



Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

**Board of Township Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2017
(2:30PM)**

A Special Meeting Work Session was called to order by President Fred Stitsinger at 2:30PM on May 16, 2017 to discuss the changes in the 2017 Road Program costs, changes in the health care costs and to change the August regular Board meeting date. Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees, Stitsinger, Johnson and Miller present. Also present were Mr. Henry and Mr. Gardner.

1. New Business

A) **2017 Road Program:** The 2017 Road Program as bid through the Butler County Engineer's Office for Chip Seal, Black Mat, Paving and Retrace came in at 64% above the County's original estimates which formed the basis for budgeting 2017 funds. The program was as follows: Salmon Road will have a double chip seal application placed on the road, Washburn and Rahfuse streets will receive a paving application, and Gene Avenue, Shady Road and Alton Road will receive a black mat application. The streets in Alamo Heights were to receive a surface application of Black Mat to seal the street surface and compliment the curb and gutter work previously completed. However, final approval to proceed from the grant source was not received in time to complete the work in 2016. The new estimate is \$201,000.00. The overall program costs and increases are as follows:

- 1) Double Chip Seal- Salman Road (Stillwell to Dead End): **\$43,181.88**
- 2) Black Mat Estimate- 5 roads (See BCEO pages): **\$104,238.27**

Krucker Road: SR 130 to Stillwell Beckett Road
Gene Avenue: Stahlheber to the Cul de Sac
McWhorter Drive: Gene to the Cul de Sac
Shady Road: Woodbine Road to Dead End
Alton Road: Shady Road to Resident's Driveway

- 3) Black Mat Estimate- Alamo Hts Streets CD Grant: **\$201,825.38**
- 4) Paving for Washburn & Rahfuse Streets: **\$29,013.56 (\$168.36 less than estimate)**
- 5) Retrace for 5 streets (see BCEO page): **\$6,951.21**

Total for all proposed work: \$385,211.20 as of May 16, 2017

For Alamo Heights CD Grant from 2016: \$101,000.00 (Block Grant Program)

Net required from the Township minus grant for all proposed work: \$284,211.20*

After much discussion among Board members and listening to the recommendations of Mr. Gardner and Mr. Henry, it was decided at least \$60,000.00 needed to be trimmed from the budget. Larry Miller made a **motion** seconded by Fred Stitsinger to eliminate the Black Mat application for McWhorter Road And Krucker Road (Water Works still working in the Right of Way) totaling \$62,342.17. After discussion, a roll call was taken by the Fiscal Officer with all three Trustees voting yes. The Township Administrator is instructed to notify the County Engineer's Office accordingly.

Decision Alamo Heights Black Mat Application: Due to the promises made in 2016 and the need to follow up with work since the curb and gutter project was completed, the Board determined it was necessary to proceed with the Black Mat Application. Mr. Johnson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Miller to proceed with the Alamo Heights CD project totaling \$201,825.38 which includes a grant of \$101,000.00 with the balance provided by the Township. After discussion, the Fiscal Officer took a roll call vote with all three Trustees voting yes.

B) Health Care Benefits: Mr. Henry presented information and options regarding health care benefits to address increasing costs associated with the ACA. The current carrier, Aetna, wants to substantially increase premiums for the group for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Working with the Township Broker, Wichert Insurance, five carriers/proposals were sought along with optional plans from Aetna. In addition, self funding and HRA plans were examined. All decisions must be made before June 15, 2017 to allow an orderly transition. It was noted that ACA law may be repealed and new regulations in place during the upcoming contract period which creates some concern. The Board members noted that the health insurance coverage provided by the Township is the main competitive edge that the Hanover has over other local governments in the area as the Township does not pay as well. To remain competitive, address future uncertainty and retain employees, Mr. Miller made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Stitsinger to select the renewal option of the current coverage through Aetna, Plan Gold PPO 1500 80/50 with a group identifier of 227107 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) and authorize the Township Administrator to execute any contract documents related thereto in order to insure a smooth transition by July 1, 2017. A roll call vote was taken by the Fiscal Officer with all three Trustees voting yes.

C) Change in August Board Meeting: Mr. Henry requested that the Board consider changing the August meeting from August 9, 2017 to August 16, 2017 for operational and scheduling reasons. After discussion Mr. Stitsinger made a motion to change the August Board meeting to August 16, 2017 which was seconded by Mr. Miller. A roll call vote was taken by the Fiscal officer with all three Trustees voting yes.

D) Other: Tight operational budgets were discussed as well as an option to purchase much needed equipment for the Road Department. No action was taken. Mr. Henry advised the Board that he had made arrangements with Tom Laming for required Back Flow testing at the Fire Station for May 17, 2017. There being no further business for the work session, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adjourn with Mr. Johnson seconding the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all three Trustees voted to adjourn.

Minutes Approved by the Board of Trustees as Witnessed by their Signatures:

Frederick J. Stitsinger, President: _____

Douglas L. Johnson, Trustee: _____

Larry Miller, Trustee: _____

Date: _____

Verified by: Greg Sullivan, Fiscal Officer: _____