

Fairfield Township Community Improvement Corporation
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 26, 2017

MINUTES

Call to order at 6:38 p.m. by Executive Director Julie Vonderhaar

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Berding	Present
Mr. McAbee	Present
Mrs. Hartkemeyer	Present
Mrs. Vonderhaar	Present
Mrs. Bock	Present

INVOCATION: Pastor Frederick McQueen, Sanctuary Covenant Christian Fellowship Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was honored.

- Old Business

Motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2017 C.I.C. Meeting

Motion by: Mr. McAbee Second: Mrs. Berding All in favor.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Berding	Yes
Mr. McAbee	Yes
Mrs. Hartkemeyer	Yes
Mrs. Vonderhaar	Yes
Mrs. Bock	Yes

Expanding the Board from 5 to 7 members

Mr. McAbee – We agreed to discuss expanding the C.I.C. board from 5 to 7 members. I still support this, not sure what the process is to change this.

Mr. Barbieri – Stated he did not look at the by-laws but there should be a way to do this. Will look at the by-laws and discuss at the next meeting.

- New Business

Financial Report

Mrs. Bock presented the Board members with a 2017 financial report for the C.I.C. This report was through March 31, 2017. As of January 1, 2017, the beginning balance was \$4,918.43. Payments made were:

Risk Source	\$966.00
Butler County Treasure Taxes	\$158.94 (Lenox Ave)
Bastin & Company	\$650.00 (Financial Reports)
Cincinnati Insurance	\$575.00 (Liability)
TOTAL	\$2349.94
Revenues of	\$.20 (Interest)

The cost for the C.I.C. audit is going to be approximately \$1,025.00 not \$900.00 as anticipated, so we need a motion for that. I also recommend that we transfer some funds to the T.I.F. After paying \$1,025.00 it will take us down to a balance of \$1,543.69. Also, we received Tax Exempt status on the Lenox Avenue property so we should be getting money back from the Butler County Treasurer.

The Board discussed keeping a balance of \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 in the account.

Mr. Geis – I am a huge proponent of the C.I.C. As a home rule Township, you still have limitations on the Township. Through the creation of the C.I.C. you can receive foreclosed and abandoned property and hold them in a tax-exempt fashion. The Board authorized the Township to purchase property that you can transfer to the C.I.C., market and sell. Through the C.I.C. you can sell and get an economic benefit for the Township. I would not recommend keeping a large cash balance in the C.I.C. account.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Because we own the property, if someone would ask to build a tire place can we not sell to them?

Mr. Barbieri – If the business is not for an illegal purpose you can sell the property to whomever you want. You would not be obligated to sell to another tire company, it would be up to the C.I.C. board to decide.

Motion to increase payment to Auditor of State for auditing fees not to exceed \$1,025.00

Motion by: Mrs. Berding Second: Mr. McAbee

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Berding	Yes
Mr. McAbee	Yes
Mrs. Hartkemeyer	Yes
Mrs. Vonderhaar	Yes
Mrs. Bock	Yes

Hardest Hit Fund – Mrs. Vonderhaar - We have six properties that are being processed in the Hardest Hit fund. These properties are all in the 5 points area. Still waiting on the expedited foreclosure process. I have received the environmental assessment on two properties, the next phase will be getting out demolition. Will continue to push this project forward.

Lenox Avenue Property

Mr. McAbee – Why don't we sell it?

Mrs. Vonderhaar – Mr. Geis and I met with Habitat for Humanity. They are looking for more than one property at a time. They want to come in and clean up the area, work with volunteers and do other work in the community.

Mr. Geis – Habitat was very grateful that Fairfield Township contacted them. They want to have several properties and then it encourages other property owners to clean up their property or sell to someone that would, like Habitat. They would be willing to commit if there were 3 now and 3 later. They are interested in a long-term commitment.

The **Board** agreed they would like to consider this.

Adjournment (7:08 p.m.)

Motion by: Mrs. Hartkemeyer Second: Mr. McAbee

All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Berding	Yes
Mr. McAbee	Yes
Mrs. Hartkemeyer	Yes
Mrs. Vonderhaar	Yes
Mrs. Bock	Yes

