. Hickey.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to enter into contract with Y2K Landscaping for cemetery mowing services.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Motion: Enter into contract with Millennium Business Systems

- Mr. Cordrey explained that this is a 16-month contract for a copy/printer lease with a maintenance service plan. This is the same company and the same style plan that we use for the administration. The budget impact is \$127 per month plus ink costs.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to enter into contract with Millennium Business Systems.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Resolution 19-0605: Authorizing the sale of unneeded and obsolete property via internet auction - Mr. Cordrey explained that this resolution is to consider auctioning off property valued at over \$2,500.00. This will allow us to sell unneeded property via the internet auction specifically using GovDeals.com to sell obsolete property valued at over \$2,500.00. This resolution does not specify the exact items to be auctioned. It merely gives permission to use the said website. All obsolete property will be itemized before this Board in a separate resolution.

Mr. Cordrey asked if this is the only website that we would use to auction off property.

Mr. Centers stated that this particular resolution came about because we need to sell our used ambulance. To get the trade in value was going to be around \$7,000 estimated cost. We believe we can get double that on an auction website. However, we have to have permission to use an auction website so that the residents are aware that we will have a public auction and go through that process. Therefore, this is more of a preliminary Resolution saying we will use it and at the next meeting, you can expect the Horton Ambulance to come before you for auction.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to approve Resolution 19-0605.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Resolution 19-0605A: OPWC Grant submittal

-This Resolution is in reference to the replacement of the culvert on Baxter Road that will take place approximately in budget year 2022. This project will replace the existing deteriorated concrete culvert with a new corrugated triple wall pipe. Since this is a dead-end road, a temporary road will be installed upstream to maintain traffic while the existing culvert is being replaced. The total cost of this culver will be \$133,500. The cost to the Township will be approximately \$65,415. This will come out of the permissive fund of the road and bridge budget.

Mr. Hickey stated that when he was doing our road rating they found that this bridge is deteriorating on the eastern end of the box culvert. The county came out, inspected it, and said that we could get around 2-3 years out of this fix. The OPWC Grant takes approximately 2-3 years to come through after submittal. We are hoping to submit for this grant to ease the cost to the township.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to approve Resolution 19-0605A.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Resolution 19-0605B: Disposal of miscellaneous property (Police Department)

- This is reference to property that was deemed obsolete or unusable. No single item is valued over \$2,500.00.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to approve Resolution 19-0605B.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

<u>Resolution 19-0605C:</u> Acquiring certification from the County Auditor for a 10. Mil increase in Property Tax Levy for the support and maintenance of Police Department services in Hamilton Township.

Mr. Yoder explained the reasoning for why this and the following resolution contain the language declaring them an emergency.

This is just to get those numbers. This does not put the item on the ballot.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to approve Resolution 19-0605C.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker No Joe Rozzi Yes

Mr. Cordrey asked if we now have to wait 30 days and readdress this again since we have a 2-1 vote. Mr. Yoder stated that he would need to look into it closer but the general rule is that it is effective 30 days after passing.

<u>Resolution 19-0605D:</u> Acquiring certification from the County Auditor for a 10. Mil increase in Property Tax Levy for the support and maintenance of Fire Department services in Hamilton Township.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 19-0605D. A resolution anticipating the necessity of levying a tax in excess of the ten mil limitation and requesting the County Auditor to certify matters in connection to dispensing the second reading and declaring an emergency.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes Joe Walker No

Mr. Cordrey stated that this is time sensitive so anticipating that we have to wait 30 days to address this again, then we send this to the county auditor and wait approximately 10 days to get the numbers back, and then what is the cutoff date to get it on the ballot?

Mr. Centers stated that the Board would have to vote and the paperwork would have to be filed with the Board of Elections.

Mr. Yoder explained that it does not require a 3-0 vote but he would have to look into the specifications of not having a unanimous vote to get this moving.

A member of the audience spoke up and stated that the filing deadline is August 7, 2019 by 4:00pm.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Hunter explained that the budgets are updated and posted on the website via Mr. Wilson's request.

Administrator's Report

- -Mr. Centers mentioned the Picnic in the Park was a great event.
- -We have Touch-A-Truck scheduled on June 22, 2019 from 10:00am-2:00pm.
- Mr. Rozzi is not able to attend the July 3, 2019 Trustee Meeting. That does not mean that we have to move it however the Tax Budget will be presented and Mr. Centers feels that it is important for all three Trustees to be present.

The Trustees discussed dates and Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to move the Trustee meeting from July 3, 2019 to July 10, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

- -Delana Oeder resigned from the Advisory Committee due to personal reasons. She has been involved in many township events over the years and we appreciate her service.
- -Turner Construction is at 467 man hours of working on the new fire station without incident. The building pad being cut in is near completion. Due to the heavy rain the crew was out late doing some lime drying on the site. That will not be practice moving forward.
- -We have a funding request through the Warren County Engineer's office for the widening of State Route 48. Mr. Centers signed a letter on behalf of the township in support.

Mr. Kurt Weber with the Warren County Engineer's office stepped forward to explain the project. This is an application for federal funding through OKI for the widening of State Route 48. Definitely, the Commissioners realize this need. ODOT has not had the funding over the years to do anything with this so that is why the application is being sent in. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is 6 million dollars. 48 would need to be widened from approximately the Willow Pond/ 48 area all the way just past Kroger's/Michel's Farm. This is very preliminary. The estimate is \$11.9 million with an asking of 6 million which will then leave approximately \$5.5 million needed locally. We are not asking for funds right this minute but we want to see if the funding is approved. The project would not start until roughly 2023. The bridges are not projected to be widened at this time. If we did get approved for funding, the engineering could begin as early as next year with the rest of the process proceeding from there so that construction could begin in 2023.

Mr. Hickey gave an update on Butterworth Road stating that it is still on schedule to be reopened the second week of July.

- Reminder that there is a Special Trustee's Meeting scheduled for June 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm. This is an HOA neighborhood/ community outreach meeting.

Public Comments- General

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to general public comments at 9:16 pm.

John Roesch- asked for details about the proposed tax increases. He stated that more facts need to be given.

Lynn Ratliff- shared her opinion on the assessment of the budgets and numbers that brought forth the need for levies.

Mr. Cordrey explained that the numbers are available and if the budget stays as is then we will be dipping into our reserves and not adding any more personnel. These levies will be decided upon by the residents.

Mr. Rozzi stated that he is confident that both Chiefs have the necessary data to back the need for these levies.

Mark Sousa- stated that it is up to the campaigns to sell the issues and not the Trustees. Anything to help with transparency will help.

Lisa Wilson- expressed her appreciation for the public events such as the park. She also read a letter commending Mr. Hickey for his hard work and job well done to make the cemeteries look great over Memorial Day weekend.

Kurt Weber- stated that the more information that can be given will help the residents to make an informed decision about these levies.

Rusty Holman- asked to see the details on exactly how \$800,000 will be spent in each department. He also asked for a copy of the fire study that was conducted a few years ago.

Ryan Ziemba- asked if the citizens have an impact on the records requests that have been made and the costs generated with those.

Mr. Centers explained that it depends on the product that is requested. There are printing costs as well as legal fees. Numbers can be provided as to exactly what it has cost thus far to pull records requests.

Mr. Ziemba asked what can the citizens do to keep that cost down?

Mr. Centers stated that specifics can be asked for instead of fishing for information and being vague on the requests.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 9:41 pm.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Cordrey expressed that the Picnic in the Park was a success. He also thanked Mr. Hickey for all of his help and dedication to the Township.

Executive Session

Mr. Cordrey made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:42 pm in reference to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee or official. In attendance was Mr. Cordrey, Mr. Walker, Mr. Rozzi, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Yoder, Mr. Centers, Mr. Hickey and Ms. Krieger. There was a second from Mr. Walker.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Mr. Cordrey made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:00 pm. There was a second from Mr. Walker.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Walker Yes Joe Rozzi Yes

Mr. Cordrey made a motion to enter into contract with Lois McKnight for zoning services. There was a second from Mr. Rozzi.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes Joe Walker No

Resolution 19-0605E: Increase of Appropriations (Zoning)

- Mr. Cordrey made a motion to approve resolution 19-0605E. A resolution approving, authorizing, and increase in township appropriations in zoning funds to reconcile budgets for 2019.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes Joe Walker No

Adjournment

With no further matters to discuss, Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 pm.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Joe Walker Yes

Yes Joe Rozzi Yes