



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

4283 DAVIDSON ROAD, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held

October 6, 2008

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

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On behalf of the Franklin County Board of Health, Mr. Charles Broschart and Dr. Susan Tilgner addressed the June rabies incident that happened to a Ridgewood Drive resident. Mr. Broschart confirmed that there was a known incident of rabies from a bat that entered and was caught at the Ridgewood Drive residents' home. To further complicate the situation, there was and still is an extremely limited supply of the vaccination worldwide due to there being only two manufacturers of the vaccination. The Board addressed their concern for the lack of communication of this event and the fact that they were not aware of the incident until the previous Trustee meeting. Mr. Broschart acknowledged that there is no protocol for notification to residents or governing bodies for these types of events. Mr. Cope indicated that this is not acceptable and called for a greater level of communication. Dr. Tilgner stated that notification could be coordinated through the Communicable Disease program in an effort to better communicate future incidents. The Ridgewood Drive residents were in attendance and shared some of their frustrations with the process and provided some insight as to how their situation could be avoided in the future. The Board requested that the Franklin County Board of Health help the Ridgewood Drive residents work through some of their outstanding issues in an effort to get their medical bills addressed. In addition, Mr. Broschart and Dr. Tilgner agreed to work with Mr. Warner to establish a communication protocol for future issues.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Garnett provided the August report and advised that during the month there were 5 citations for OVI which is more than normal. Overall, total calls were down significantly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Asst. Chief Kaufman commended the Unit 1 Engine Company 81 responsible for assisting a Ridgewood resident in getting their wheel chair bound child transported from the school bus to the residence during the closure of Braidwood Drive. Mr. Cope noted that there were a number of things that went wrong with this incident notably, the Franklin County Engineers did not provide notice to the Township that the slurry seal project and subsequent road closure was even taking place. Furthermore, the paving company did not follow through with their timeframe for getting the road opened as they had communicated to the resident. Mr. Buck noted that when the Trustees signed the contract with the Engineer's office, part of the agreement was that the Township would receive proper notice of when the road projects were to take place so that residents could be notified in a timely manner. Mr. Earman asked Mr. Warner to coordinate a meeting with the Franklin County Engineer's Office.



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CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montgomery notified the Board that AEP has applied for a permit for the power lines on Thoburn Road that is related to the OSU Rowing facility. According to Jim Jewell, plans will be submitted to the Board for approval of these power lines. Mr. Cope stated that he was only in support of buried utility lines especially in light of the recent wind storm we had. Mr. Buck requested Mr. Warner to have the Township legal counsel review the matter prior to the Board issuing any opinion. Mr. Montgomery reported that ninety-nine percent of residential brush pile pick up was complete including the Cemetery.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mrs. Miles reported that in light of the recent economic conditions the Townships' investments remain relatively safe. This is due to the fact that the Township does not have mortgage backed Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae or any commercial paper or corporate backed investments. In addition, thanks to the brokerage agreement that was signed some years ago, the Township's United American Capital Corporations investment is held by a third party custodian rather than with the brokerage firm. Although interest income is down significantly from a year ago, the principle investments have not been lost and they are earning income.

JOINT SAFETY BUILDING

Mr. Buck reported that permanent power has been established at the building and as of this morning, Columbus Gas expected to have the gas meter working today without further delay. With this forthcoming, air should be moving in the building next week and the boilers should be started. Mr. Buck noted that Washington Township would be doing the fire safety inspections.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

The board approved the extension of the Local Waste Trash Removal contact. Mr. Warner confirmed that he would be attending a meeting with the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) regarding the recent wind storm and the potential to recoup 80% of the approximately \$20,000 in expenses related to the clean up from the storm.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to lessons learned, Mr. Cope requested that the Township get the City of Hilliard to coordinate fire and police efforts in case of the need to evacuate. Mr. Buck requested a copy of the current disaster plan from Asst. Chief Kaufman. In other matters, Mr. Earman feels that it is time to consider hiring someone part time to do the Township newsletter, noting that the newsletter is an important communication tool for our residents.

Approval of Local Waste Trash Removal Contract Extension

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, to approve the extension of the Local Waste Trash Removal contract thru December 31, 2009. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #081006.01



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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)(4) for purposes of reviewing compensation with public employees. Roll call vote taken. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. No action taken during executive session. Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Buck, to adjourn from executive session at 2:10 pm with no further action. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Buck, to adjourn the regular meeting of October 6th at 2:10 pm.

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Larry Earman, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Jamie Miles in cursive script.

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer