

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**Held June 10, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Larry Oberdorf, and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Staczek, Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, and Duricek all present. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott who is out of town. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel is expected to arrive shortly.

Mr. Oberdorf said the subject for this meeting was TARTA and whether to stay in or get out. *Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting at this time.*

Mr. Ciecka introduced the consultants from Delta Development Group who had worked on our study. Mr. Oberdorf asked council to hold their questions until the presentations were completed and told the audience they would have opportunity to be heard after council with comments limited to three minutes.

Laurie Andrews and Lynda of Delta Development then made a PowerPoint presentation (see written report). Mr. Ruse made a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of the special TARTA committee (see written report).

**COUNCIL**

Mr. Marquette asked the consultants how they arrived at a value of \$500,000 for TARTA services and was told it was based on service hours multiplied by an hourly rate. Mr. Marquette asked if we went with another carrier would we need approval from TARTA to go into Toledo and was told yes.

Mr. Staczek said this was all good information but that it should be the citizens right to vote on, not council. He said this is our one chance to opt out unless we could get TARTA to insert a clause allowing us to opt out at any time. He said we don't know what the alternative costs really are and that he was disappointed in the number of survey results.

Mr. Ruse said we do not need to make a decision tonight and that we do know that it would cost \$400,000 to tie in with Perrysburg's alternative service and that even if that amount is possibly high it's in the ballpark.

Mr. Duricek said that the Call-a-Ride is a very expensive cab service and that there are lot of pros and cons in this and he would like to see this go to a public vote with the public given options and choices.

Mrs. Eckel said she is not a huge TARTA supporter and isn't high on the routes offered but it seems like it would take a lot of effort and cost if we try to go private and we should look at this as another service we offer our residents.

Mr. Oberdorf said he has been a member of the ad hoc committee for a number of years and is aware of the amount of work that Mr. Ruse and Scott have done on this. He said the reality is we can talk about low ridership numbers but the point is we cannot provide anywhere near the service that TARTA provides at the same price. He thinks that morally we need to provide public transportation and that we have had a positive working relationship with TARTA and he is on the record as saying we should stay with TARTA.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Jim Gee, general manager of TARTA, said he will be here whenever we need them and that he knows that some times in the past they have not done a good job but they are working to improve.

Don Montague, 106 Rossway, said he has six concerns about TARTA: 1) 4% of his property tax goes to TARTA 2) last two levies for additional millage for TARTA have failed 3) Northwood and Oregon survive without TARTA 4) previous councils wanted the opportunity to get out of TARTA 5) Gardner legislation gave us that option and 6) we wanted to wait to see what Perrysburg did and they have acted. He said most residents have at least one car in the driveway, disputes the Blade numbers on ridership, and said let the voter decide.

Tom Metzger, TARTA supervisor, said they are working to get better and provide better customer service i.e. guaranteed ride home.

Ernie Branch, 167 Pine Ridge, Toledo, said Rossford has three express routes and regular routes at line up times that amount to twenty four opportunities to get in or out of Rossford.

Deb Angel, 1009 Curtis St. Toledo and a TARTA board member said she rides TARTA to get almost everywhere. She said they have issues but that Mr. Gee and Mr. Metzger are working to resolve. As a disabled person she never foresaw fifteen years ago needing TARTA and that just one person denied this service will lesson our community. She also said that without public transportation available property values decline.

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.*

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*Larry Oberdorf  
President of Council*

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*Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council*