



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

*Minutes of* **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*

4283 DAVIDSON ROAD, HILLIARD, OHIO

*Held*

**April 7, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Larry Earman, Chair.

Roll Call – **Larry Earman, Chair - Present**  
**Mike Cope, Trustee - Present**  
**Chuck Buck, Trustee - Present**

Also Present - **Bob Kaufman, Asst. Fire Chief**  
**Steve Montgomery, Roads/Cemetery Dept.**

**HILLIARD POLICE REPORT**

Chief Garnett provided the statistical reports for January, February, and March and reviewed each month. In general all months reflect normal activity within the Township. As a follow up to prior reported data, Mr. Cope asked Chief Garnett to confirm how many of the previous OVIs had been successfully prosecuted. Chief Garnett indicated that this could be tracked, however, he did not have that information with him today.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Asst. Chief Kaufman reported that through the end of March 2008 the Fire Department has been dispatched on 865 runs, down a bit from last year.

**CEMETERY & ROADS DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Montgomery noted that the 2008 Road Project listing had been received from the Franklin County Engineers. Mr. Montgomery suggested that the Township consider getting back to a two year cycling pattern as it relates to the road projects. Mr. Montgomery also noted that Schirtzinger Road was the biggest concern as it relates to action needed. Overall, the Board had a number of questions that need to be addressed prior to taking any action. The Board tabled the listing for further review and follow up with the Franklin County Engineers office. Mr. Montgomery stated that he was awaiting word from the City of Hilliard as to whether they would again be including the unincorporated Township streets in their spring street sweeping program. Mr. Buck noted that in prior years the City of Hilliard has provided this service through a reciprocating agreement.

**JOINT SAFETY BUILDING**

In Mr. McDermitt's absence and as a follow up to an earlier construction meeting, Mr. Buck reported that construction was roughly three and a half weeks behind, however, there is still time built in the project to catch up. He also reported that duct work, plumbing, and electrical work was progressing in all sections of the building, the truss contractor was a bit behind, and the second bay was the only remaining area for concrete flooring to be poured. Furthermore, Mr. Buck reported that two items need to be addressed immediately which include AT&T identifying where they want their lines to enter the building. Secondly, Mr. McDermitt is working to address the soil accumulation issue. Chief Garnett reported that he and Chief Long have addressed the security issues related to the building.

**3588 CEMETERY ROAD**

Mr. Daniel Auld, owner of 3588 Cemetery Road, addressed the Board with a request for a ninety day extension for the demolition of the housing structure with the understanding that the debris would be removed immediately. According to Mr. Auld the intention was to build a certified American Lung Association health home, however, the timing to get the architectural plans completed took an



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unbelievable amount of time and the initial plan came in too grand and expensive. During this time, Mr. Auld's manufacturing business has been facing some difficult financial times. Mr. Cope stated that he was appreciative of Mr. Auld's financial position and wanted to be accommodating as much as possible within the health and well being of the Township. In order to consider a time extension, Mr. Cope would need a very specific time frame with trigger points. Mr. Earman noted that a contract for the demolition would be necessary. Mr. Buck asked about the agreement that was made between Mr. Auld and the Fire Dept. at time of training. Mr. Auld stated that he did not recall a specific time frame being laid out. Mr. Cope noted that on behalf of the Township we must have a more formal process in place and that he would like a written documentation as to the communication that has taken place between the Township and Mr. Auld. The Board agreed that a ninety day extension was too long; sixty days would be more reasonable, however, they are not willing to say today what is negotiable. Mr. Buck stated that we are taking pressure from residents for allowing the situation to take place. As a last comment, Mr. Cope noted that in the future we have talked about doing a bond when we agree to do this sort of thing.

Mr. Warner noted that he had received an estimate to demo the house, remove the structure, remove the slabs, back fill the basement, and conduct an asbestos survey. The estimate was for \$12,300 and was good for ninety days from March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**3226 THOBURN ROAD**

Township attorney, Pete Griggs, stated that the property was bought by the first mortgagee at a sheriff's sale. Currently, he is waiting to see if they are going to assign their bid. According to Mr. Griggs, the Board can proceed against the property, however, all involved parties would need to be named including the former record owner and first mortgagee. This would need to include a public notice to the former owner's heirs. Mr. Buck recommended that the bank be contacted to find out what they are going to do with the property.

On another note, Mr. Buck noted that he has received complaints on the green house located on the west side of Dublin Road just north of Old Cemetery Road for which he did not have an address. Mr. Earman stated that the property needs to be turned into the Board of Health. Mr. Cope agreed but wanted to make sure that there is some sort of a log if we are going to proceed against these properties.

**First Responders Park**

Mr. Buck asked the Board to consider making a contribution to the First Responders Park. Mr. Cope is in support and suggested that maybe we could support some phase of the project. The Board is in support of starting discussions for the project.

**Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 3/3/08 and 3/17/08**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for March 3, 2008 and March 17, 2008. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

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**Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. #080407.02

**Meeting of April 7, 2008 adjourned at 1:40 p.m.**

**Larry Earman, Chairman**

**Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer**