

TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 9, 2018
MEETING LOCATION: TWIN TOWNSHIP GARAGE 11474 KERAN STREET

President Michael Whitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Officials present at roll call were: President Michael Whitt, Trustee Bryan Bethel, and Fiscal Officer William Jones. Also present: Marty Johnson, Fire Chief, Mike Norman EMS Captain, Emily Schmidt, Representative for Sheriff, and Lucas Fykes, Trebel Representative.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived

RESOLUTION 2018-07-9-01: *Motion* was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucas Fykes, representing Trevel & Associates, presented documents to place on the November ballot about electric aggregation for Twin Township residents. Trustees asked the cost to the township of this program. Mr. Fykes stated that the only cost to the township would be the cost of putting it on the ballot. The Fiscal Officer will check with the Ross County Board of Elections to get an estimate of what that amount would be. All other costs, such as advertising and placing notice in the newspapers will be paid for by Trebel. Mr. Fykes said that Trebel would assist in the cost of placing it on the ballot if the Trustees determined it an excessive amount. Mr. Whitt made the following motion:

RESOLUTION 2018-07-9-02:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OHIO REVISED CODE AND DIRECTING THE ROSS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature enacted electric deregulation legislation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 3"), which authorized the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and unincorporated areas of the county, to aggregate the retail electrical loads located within the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity; and

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise said authority individually or jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business consumers to participate collectively in the potential benefits of electricity deregulation through lower electricity rates, which would not otherwise be available to those electricity customers individually; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Twin Township ("Trustees") seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the unincorporated areas of the Township, and may be in conjunction with any other legislative authorities in the State of Ohio, as permitted by law (the "Aggregation Program").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio that:

Section 1: The Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of Twin Township, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the unincorporated areas of the Township to establish an Aggregation Program within the unincorporated areas of the Township. Provided that the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Township pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, the Board is hereby authorized to automatically aggregate, in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electric loads located within the unincorporated areas of the Township, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity. The Board may exercise such authority jointly with any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full extent permitted by law, which may include use of an energy broker/consultant/aggregator, so long as the broker/consultant/aggregator is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The aggregation will occur automatically for each person owning, occupying, controlling, or using an electric load center proposed to be aggregated and will provide for the opt-out rights described in Section 3 of this Resolution.

Section 2: The Board of Elections of Ross County is hereby directed to submit the following question to the electors of the Township at the election on November 6, 2018:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Twin Township have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located within the unincorporated areas of the Township, and for that purpose, enter into services agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt-out, in accordance with Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and Resolution No. 2018-07-09-02 of the Board of Trustees of Twin Township

The Fiscal Officer of this Board is instructed to immediately file a certified copy of this Resolution and the proposed form of the ballot question with the Ross County Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days prior to the election to be held November 6, 2018. The Aggregation Program shall not take *effect* unless approved by a majority of the electors voting upon this Resolution and the Aggregation Program provided for herein at the election held pursuant to this Section 2 and Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: Upon approval of a majority of the electors voting at the election provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution, this Board, individually or jointly with any other political subdivision, may develop a plan of operation and governance for the Aggregation Program. Before adopting such plan, this Board shall hold at least two public hearings on the plan. Before the first hearing, notice of the hearings shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the

unincorporated areas of Twin Township. The notice shall summarize the plan and state the date, time, and place of each hearing. No plan adopted by this Board shall aggregate the electric load of any electric load center within the unincorporated areas of the Township unless it, in advance, clearly discloses to the person owning, occupying, controlling, or using the load center that the person will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the person affirmatively elects by a stated procedure not to be so enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of enrollment. The stated procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt-out of the program at least every three years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person who opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under Section 4928.141 of the Ohio Revised Code, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that the deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-07-9-03:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENERGY CONSULTING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TREBEL, LLC

Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio (" Township") met in regular session on the 9th day of July, 2018 with the following members present:

Michael Whitt

Bryan Bethel

Michael Whitt moved the adoption of the following Resolution :

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, Trebel, a certified aggregator with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), engages in the business of providing consulting services to aggregate and procure energy and/or energy-related services, products, and accounts; and,

WHEREAS, the Township desires Trebel to perform an independent analysis and review of Twin Township's electric and natural gas service usage and costs; and,

WHEREAS, the Township desires Trebel to perform an independent analysis and review of electric and natural gas usage and costs for the possibility of aggregating the electric and natural gas requirements of Twin Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township will require assistance if the voters of Twin Township approve the aggregation of their electric and/or natural gas and the Township desires Trebel to assist in the implementation of an aggregation program in the Township for retail electric loads and,

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to authorize the execution of an Energy Consulting and Management Agreement engaging the services of Trebel for the above and related purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township as follows:

SECTION I:

The Energy Consulting and Management Agreement with Trebel, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved.

