



**Bethel Township Board of Trustees
December 06, 2022
Workshop Meeting**

In attendance:

**Trustees: Beth vanHaaren
Julie Reese
Don Black**

**Staff: Administrator Andy Ehrhart
Fiscal Officer Deborah Watson
Zoning Administrator Mike Arnold**

Admin:

1: Regular Meeting Agenda Change

- After input at the last regular meeting, change public comments back to original? Trustees decided to change back to having two public comment sections, one for Items on the Agenda and One for Any Topic.

2: Meeting Minutes

- Review/ changes to minutes pending approval
 - Discussion took place, Trustee Reese had changes and corrections. Fiscal Officer Watson will correct and resubmit for approval.

Trustee Items:

1: Conservation Easements

- Passage of 3.8 mill levy
- Financial position.
 - Fiscal Officer Watson to report back on the Financial Status of the 3.8 mil levy.

Discussion took place on Agricultural Easements.

- What options are for Residents to create barriers.
 1. Agricultural
 2. Conservation
 3. Land Trust.

Trustee vanHaaren to reach out to Scott Myers of the Park District to get more information.

Administrator Ehrhart stated that for an agricultural easement, if the owner would want to be released from it, they would have to pay it back.

Ongoing Items:

1: Huber Heights Annexation

- Annexation court Ruling
Huber Heights has 30 days to approve. Trustee vanHaaren is going to call Peter Griggs.
- Annexation Attorney
 - Trustee vanHaaren is going to call Peter Griggs.

Trustee Black stated he had talked to Bill Keethler of DEC and he stated that due to our residents and the Referendums, he would not talk to us about development.

Trustee vanHaaren stated that she would like to derail this annexation.

Administrator Ehrhart stated if we want to do this we need to ramp up with our legal counsel about, Boundaries, TIFF and FPA (Facilities Planning Area)

Trustee Reese asked if we could just give that away, the FPA.

Administrator Ehrhart said, No. MVRPC would have to do that. He asked the Trustees how they would like him to proceed.

Trustee Reese asked if we could ask them for less density.

Trustees agreed for Administrator Ehrhart to touch base with Attorney Peter Griggs about these topics.

- Future Strategy
- Conforming the boundaries

2: New Carlisle Annexation

- Farmer has a contract on land, so probably New Carlisle does not want the land. Trustee vanHaaren will reach out to Clark County.

3: Land Use Plan continuation

- Dates for next meeting
Possible dates that were discussed were January 17 or January 18. Administrator to check with Joe Tuss.

4: Meeting with Miami County Commissioners

- Recap of Meeting.
Basically, the County did all they could for us, with the Annexation.

5: Siler Property

- Closing has happened
- Review of Township Financial Commitment
Administrator Ehrhart handed out a breakdown of expenses and our share will be no greater than \$917,249.00.
Trustee vanHaaren asked if there was going to be a ribbon cutting ceremony.
Administrator Ehrhart said he hadn't heard of any.

6: State Route 202 and US Route 40 Property

- No update as of yet

7: GIS update

- Administrator Ehrhart needs to work with programming. He is planning on the 1st of the year to do so. He will have to set hours aside to do so.
- Trustee Reese asked if she could help with that.

8: Promotional Videos on Facebook/Instagram

- Trustee vanHaaren asked if there were any ideas for the videos.

Other Discussion Topics

1: Vacancy on Zoning Commission. Several people are interested. Interviews will be set up Next Tuesday, December 13th, at 4:00pm for 20-minute intervals or Wednesday at 6pm.

2: Trustee vanHaaren asked for Articles for the newsletter.

Trustee Reese suggested articles on one or two staff members, space permitting

3: Trustee Reese asked what happened with the Referendum?

Administrator Ehrhart will pass at next regular meeting. You will have a Resolution to forward to the Board of Elections.

Trustee Reese stated that she thought there was a time limit on the Trustees submitting it to the Board of Elections, but she did not know what that time limit was.

Motion to enter into executive session Pursuant to O.R.C 121.22 for the purposes of compensation of public employees was made by Trustee vanHaaren and seconded by Trustee Reese.

THE VOTE BEING TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Mrs. vanHaaren	Yes
Ms. Reese	Yes
Mr. Black	Yes

Entered executive session at 10:00am

Exited executive session at 10:20

Back into regular session at 10:21

ADJOURNED AT 10:25