

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NORWICH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 28, 2006**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chuck Buck, Chair.

Roll Call – **Mr. Chuck Buck, Chair - Present**
Mr. Larry Earman, Trustee - Present
Mr. Jim Rice, Trustee – Present

Also Present - **Dave Long, Fire Chief**
Bob Kaufman, Asst Fire Chief
Steve Montgomery, Cemetery Sexton

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4) for the purpose of preparing of, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions for their employment. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. Motion passed. Meeting reconvened at 10:36 am.

RES. 73-06 Approve Continuation of 2006 Compensation for Contracted Firefighters

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Rice, to approve continuation of 2006 compensation rates into 2007 for union contracted fire personnel due to expired contract effective January 1, 2007. Motion passed.

RES. 74-06 Request Approval by Local 1723 of Contract Acceptance

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Rice, to notify Local 1723 President, Vic Lantz, in writing of the Board of Trustees request for approval of the most recent contract document without any changes. Approval must be received by the Board no later than 11:00 am, January 5, 2007. If contract is accepted by the union, all pay increases will be effective beginning the first day of the first full pay cycle following the approval of the acceptance by the Board. Motion passed.

RES. 75-06 Approval of Trash Exemption Request for Earl Pfahler

Motion by Mr. Jim Rice, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve the trash exemption request for Earl Pfahler, resident of 3520 Fishing Road. In a letter received by Richard Wing, owner of Olentangy Building & Development Ltd., Mr. Pfahler is authorized to dispose of his trash at this business property. Motion passed.

TRASH SERVICE

Mr. Earman requested on behalf of the Township, letters be sent to all residents who received trash exemptions for 2006 notifying them that their exemption is expired as of January 1, 2007.

The Fiscal Officer provided the Board with the notification letter from Local Waste Services verifying the 2007 monthly rates of \$13.62/month for regular service and \$12.26/month for seniors.

Mr. Buck informed the Board that Chris Crooks, resident of 4812 Bell Ann, had stopped by to provide pictures of her damaged yard. According to Mrs. Crooks, the damage was done by Local Waste Services refuse collector's truck. Mr. Buck contacted Local Waste Services and requested them to contact Mrs. Crooks. In addition, Mr. Buck requested Steve Montgomery to contact Mrs. Crooks to help her resolve the issue.

RES. 76-06 Approval of Ohio Bar & Title for Completion of Lot Split

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Earman to approve Ohio Bar & Title Services to complete the title work related to the lot split.

RES. 77-06 Approval of Physical Fitness Program for 2007

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Rice, to approve Chief Long's request for continuance of the Physical Fitness Program at a cost to the township of approximately \$43,000. Total cost for the annual program is approximately \$90,000. The township has been awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$50,000. Chief Long confirmed that 90% of the fire personnel are active in the program. Motion passed.

RES. 78-06 Approval of Purchase of Physical Fitness Equipment (Elliptical Machine)

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve the purchase of an Elliptical Machine for Fire Station 83 at a cost of \$3,337.38 per Chief Long's request. Motion passed.

RES. 79-06 Approval of Non-Uniformed Employees Pay Increases

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve the hourly wage increases for the following employees:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Montgomery	\$29.80	\$30.47	\$31.69
Johnson	26.99	28.07	29.19
Rapp	21.70	22.57	23.48
Brooks	16.61	17.27	17.96

Motion passed.

RES. 80-06 Approval of Terms and Conditions of Employment for Fire Chief

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve three-year employment contract for Norwich Township Fire Chief, Dave Long for period January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2009. Motion passed.

RES. 81-06 Approval of Terms and Conditions of Employment for Asst. Fire Chief

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve three-year employment contract for Norwich Township Asst. Fire Chief, Bob Kaufman, for period January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2009. Motion passed.

RES. 82-06 Approval to Adopt United Health Care Medical Coverage - February 1, 2007

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Rice, to approve the change in medical coverage carrier from Mutual Medical to United Health Care effective February 1, 2007. Change is due to projected cost savings of \$204,000 per year. Motion passed.

RES. 83-06 Approval of 2007 Temporary Appropriations

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Buck, to approve the 2007 temporary appropriations as follows:

General Fund	\$ 8,400,000
Cemetery Fund	377,000
Fire Dist Fund	10,574,000
Gas Tax Fund	237,000
Motor Veh Fund	40,000
Police Fund	297,000
Merris Weiler Fund	0
Cemetery Bequest	0
Total	\$29,925,250

RES. 84-06 Approval to Pay Elected Officials

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Rice, to pay the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer on a monthly basis in 2007 in accordance with compensation established by Ohio Revised Code Sections 505.24 and 507.09 for townships with a budget greater than \$10,000,000. Motion passed.

RES. 85-06 Approval to Pay Fiscal Officer for Cemetery Deed Preparation

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve payment in the amount of \$250 per year to the Township Fiscal Officer for cemetery deed preparation. Motion passed.

RES. 86-06 Approval to Hold Regular Meetings as Scheduled for 2007

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Rice, to hold Regular Township Meetings, bi-weekly on Mondays, except when the date falls on observed Holidays in which the meeting will be canceled. Schedule to be posted on township website. Motion passed.

RES. 87-06 Authorization for Loveland & Brosius, LLC to Represent Township in SERB Case No. 06-MED-09-1001

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Rice, to authorize Loveland & Brosius, LLC to represent Norwich Township in SERB Case No. 06-MED-09-1001. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RES. 88-06 Approval of Mr. Earman as 2007 Chairman

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Rice, to nominate and approve Mr. Earman as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 2007. Motion passed.

RES. 89-06 Approval to Execute OTARMA Contract

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Earman, to execute contract with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority for the continuation of pooled insurance coverage.

RES. 90-06 Approval to Join Employer's Resource Association

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Rice, to approve Fiscal Officer's request to join Employer's Resource Association. Membership dues are based upon total employee count and should be approximately \$650 per year. Motion passed.

ANNUAL SERVICE AWARD DINNER

Chief Long indicated that the Annual Service Award Dinner was scheduled for January 19, 2007. The dinner would once again be held at the Makoy Center and invitations will be mailed this week. Mr. Buck suggested that the Hilliard Davidson Football Team be invited to attend.

CEMETERY

Mr. Montgomery has requested the Trustees review the cemetery plot costs and burial fees currently charged by the Township. The Trustees agreed to review the charges over the next few weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on January 5, 2007 at 12:00 pm at 4164 Avery Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.

Chuck Buck, Chairman

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer