

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WORK SESSION

Minutes of

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS, PUBLISHERS, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Form 6101

Held

February 28, 2012

OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Ritter called the work session to order at 5:30 pm. Mr. Deters, Ms. Rinehart and Mrs. Harlow were in attendance. He said this is our work session format for February. He welcomed Jim Rowan as our new administrator.

INVOCATION

Mr. Ritter offered the invocation.

PRESENTATION – LIBERTY NURSING FACILITY

Ralph Meierjohan is building the Liberty Nursing facility on Livingston Road. He said this project requires street re-locations, off-site utilities, etc. He came before the Board to request they approve a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) to partner with him on this project. He said this would get the development up and running. He said this is a two-year project, and this will get it over the edge.

Mr. Birkenhauer explained that a JEDD is an incentive to promote development. Employees working in the JEDD area would be charged a 1% income tax, used for the development of the project. He said we would need to partner with a city for this. He said our neighboring townships are doing this as it promotes jobs and economic development in a community.

Mr. Meierjohan again asked for the Board's support.

Mr. Ritter said he is supportive of the request and said it is reasonable to ask. He said it will foster more economic development in the community and it's a proactive tool.

Mr. Deters said the infrastructure is financed through the income tax. In addition, this is a benefit to the township as we get some of that income.

Mr. Birkenhauer agreed and said once infrastructure costs are paid, the Township gets the income. It will be six years until we see income.

Mr. Deters said this is not a tax, but an agreement with the company.

Mr. Birkenhauer said there will be 100 jobs in this facility.

Mr. Deters said this is a partnership, not a tax for revenue purposes. He will support the request.

Mr. Birkenhauer requested the Board make a motion to authorize him to negotiate the agreement with the developer and a city, and then bring this to the board via resolution.

Ms. Rinehart made such motion and Mr. Deters offered the second, with the caveat that the agreement is reviewed by legal counsel. No discussion and the roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"

Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

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Mr. Ritter said the Board was previously asked by Dr. Roschke to consider the seasonal storage of RVs and boats, etc. in residential areas, with a fee/registration. He said he has thought about it and he's not in favor of this. He said he heard a lot of feedback a few years ago.

Mr. Deters said he feels this sacrifices our standards.

Mr. Ritter applauded Dr. Roschke for thinking out of the box and bringing this to the Board.

Ms. Rinehart said she is in full agreement with the other Board members.

GENERAL BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **2012 Budget Reductions**
- **Set Date/Format for Town Hall Meeting**

Mr. Rowan said he has reviewed the current appropriations and is preparing five-year projections. He requested the Board to set the date for the town hall meeting, as he continues to formulate a list of reductions.

The Board agreed to set the town hall meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 6:30PM.

Mr. Ritter said he hopes to have a good turn-out. He asked about the plan for notification.

Mr. Rowan said we can use the usual channels: newspaper, social media, website, e-mail. He said this is an opportunity for a conversation, to listen to residents' concerns. How do we sustain ourselves?

Mr. Ritter suggested we could also use Waycross Community Media's "bulletin board."

Mr. Deters asked if Waycross will televise this. Mr. Rowan said that it would be on television.

Mr. Birkenhauer said we could also utilize the Township's "Survey Monkey" account and offer an on-line survey.

Mr. Rowan said this is an opportunity to see what Administration is proposing and offer some observations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reuter requested the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and imminent litigation, the employment and compensation of public employees or officials, and the purchase of property.

At 5:48PM, Mr. Deters made a motion to enter Executive Session and Ms. Rinehart offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

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Mr. Ritter reconvened the meeting at 7:36 PM. Mr. Reuter said no decisions or actions were made in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, at 7:40 PM, Ms. Rinehart motioned for adjournment. Mr. Ritter offered a second. The roll was called:

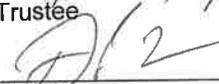
Mr. Deters. "Aye"

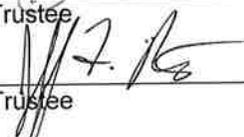
Ms. Rinehart. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"


Fiscal Officer


Trustee


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