

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met in special session **Monday, June 20, 2022** in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 6:30 P.M. Chairman Ken Radtke presided.

Roll Call: All Trustees and the Fiscal Officer were present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Board led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Road Department business

2022-255. Mr. Radtke moved to approve the hiring of Nikki Gotch as a part-time seasonal employee at the rate of \$17.00/hour effective June 21, 2022. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Vote unanimous; motion passed.

Zoning Department business

The Board of Trustees received an engagement agreement with Alan Weinstein who would charge \$250.00 per hour for zoning support.

2022-256. Mr. Radtke moved to approve and sign the engagement agreement letter with Alan Weinstein for providing consulting advice regarding congregate care facilities and zoning amendment at an hourly rate of \$250.00/hour not to exceed \$2,000.00. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Vote unanimous; motion passed.

2022-257. Mr. Radtke moved to set the public hearing for the 2023 budget hearing for July 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM with advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation.

6:35 PM – Zoning amendment Z2022-2 public hearing

2022-258. Mr. Radtke moved to open the public hearing for zoning amendment Z2022-2. The Trustees have received and reviewed the recommendation of the Geauga County Planning Commission. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Vote unanimous; motion passed.

2022-259. Mr. Radtke moved to waive the reading of the legal notice. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Vote unanimous; motion passed. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Vote unanimous; motion passed.

Zoning Commission member Anthony Nastasi spoke regarding Z2022-2, an amendment for accessory buildings concerning square footage.

Margaret Muehling felt they did not look at the amendment thoroughly enough and that it was too broad. Building size and allowing accessory buildings in side yards were mentioned as concerns.

Janet Kramarz agreed with Mrs. Muehling and was glad she researched.

Greg Pizzino felt a need in the Township for some of this to be looked at, as some people did have larger properties and would require larger buildings to store items.

Cindy Valentine asked if a variance could still be gotten. Mr. Radtke stated it could. The Trustees discussed variables regarding lot sizes vs. building sizes.

Judith Schwed felt the amendment would open up problems with maintaining Chester's semi-rural atmosphere.

Mr. Nastasi asked for increased feedback from the Trustees on amendments. The Trustees agreed to continue the public hearing to a later date.

2022-260. Mr. Radtke moved to continue the public hearing for zoning amendment Z2022-2 to July 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Richter, yes. Motion passed.

Fire Department business

The Board of Trustees discussed the 1.80 mill fire levy and whether to make it a renewal or continuing.

Daniel Fortney said that Chester Township seemed to be a stepping stone for firefighters to go to other communities. Mr. Radtke stated it is an ongoing challenge to be able to retain firefighters.

Greg Pizzino asked what the attrition rate was. Mr. Radtke did not think it was calculated, but stated there will always be some level of turnover with part-time employment.

Paulette Gaia didn't feel the situation could be ignored and shared that Munson Township had stated they have a difficult time due to the mutual aid they provide frequently to Chester.

RESOLUTION 2022- 261. Mr. Radtke moved to sign the Resolution for a Certificate of Need to be submitted to the Geauga County Auditor's office for continuance of the 1.80 mill Fire levy. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Richter, yes. Motion passed.

2023 Budget

The elected officials discussed the 2023 temporary appropriations. Donations toward a future pickleball court were anticipated. Various line items were discussed and adjusted where necessary.

Executive session

2022-262. Mr. Radtke moved to enter in to executive session at 8:36 PM pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of a public employee. Mr. Mazzurco seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Richter, yes. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer Jarrett was invited into the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Radtke adjourned the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer

July 14, 2022 Motion #2022-283
Approval Date

Ken Radtke, Jr., Chairman

Joseph C. Mazzurco, Vice-Chairman

Craig S. Richter, Trustee