

Hinckley Township Board of Trustees – Special Meeting  
December 29, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Ray Schulte called the Special Meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of signing a mylar for the Prebis parcel lot split; approve opt-out lists; rescind first motion to hire a Service Department employee made on 12/15/2020, discuss state of roads, forward program, deficiencies including possible Road Levy for May 4, 2021 ballot; and discuss and decide on a design for east wall of the old fire station .

Present were Trustees Augustine, Burns and Schulte, Fiscal Officer Catherwood Suzanne Peterlin, Chief Centner, Sergeant Schroll, Road Superintendent Behary and one reporter.

Mr. Schulte presented the Prebis parcel lot split mylar to the Trustees. The Trustees reviewed and signed the mylar.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to adopt **Resolution #122920-01** to approve the 2021 Kimble Hinckley Township Opt-out list as prepared. Burns second. Vote: A-yes, B-yes, S-yes.

Mr. Burns made a motion to rescind the December 15, 2020 motion to hire Zach Eggeman at the rate of \$20.50 per hour. Schulte second. Vote: A-yes, B-yes, S-yes.

Mr. Burns explained that a subsequent motion was made at the December 18, 2020 Special Meeting hiring Mr. Eggeman at the rate of \$21.75 per hour.

Mr. Burns discussed his feeling that the current amount of road maintenance and repairs required for the Township will require placing a 1-mil Road Levy on the May ballot. He has discussed the process with Medina County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Richter and the Medina County Auditor's Office. The deadline to have the process completed for the May ballot is February 4, 2021. Mr. Richter feels there is enough time to meet the deadline. The Auditor's Office estimated revenue for a 1-mil levy at \$383,000.00. Mr. Burns asked the Trustees for their comments and thoughts on pursuing a road levy for the May ballot.

Fiscal Officer Catherwood stated that Mr. Burns and Mr. Behary have not scheduled a review of the 2021 Service Department budget to date, she requested they do so in order to have a current picture of funds available for road repairs and maintenance. She added that she just received an Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation rebate in the amount of \$160,866.85 which can be used for 2021 roadwork. Mrs. Catherwood explained that additional funds may be appropriated for roadwork, and, while a road levy may be necessary at some point, she does not feel that it is the right time to ask the taxpayers for additional monies without investigating every avenue to complete the work.

Mrs. Augustine replied that she feels that people are struggling due to the economy and she has too many questions as to available funding for roadwork.

Mr. Schulte questioned whether a road levy would even pass on a May ballot.

Mrs. Catherwood informed the Trustees that there may be an additional cost to the Township for a May ballot initiative, she is also concerned about rushing to meet the February 4, 2021 deadline. She offered to meet with Mr. Burns and Mr. Behary as soon as possible to discuss the road budget.

Mr. Burns stated he and Mr. Behary will meet with Mrs. Catherwood, but asked the Trustees to think about the levy further.

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Mr. Burns presented preliminary drawings for two fire station east wall proposals. Upon review of the two options, (1) wide window with transom, and (2) a French door and a man door, it was decided to advance the French door and man door option.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to close the Special Meeting at 8:37 a.m. Augustine second. Vote: A-yes, B-yes, S-yes.

Meeting minutes approved by:

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