

Commissioners approve abatement on Lubrizol expansion

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LAKE COUNTY - An enterprise zone agreement between the Lubrizol Corporation and Painesville Township was approved by the Lake County Board of Commissioners April 14.

The resolution stated "the Lubrizol Corporation agrees to establish, expand, renovate, or occupy a facility in the Lake County Enterprise Zone and hire new employees or preserve employment of existing employees in return for certain tax incentives specified in said agreement."

The agreement calls for abatement of 50 percent real property tax on the addition for 10 years to create 24 jobs and retain 309 jobs.

"This is a new structure that's going to be constructed by the Lubrizol Corporation," Board President Dan Troy said. "There is no more tangible personal property tax, which is primarily what Enterprise Zone agreements used

to do—real and tangible—so we're talking about a 10-year, 50 percent abatement of the taxes on the increased value of the new structure that's going to take place there."

Painesville Township Administrator Mike Manary said Lubrizol has long been a good business and supporter of the community.

"This Lubrizol expansion is the largest in Painesville Township history," he said.

Even with the abatement, there will be an increase in tax income for the schools and township, so Painesville Township did support the abatement.

Mark Sutherland, public affairs at Lubrizol, thanked the township for its support and noted it is five-year, \$100 million project.

Lubrizol had looked at other sites out of state before deciding to build in Painesville Township.

Troy noted the abatement amount will be about \$28 million and taxes will be paid on \$14 million.

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Resolutions passed April 14:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with GGI, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$166,408.

GGI will provide roadway observation services for Parts 1 and 2 of the construction of the Vrooman Road Bridge.

- Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Hill International Inc. and the in an amount not to exceed \$452,639.

Hill will be providing bridge observation services for the Vrooman Road Bridge Project.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$870,203 to Bay Mechanical for GLK Water Reclamation Facility Indoor Main Switchgear Replacement Project 347-S.

Bids for the project ranged

from a high of \$899,100 to the bid amount awarded, which was 29 percent below the estimated cost.

The equipment being replaced is 30 years old and can no longer be repaired for lack of parts.

- Awarding a bid contract to HD Supply Waterworks, LTD. and Fortline, Inc. for cold water meters.

Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$54,816.30 for Melrose Farms Subdivision No. 4 in the city of Willoughby.

This is a new subdivision in Willoughby. The project, which is 415 feet of waterline for 13 sublots, is being funded by Loreto Venture Group III Ltd.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing the Lake County Sheriff to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Division of Watercraft to obtain match ing funds in the amount of

\$30,371.93 for marine patrol by the Lake County Sheriff's Office for the year 2015.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$981,374.48.

Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$133,570.54.

- Increasing appropriations for a non-general fund account.

Transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non-general fund accounts.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating William Kline on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Matt Armand reported the annual Computer Collection will be Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (no fee) at the Lake County Fair-

grounds Commercial Building at 1301 Mentor Ave. in Painesville Township.

Acceptable items are: home computer equipment including CPUs and monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, modems and speakers. Cell phones are also accepted.

They will not accept televisions, microwave ovens, typewriters, DVD players, cameras or VCRs.

MEETINGS

The Lake County Board of Commissioners meets in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elszasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting April 23. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 28 at 2 p.m.

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