



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

4164 AVERY ROAD, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **JUNE 2, 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 - **Dave Long, Fire Chief**

Bob Kaufman, Asst. Fire Chief

Wayne Warner, Township Administrator

Dick McDermitt, Construction Manager

Steve Montgomery, Roads/Cemetery Dept.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Mr. Cope asked the Board to discuss the recent United Healthcare notification letter he received.

HILLIARD POLICE REPORT

Chief Garnett reported that per the Board's request, the speed trailer was deployed to Schirtzinger Road for the period of May 9th thru May 12th. The statistical data from this speed check showed that 85% of the participants were doing at or below the posted speed limit of 35 mph. Chief Garnett pointed out that the maximum speeds were posted during the morning and from 3 pm to 4 pm. Mr. Buck noted that based upon the figures, approximately 1,000 vehicles passed on the road per day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

As part of the joint shared costs with the City of Hilliard, Chief Long requested approval to purchase a radio dispatch console for the dispatch center at the JSSB at a cost of \$31,595. The Board discussed the matter and noted that this would be a part of the furnishings costs not the building construction costs.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Per a written request dated May 21, 2008, Mr. Montgomery asked the Board to authorize a refund in the amount of \$600 to Mr. and Mrs. VanAtta for their Wesley Chapel Cemetery lots. In addition, revised rules and fees were submitted for consideration and approval by the Board. Mr. Earman noted that a non-resident fee was added and the Saturday/Sunday burial fee was increased \$300. Mr. Buck requested that upon creating an acceptable listing of approved plantings that they be published in the brochure. In an effort to give residences an opportunity to respond to the changes, the Board tabled approval of the revised rules and fees for the next meeting.

JOINT SAFETY BUILDING

Mr. McDermitt gave a summary of the construction progress which is moving forward and still on schedule. Mr. McDermitt also reported that the contracted sweepers had swept the area around the construction site which should cut down on a lot of the dust for the local residents. In addition the following change orders were presented for approval with no further discussion:

Altman #01-11 – To change eighteen fixed windows to double hung at a cost of \$317.53



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Altman #01-12 – To reinforce and grout concrete block walls in cell area at a cost of \$5,721.14

Radico #02-04 – To increase gas service line from 1 ½” to 3” to meet code at a cost of \$3,707.00

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Warner reported that Frank Gates is not removing us from the group rating pool and we can expect a good sized pooled rate reduction however, worker’s comp rates are increasing. Mr. Warner wanted to recognize the efforts of Capt. Midgley who has been working with Frank Gates and Care Works to get reserves removed from several of our claims.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cope does not like the fact that UHC is using us to jawbone their negotiation tactics and feels that the Board should voice their displeasure and let them know that it will be considered during the renewal process. After further discussion, the Board agreed to support a letter being issued with caution as to the tone used.

OLD BUSINESS

As scheduled, the Board held a hearing for 3588 Cemetery Road. Mr. Warner submitted recent pictures of the property to the Board for review and reported that the owner is trying to sell the property. Mr. Buck noted that the remaining hole does not appear dangerous. Mr. Warner stated that the property owner understands that if the hole becomes a problem he will be required to address it. Also, the property owner is aware of his responsibility to maintain the grass on the property according to standards. The Board had further discussion and motioned the current status of the property as acceptable.

The Board discussed the status of other public nuisance properties including Thoburn Road which has had significant clean up. Mr. Warner reported that the attorney representing the property on Fishinger Road has encountered title issues with the two junk vehicles located on the property and may need the Township to invoke their authority to get the vehicles removed. At this time, Mr. Warner is working to prepare a resolution to bring before the Board at a later date.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 5/16/08 and 5/19/08

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for May 16 and May 19, 2008. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

#080602.01

Approval to Purchase Radio Dispatch Console

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, to approve the purchase of a radio dispatch console for the new dispatch center at a cost of \$31,595 to be shared by the City of Hilliard. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

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Approval of Refund for Wesley Chapel Cemetery Lots

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, to authorize a refund in the amount of \$600 to Mr. & Mrs. Floyd VanAtta for the return of two originally purchased grave lots. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

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Approval to Accept JSSB Change Orders #01-11, #01-12, & #02-04

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Buck, to accept the JSSB change orders #01-11 for \$317.53, #01-12 for \$5,721.14, and #0204 for \$3,707.00. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

#080602.04

Approval of Flexible Spending Accounts Program and Authorized Representative

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, to approve the implementation of Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) for full-time and part-time Township employees and eligible elected officials to be effective July 1, 2008 and to appoint the Township Administrator to act as the Township's authorized representative to execute agreements with the Third Party Administrator, Avalon Benefits, for the FSA program and to establish a maximum FSA contribution limit of \$2,500 for the period ending December 31, 2008. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

#080602.05

Approval to Issue Opposition letter to United Healthcare (UHC)

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Buck, to issue a letter opposing the negotiation tactics employed by UHC. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

#080602.06

Approval to Accept Public Nuisance Property Status

Motion by Mr. Cope, Seconded by Mr. Buck, to acknowledge that the owner has remediated the property located at 3588 Cemetery Road. No further action is required at this time and the owner must maintain the grass per the Franklin County Board of Health standards. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

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Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

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Larry Earnan, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Jamie L. Miles in cursive script.

Jamie L. Miles, Fiscal Officer