

# **REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORWICH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**OCTOBER 16, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Chuck Buck.

Mr. Earman led the group in prayer and the pledge of allegiance was said by all.

The minutes were approved of the previous meeting.

Mr. Buck introduced Jamie Miles who was appointed to take over the position of Township Fiscal Officer when Linda Gill retires on December 1, 2006. Mrs. Miles is working as the assistant fiscal officer until that time. Welcome Jamie to Norwich Township.

#### **STEVE MONTGOMERY REPORT:**

Mr. Montgomery has not received word back from the Franklin County Engineers about the e-mail and digital photos that he sent to the department about poor drainage on recently repaired roads in the Ridgewood area. After a rain there is very poor drainage on certain curb and gutter areas. Checking 2-6 hours after a rain is still showing poor drainage. Mr. Buck said he would contact County Engineer, Dean Ringle about this problem. He said the township will not pay the final portion of the cost of the road repairs until the township is satisfied that the problem will be fixed.

On October 2, Mr. Buck, Mr. Earman and Mr. Montgomery did a road survey of all the township roads. Notes were made about work that needs to be done in 2007 and there is some work that the trustees hope to get done yet this year. There are some final jobs that involve sealing of cracks in the roads that should be done before winter before cold weather sets in. If not, the cracks will only get larger.

#### **CHIEF LONG REPORTS:**

He did not have much to report as it has been a very quiet week. Our new medic should be delivered in the very near future. The building our new engine is slated to begin soon and this piece of equipment will be delivered in 2007.

Mr. Earman would like to have appropriations for 2007 done by November 30 so Mrs. Gill can help with this before the end of 2006.

Franklin Soil & Water will have a meeting on October 19 @ 6:00 pm at the Confluence Restaurant. Township officials are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Buck would like to set up a meeting with the Trustees and Pete Griggs, township attorney, to discuss contract negotiations. Meeting will take place on October 18 @ 5:00pm.

#### **DARBY ACCORD:**

Present this evening at the township meeting were Lee Brown and Ben Weiner who are planners from the County. They had asked that they be put on the township agenda to discuss the Accord and answer any questions.

The City of Columbus, Brown Township, Washington Township, Prairie Township and Pleasant Township have all approved the Darby Accord. Yet to approve is Norwich Township, City of Hilliard, Grove City and Harrisburg.

There have been no changes to the document since June 30 and it seems the document will not be changing. It will be a take it or leave it plan. The County hopes to have a base level of agreement, but that does not look promising since the document has not changed.

Mayor Schonhardt expressed concerns about the impact on schools in the Hilliard district. He also said Hilliard agrees with the environment issues, but not all the other issues of the Accord.

Jim Underwood of 4140 Stargrass Court was upset that Columbus had abandoned the issue of offering water & sewer to areas that are not annexed to Columbus.

Residents of Brown Township are upset the Columbus is coming out to Brown Township and will be calling all the shots if the Accord is approved. They do not want Columbus telling them what to do. Property rates will go down.

**Mr. Buck feels that Prairie and Brown Township are getting what they want, but we are not even being listened to about our concerns for the accord. Norwich Township wants to protect the Darby, but is worried about the residents and their being hurt with their properties and values. It is “Un American” and not to the best interest of the residents. Norwich Township is frustrated with the whole situation. The residents will not be able to sell their land for what it is worth.**

**Mr. Buck would like to see the Accord address these issues:**

- 1. Density**
- 2. Extend sewer systems to all**
- 3. No alternative systems**
- 4. Find better and more up to date technology**
- 5. All of Franklin County to help pay for the changes, not just the townships in the area**

**Mr. Brown and Weiner will take the concerns of the Township to the County they assured Mr. Buck. It was found out that the County Commissioners can approve the Accord without all the entities from around the area. They do not need a unanimous agreement by all.**

**The County Commissioners will be presented with all the information for the first time on November 14.**

**Mr. Buck asked that Mr. Brown and Weiner come back to the Township on November 13 to discuss other concerns that the township has about zoning. That meeting will be a noon meeting.**

**Executive session called at 7:55pm  
Executive session ended at 8:25pm**

**It was moved by Mr. Earman to authorize Mr. Buck to negotiate with the residents of 4166 Avery Road; 4180 Avery and 4196 Avery Road and the Franklin County Agricultural Society for the purchase of their properties to be utilized in the proposed Fire/Police joint venture. It was seconded by Mr. Rice. Motion carried. R-56-06**

**Mr. Montgomery presented prices from American Pavements, Inc. for additional road work to be done before the end of the year. The pricing is on state bid pricing and is as follows:**

**Township roads off of Renner Road                      \$19,950.00**

**Township roads off of Dublin Road                      42,575.00**

**The majority of the work to be done is crack sealing. Mr. Earman moved to accept the job pricing and Mr. Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried. R-57-06**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m. and the next regular scheduled meeting will be held on October 30,, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m. at 4164 Avery Road.**

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**Chuck Buck, Chairman**

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**Linda Gill, Fiscal Officer**