SECTION II:

All formal actions of the Township concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Township, and all deliberations of the Township and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action took place in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. § 121.22.

SECTION III:

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

Bryan Bethel seconded the motion.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt that a public hearing be held at the Twin Township Fire House on September 27, 2018, starting at 7:00 p.m. Purpose of the hearing will be to explain the Electric Aggregation issue to be on the November 6, 2018 ballot for Twin Township. Treble LLC will facilitate the meeting. All voted yes. motion passed.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

The report was given by Marty Johnson, Fire Chief.

He presented an application for Richelle Wright to become a member of the Twin Township EMS Department and for the township to pay for her to take EMS basic training. **Motion** to approve request by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Fire Chief reported the accident that the new squad was involved in is being handled by the township's insurance carrier.

The Trustees reviewed the following policy proposal:

**TWIN TOWNSHIP
CONTINUING EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Statement of Purpose: In order to more effectively serve the residents of Twin Township, it is imperative for employees and volunteers to maintain and improve appropriate skills, licensures and

certifications for his/her particular position. To achieve that objective, the Trustees annually appropriate a certain amount of funds for training purposes.

Training can include, but is not limited to, in-service programs, formal training/certification programs, conferences, on-line classes. Due to limited resources, participants are encouraged to control costs whenever possible by seeking the least expensive means of obtaining the desired outcomes in regard to the training selected. **To qualify for re-imbusement of expenses for these training events, all participants must receive permission in advance. No reimbursement of expenses will be considered if advance notice is not received and approved by the appropriate supervisor(s).**

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ATTEND/ENROLL AND RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training: _____

Sponsoring agency: _____

Location of training: _____

Date(s) of training: _____

Expected outcomes of participation: _____

Expected Costs: course or conference registration: _____ books/fees: _____

Mileage: _____ hotel: _____ Other: _____

This training/conference/course is: required not required for my certification/licensure

Participant name(print): _____ department: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Captain (or Supervisor): _____ approve: ____ deny: ____ date: __/__/____

Signature

conditions/comments

Fire Chief (or Supervisor): _____ approve: ____ deny: ____ date: __/__/____

conditions/comments

Trustee signature yea nay date

Trustee signature yea nay date

Trustee signature yea nay date

After review of the above policy, **Motion** to accept the policy, and have it added to the Fire and EMS department Standard Operating Guidelines, by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Whitt reported:

1. Resident Bill Kuhn contacted him complaining of the residence at 19 Diamond Lane being considered a nuisance. Upon inspection, Mr. Whitt reported that he found the yard had been mowed, and he considered it more of an “eyesore” instead of a nuisance.
2. The property owned by Robert McCloskey in Bourneville was inspected as a nuisance property and was found to be considered as such. A letter is to be sent to Mr. McCloskey instructing him to clean up the yard.
3. Township resident Kathy Swepston reported that the weeds along the right-of-way on Hurless Road needed mowed. Mr. Whitt reported that the road should be mowed this coming week.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2018-07-09-04:

Motion by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Whitt to approve:

- a) payment of bills as presented
- b) Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented
- c) Approve inter-fund transfers as presented
- d) Approve supplemental appropriations as presented
- e) Approve the 2019 tax budget and submit it to the Ross County Auditor as required by law.
- f) Approve the increase to the rates paid by those residents in the sub-divisions at the east end of the township who have street lights in their neighborhoods and forward the proposed rates to the Ross County Auditor for inclusion in the 2019 real estate taxes.

All voted yes. motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to have full time road and cemetery employee(s) follow the same summer work schedule hours as the Ross County Engineer's Department. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 7/9/18 TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

Michael Whitt, President

Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee