

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes of

Meeting

DATE: LEGAL BLANK NO. FORM NO. 10/98

Held

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The Concord Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the Concord Township Administrative Building. Chairman Karen Koch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called; in attendance were Trustees Karen Koch, Bart Johnson and Joe Garrett. Other attendees included Fiscal Officer Jill Davis, Operations Director and Fire Chief Todd Cooper, and several guests.

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Mr. Garrett moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve the minutes. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

### **Public Input**

1- Scott Belcastro of Tra-Bel LLC, energy consultant and broker, educated the Board about government aggregation allowed by Ohio's deregulation laws. Trustee Garrett noted the township was approached about aggregation three years ago. Mr. Belcastro's company serves homes, businesses, some townships, Ohio and national communities with electric and natural gas utility generation and transmission costs. Since Ohio is deregulated the generation and transmission goes through an alternate supplier than AEP or Ohio Edison (the distributor). In 2015, AEP will be 100% deregulated and all their power will be from an alternate supplier; by June 2014, they will be 60% deregulated.

Governmental aggregation uses the pooling of citizens for buying power. Aggregation goes before the community voters first, legislation is passed with Mr. Belcastro's help, negotiations take place with power suppliers, then citizens are given 21 days for anyone wishing to opt-out of the program. Belcastro said with Ohio's average rate being \$0.08, a community could expect to see 10% savings in rates per year. Two variables of the program are guaranteed percentage rate off, or fixed rate program. The programs always have a lower rate than individual rates as found on PUCO's website. The program allows more options to the community and there is no cost to the township entity. Tra-Bel gets paid from the suppliers.

On average 83% of residents join, and his company takes care of educating citizens, mailings, phone calls, etc. The Village of Sunbury has 92% participation. Election results are about 88% passing. Tra-Bel has 100% passage at the polls, including lots of education. It is a complex process, they are members of the Ohio Township Association, supportive of townships, and legal counsel was previously the legal head at PUCO. If a resident is already signed up with an alternate supplier, they are not included in the program pool. Consolidated Electric users are also not included. Even if the township would like its own program, Belcastro would like to lump us in a pool of multiple townships for buying power. Ohio law will place residents with a different power supplier as of 2015. If go on PUCO website, the generation and transmission "price to compare" will be 10% lower for individuals, 15-20% lower for a group, and 20-22% lower for a large group (6,600-10,000 households). Mr. Belcastro can run the Request For Proposal (RFP) bid advertisement before the vote to get bid amounts, or wait until after the vote. He guarantees 20% savings in rates for one year with no early termination fee.

Mr. Johnson asked what happens after a passing vote? First passing vote, then two public meetings, public papers, plan of governance, letter to every household, 21 day opt-out period, filings with PUCO and letters, so about 90-120 days after passage to start program. Mr. Belcastro is already working with Berlin, Prairie, Madison, Genoa, Orange and Violet Townships, Village of Sunbury, and has met with the Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney. August 7 is the deadline if the Board wants aggregation on the ballot. Mr. Garrett remarked back when First Energy Solutions approached the Board, the average was higher than the current rate. Resident Colleen Kelly-Laich mentioned her condo community is already managed by a different electric supplier, and reminded in 2015 all citizens will be assigned a different supplier if they haven't already switched. Belcastro clarified individuals can switch to a new aggregation program even if they have already switched earlier. A renewal RFP is advertised every twelve months to renegotiate rates, and early termination fees are capped at \$25.00 per the RFP. Tra-Bel's contract

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would be for a three year contract. After three years the township could continue an aggregation program but through a different broker if it wished.

The next step for the Board would be a Resolution and Contract approved by the Prosecutor's Office. Trustee Garrett would be point of contact if the Board proceeds. Belcastro noted his company is different than other brokers because he has 100% passing rate, multiple programs, ultra smooth process and good resources.

2- Eldon Johnston, liaison with Delaware County Engineer's Office, reported the 2013 Road Improvement Program preconstruction meeting will be held June 4, 2013 for any questions and concerns with contractors. Todd Cooper and Joe Holloway from the township plan to attend.

Also discussed were OPWC grants available for township road projects. If the township considered widening Cook Road, typical grants are under \$400,000 so the entire road would be too much. Trustee Johnson was not sure residents would be excited about widening and encouraging a cut-through to Jerome Village. The Board discussed submitting a Request for Engineering Assistance to the county to obtain a cost estimate for widening the road, but it is too late to submit projects for this year's OPWC loans.

Mr. Johnston stated the website is back up for the home257.org project. They plan to start this fall, with construction estimated for one year. The Board would like a contact name of the project manager from the state in case of traffic and safety access issues.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to approve the 2013 Road Improvement Program contract as awarded to The Shelly Company, in the amount of \$180,000.00. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes. Trustee Garrett noted the township had good luck with the micro-surfacing last year, but Orange Township had huge issues with micro-surface installation in cul-de-sacs. The Board would like to meet with contractor prior to installation this year.

The last step in the 2013 park grant is purchasing soccer goals. Another quote was received for the Bison goals used at Millcreek Township's new soccer field, which are no-tip round pole goals, in the amount of \$2843.82, from Recreations Outlet, Powell, Ohio. The increase in cost not covered by the grant would result in about \$1,000 total out-of-pocket for the township. Mr. Garrett moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to purchase the Bison soccer goals as bid. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

Additional parking at the park was discussed, as shown the park master plan. Mr. Cooper will have cost estimates at the next meeting.

Mr. Garrett moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to adopt a Resolution for an Amended Pick-up Plan for the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, beginning July 1, 2013, due to state changes in mandatory pension deductions from 10.00% to 10.75% per firefighter. The township's 4% pick-up portion will remain unchanged. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to accept the resignation of Zoning Commission Board alternate James Arnold. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

After discussion Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to appoint Connie Resanovich as Zoning Commission Board alternate. Ms. Koch noted that Resanovich was previously a board member and chair for several years, and was good, professional and knowledgeable on township zoning. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to pay Zoning board alternates the same as regular members (\$50 per meeting). Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

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Fiscal Officer Jill Davis reported that due to state legislation changes last fall, the township may be eligible for a reduced financial audit called Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) since it has less than \$5 million in annual expenditures. The township's contracted audit firm, Holbrook & Manter, can apply for the reduced audit, and if accepted by the state, Ms. Davis can renegotiate the township audit contract with the Board's approval. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded for H&M to apply for the AUP audit and if approved, give Ms. Davis authority to renegotiate the contract for the 2011-2012 financial audit. The audit would be completed by the end of June and cost about 20% less than the full audit. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

Three design bids were reviewed for township signs at the community building and road department. Prices ranged from \$2,500-\$5,000. Zoning Commission member Frank Niday noted to check the zoning code for size regulations. No action taken.

Fire Chief & Operations Director report:

Pat Dunlap, formerly of National Contracting, will be personally paying for new lobby windows and Advanced Glass will be installing. The windows arrive in three weeks.

The Board of Elections confirmed there will be no August election.

Roese Brothers will have the new basketball court inspected tomorrow to see if it is ready to paint.

Captain Kindle printed out data from the new speed trailer from May 23-28 on Tartan Fields Drive.

The bid amount for curbs from Delaware County is not back yet.

The ten year old mower used at the cemetery quit working and a bid was received from Hilliard Lawn & Garden for a Snapper 52" mulching mower for \$4,147.00 with \$2,500 trade-in for the old mower. Mr. Garrett moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve purchase of the new Snapper mower as bid. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

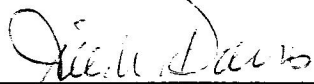
The insurance adjuster's quote came back from Belfor Construction at \$427,464.00 to restore the fire department to its previous state before storm damage, or \$327,387.00 cash value. M+A architects is going to compare Belfor's bid to theirs for completeness

Chairman Koch certified the Fiscal Officer has provided current financial reports for the township. Completing business the Fiscal Officer certified funds have been appropriated and money is in the treasury to pay the bills. Therefore, Mr. Garrett moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve pending purchase orders, blanket certificates, vouchers and warrants #1140-1143, 9527-9556, all totaling \$153,782.56. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.




Trustee Garrett would like the ten year financial plan for the fire and road departments updated.

As there was no further business, Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes. Meeting adjourned.

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