



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **May 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Buck
Roll Call - **Charles Wm. Buck, Chair – Present**
Michael D. Cope, Trustee – Present
Larry Earman, Trustee - Present

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Retired Trustee Jim Rice wanted an explanation about the Township billing for EMS services. He felt that the residents would rather pay for a levy than deal with billing. He expressed concern that the elderly residents would not call 911 if they had to pay. Chief Long explained to Mr. Rice how EMS billing will work. The residents would not receive the bill. Their insurance company would be billed directly. The resident should only receive an explanation of benefits from their insurance company. The Township would only collect what the insurance companies are obligated to pay according to their policy plan. The Township would not ask the residents for any money. Norwich Township Fire Department is one of the last few departments that do not already charge for transports. Chief Long also explained that these transport charges are already included in insurance fees. When this program is implemented, the Township would receive these fees. Mr. Earman advised that implementing EMS billing will delay the need to put on a levy. Mr. Buck wanted the residents to know that if they do not have insurance and are unable to pay, they will not be billed by the Township. Additional information regarding EMS billing will be in our next Township newsletter and hopefully will answer the resident's questions and concerns. The trustees were glad that Mr. Rice came to them for clarification.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Garnett formally introduced his new Deputy Chief Doug Francis. Chief Garnett reviewed the April reports and advised it was a slower than normal month. Chief reported that during the April 29th Red Cross Mock Disaster Drill held at the Safety Building, they had their own small disaster. When the power was cut to test our emergency generator, they lost power to the police control center because their equipment was not put on uninterrupted power source. This feature was in the original building plans but because of some change orders, this was missed. Our department was unaware until this drill that it hadn't been included. The phone lines were down about 30 minutes but with Chief Long's help, this problem has been corrected. The trustees were not pleased to hear that this occurred but were glad that it was discovered during a "mock" disaster drill.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Long advised they will retest the generators on the building. He said that the Red Cross was complimentary of our building and felt the mock disaster went well. Chief had an update in regards to the H1N1 Flu. We have been getting guidance from the Franklin County Board of Health Dept on educating our personnel and have on hand the necessary supplies. The audio visual equipment should be installed in the hearing room by Wednesday. By the end of next week, it should be installed in all the meeting rooms.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT - CONTINUED

Chief reported on the landscaping work on the building. The trustees expressed their displeasure in the landscaping of the building and feel that it is unacceptable and should be taken care of this week. Mr. Cope felt that this is not a duty of the Fire Chief and the fire department. This should be handled by our Township Administrator and that Chief Long has done an excellent job.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Steve Montgomery has received a request from a couple to sell back two graves to the Township as they are moving away from this area.

Steve advised the cemetery will be ready for Mother's Day and Memorial Day visitors.

Ahlum & Arbor will be starting tree removal on Schirtzinger Road.

He also reported that Franklin County are pot holing the drains on Schirtzinger in our right away and will return to fill in the holes.

TRUSTEE – NEW BUSINESS

Trustees announced the May 18th Trustee meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with an executive session for the purpose of an audit conference conducted by the Auditor of State pursuant to ORC 121.22 (D) (2).

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 4/20/09

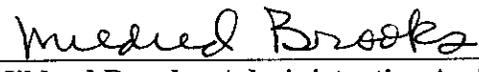
Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for April 20, 2009. Mr. Earman abstained. Motion passed. #090504.01

Approval to Purchase Grave Lots

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustees to refund in the amount of \$1,000 to Edgar and Sheena Shrum for two grave lots purchased in October 2002. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #090504.02

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Buck, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 4th at 12: 41 p.m.


Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman


Mildred Brooks, Administrative Assistant