

# **PORTAGE MANOR BOARD OF MANAGERS**

## **Meeting of March 24, 2022**

### **Garage Update**

The Board of Commissioners has reviewed the submitted bids for the demolition Of the old garage and work on the silo. The bids all came in far above what was projected. Thus, DLZ will be instructed to re-tool the specifics of the bid towards a More limited project. Requests for bids on the amended project will then be sent out.

### **Introduction of New Board Member**

New board member Mary Ann Tucker was present and was introduced to the Board. Ms. Tucker will replace Mr. Misch, who has resigned to begin serving as County Attorney.

### **MKM Architects Presentation**

Dodd Kattman from MKM Architects presented a planning update regarding a potential new facility. Mr. Kattman presented schematics, a potential site plan, and early cost projections. Preliminary financial projects were still being prepared at the time of his presentation.

Following the presentation, discussion was had among the members present. Mr. Fotia moved to accept the proposal and Ms. Rhody seconded. The motion carried 7-0. It is hoped that the presentation could be made to the County Council at their April 26<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

### **Administrators' Report**

Christine Hinz was introduced as the new Administrator for Portage Manor. Ms. Hinz comes to the Manor from the St. Joseph County Health Department, where she served in several managerial positions.

Mr. Eby reported that the tour of Byron Health in Fort Wayne was extremely informative. Byron has made themselves available as a source of reference for Portage Manor as we explore both a new facility and a conversion to the Medicaid-Waiver program. Ongoing discussions will be taking place with Byron staff.

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Patty Godsey, President

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Francisco C. Fotia, Vice-President