Special Beavercreek Trustee's Meeting

Monday, June 29, 2015

Mr. Kretz called the Special Trustee Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Those present were Trustees: Carol Graff, Dan Paxson, and Tom Kretz and Fiscal Officer, Christy Ahrens. Legal Advisor Dawn Frick was also present. Staff present: Township Administrator Alex Zaharieff, Road Superintendent Tim Parks, Fire Chief David VandenBos, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Dorsten, and IT Contractor Jim Ericson.
City Council present: Mayor Brian Jarvis, Vice-Mayor Deborah Wallace, Vicki Giambrone, Melissa Litteral, Jerry Petrak, Zach Upton, and Chad Whilding. City Manager Mike Cornell, City Legal Counsel Steve McHugh, Police Chief Dennis Evers, Interim Public Administration Services Director Mike Thonnerieux, Finance Director Bill Kucera, and Clerk of Council Dianne Lampton were present.

The Purpose of this Special Meeting is to meet in Open Session with officials from the City of Beavercreek and to discuss joint ventures and items of mutual interest between Beavercreek Township and the City of Beavercreek.

Mr. Kretz welcomed City Council members, staff and all present.
Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2015-240 Ms. Graff made a motion to approve the Agenda: Changing the Trash District to Joint Waste Collection Contract and including the City Council Agenda. Mr. Paxson seconded. Roll Call: Ms. Graff, yes; Mr. Paxson, yes; and Mr. Kretz, yes.

U.S. 35:
City Engineer Jeff Moorman spoke to the group regarding U.S. 35 and gave a project update regarding: the TRAC application, Valley Rd/Trebein Rd/U.S.35 upgrade, and the Factory Road/Yellow Brick Road/South Alpha Bellbrook Rd interchange. Questions were asked, answered and general discussion occurred regarding: local money from each jurisdiction for the TRAC application, the application in general; and the hearing date (October 1, 2015) at Miami University, Middletown. All elected officials are encouraged to attend this hearing.

FUTURE SHARED SERVICES:
Fuel Station Usage:
Public Administration Services Director Mike Thonnerieux gave a brief history of the City's fuel island that was created in 2007. He stated that the two entities have been discussing the possibility of a potential partnership with the Township in order to help save the Township money for fuel. After an initial look, it appears that the Township could save roughly $16,000.00 per year if they were to partner with the City and use the City's fuel station. There would be a onetime initial fee the Township would also need to pay. Mr. Thonnerieux stated that he'd be happy to continue the discussion with the Township Administrator, if the elected officials decide to move forward. Questions were asked, answered and discussion occurred regarding: that the price of fuel would not decrease just because the City ordered more fuel; that the City would purchase the same amount of gas it usually does just more frequently throughout the year if the Township uses fuel from the station as well; emergency situations; the fact that all City vehicles utilize the fuel station; upgrades needed – a fueling test upgrade (approximately $2000.00) and the purchase by the Township of fuel fobs (10 for $70.00); financing – discussion would need to occur regarding billing; and that there are no issues with the height or weight of the fire trucks or ambulances for the fuel station.
There was consensus from both the City and the Township to continue moving forward with an Agreement. The Township Administrator and City Manager will continue to work on this.

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Joint Waste Collection Contract:
City Manager Mike Cornell stated that the City looked into a citywide Waste Collection possibility several years ago in 2008. At the time, there was not a savings potential for city customers. With the potential of adding township residents and with that number continuing to increase, both the City Manager and Township Administrator are hopeful there could be a financial savings for all. This contract would be an automatic opt in for residents. This could also potentially reduce the garbage truck traffic in the entire township. General discussion occurred regarding: what makes it more ideal to look at this idea now – the answer – there is more competition now; recycling and options for smaller bins. Both entities were interested in looking into a joint hauling contract as well. The consensus of both entities was to continue to research a Joint Waste Collection Contract.

CURRENT SHARED SERVICES:
Dispatch Service Agreement Update:
Police Chief Evers spoke to the group regarding the Dispatch Agreement and the fact that the contract is ending this year. A few changes that are being considered are the duration of the contract with an auto-renew. The City is proposing the length of the contract be extended to three (3) years with an auto-renewal with notification by June of the year before the contract ends. Chief Evers stated that CPI is still driving the costs and both sides are pleased with that. Discussion occurred regarding dispatch being 18%-20% of the call load for the Police Department and also 18%-20% of the Police budget.
Discussion occurred regarding: a three (3) to five (5) year contract to help with capital and also with record retention and the potential of changing elected officials. An Agreement will come before both elected entities elected officials in the near future.

May 26, 2015 Tornado Update:
Chief Evers and Fire Chief VandenBos stated that the partnership between the Police and Fire for this incident was extensive and complimentary. An Incident Report was created in order to assess things that the department's did well, things they could do better and potential ways to handle things differently in the future. Both Chiefs talked about challenges and successes at handling the scene. General discussion occurred regarding: joint exercises and including volunteers; and sirens or notification of imminent danger. In this case, there was no time for any type of warning. All officials feel that mass notification (via text, social media etc.) is the best bet for warnings.

Round Table Discussion:
Each official had an opportunity to share ideas and ask, answer or discuss the topics. It was an open dialogue.
Items discussed in general include: the Ohio Township Association and how it works; possible shared services that could benefit the City – IT services are high on the list; a Fire District and the Mercer Study were discussed several times – both entities would like to come up with an agreed way to communicate when either entity is talking about a topic that concerns the other. The Annual Fire Report was distributed to help with the discussion of this topic. More items discussed in general were: the US TRAC Application – benefits and concerns; a communication plan and reducing tax duplication. The fact that Beavercreek has three taxing entities – the City, the Township and the Beavercreek Park District – and how they could be simplified and/or combined to be more efficient and effective was also discussed.
The City asked why the Township doesn't look to create an Agreement with the City for Police service – finance and cost are the major factors. The Township will be evaluating its Police Fund in 2016 for 2017. Discussion occurred regarding potential grant options if we work together.

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The Mercer Study was discussed more fully. City Manager Mike Cornell presented why the City went out for the study and stated that the City has been studying all their service departments throughout the years to determine if the City is getting what it is paying for in its departments. This year it is the fire department. It is an on-going analysis and no report has been issued yet. When it is released, the City will ensure that the Township receives a copy. General discussion occurred. Two items both entities would like to come out of this discussion:
~Create exploratory committees between entities and
~More consistent and better communication between the entities.

Mr. Kretz thanked the City and Mr. Jarvis thanked the Township for meeting and discussing these topics.

2015-241 Ms. Graff made a motion to Adjourn at 8:18 P.M. Mr. Paxson seconded. Roll Call: Ms. Graff, yes; Mr. Paxson, yes; and Mr. Kretz, yes.

Trustee: _____

Fiscal Officer: _____