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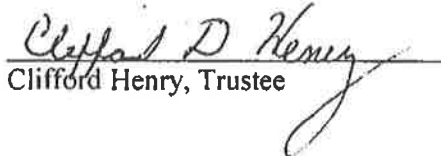
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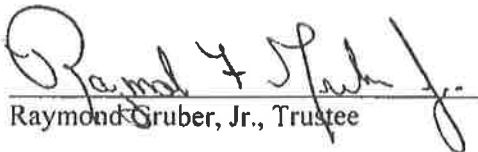
State Representative John Patterson  
99th House District  
77 South High St.  
10th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Representative Patterson:

On October 2, 2017 The Harpersfield Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously (copy of minutes from October 2, 2017 attached) to support the Memorandum of Understanding dated September 28, 2017 between the taxing entities within the Geneva Area School System and Spire Institute. The Board of Trustees also agree to support the state legislation allowing for the property tax abatement in years 2010 - 2026. Should you have any questions feel free to contact us.

  
James Pristov, Trustee

  
Clifford Henry, Trustee

  
Raymond Gruber, Jr., Trustee

Ray stated that he is working with Steve to complete the loss control inspection report that was requested by OTARMA. This report is to plug in information on road signs; when they would be stolen or in need of replacement.

Ray informed the Board that Geneva School Board voted to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Spire. Ray read:

Memorandum of Understanding  
9-28-2017

- 1 For tax years 2010 to 2026, a 100% tax abatement with retroactive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to all governmental entities involved in the amount of \$396,000 per year, applied on improvements existing on the property as of March 29, 2017 and to the completion of the existing "aquatics building" and "grounds", ("grounds" being defined as the paving and lighting of the existing parking lots, track-throws area completion, campus landscaping), and to be paid to the governmental entities over a 10-year timeframe (pending approval of the proposed legislation) from 2017 to 2026 in equal installments of \$396,000 per year, as acceptable as worked out by the Ashtabula County Treasurer. The \$3,960,000 payment included all taxes, penalties, interest and any other costs incurred for the periods from 2010-2026 which only includes parcel #22-035-00-003-00. A non-refundable first payment of \$396,000 must be paid by October 6, 2017 based upon a completed agreement with the BOE on this offer, and this payment will be applied to the taxes per the offering/terms of this agreement, understanding that State Legislation will still be in process unless another solution is agreed to by the parties involved during the State Legislation approval process. It is understood by the parties that the specific terms proposed for the PILOT need to be drafted and approved. The terms contained herein under paragraph one only serve as a general framework for the agreement.
- 2 Geneva Area City Schools use of the appropriate portions of the existing Spire Campus by the current sports programs/teams is contained within the new Sports Facility Agreement entered into by and between GACS and GaREAT on October 6, 2017.
- 3 All valuation complaints and counter complaints for the triennial tax year period beginning in 2014 and all subsequent complaints and counter complaints will be withdrawn when the PILOT agreement is fully executed and approved by the Geneva Area City Schools Board of Education, Roni Lee, LLC, and GaREAT doing business as the SPIRE Institute and SPIRE and the proposed State Legislation passed and signed in law by the Governor.
- 4 If all conditions as stated in this agreement and accepted by all parties are not met after the agreement has been implemented by all parties, then the PILOT agreement is null and void, and all taxes, including the penalties and interest as on the Ashtabula County Auditor's tax list as of the date of this agreement, are due and payable, and further, the modifications contained in the Sports Facility Agreement entered into on October 6, 2017, are hereby terminated and the original agreement dated April 21, 2010 and amended January 16, 2013 is again placed into effect, without said modifications.
- 5 Any new construction would follow the normal abatement application and regulatory process.
- 6 The Geneva Board of Education, the Spire Board and Roni Lee LLC agree to support State Legislation allowing for the property tax abatement in years 2010-2026, upon the terms of this agreement.
- 7 Any payments toward delinquent taxes owed on other parcels owned by Roni Lee LLC shall have no impact on the payments required under the proposed PILOT agreement.

Next step will be that Rep John Patterson will introduce a bill that will be specific for Spire as it pertains to an Olympic training facility for the tax abatement issue.

Jim made a motion to support the Memorandum of Understanding and the proposed legislation process; Cliff seconded; the Board voted thusly: Henry, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

Ray informed that the next phase would cost