



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of ***NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES*** *Meeting*
Held ***5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO***
September 8, 2009

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Morgan Gierman, President of Timberbrook Homeowners Association, spoke out against Ohio American Water's proposed water rate increases and thanked the Trustees for their support.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Garnett reviewed the July statistical report and noted that there were 18 alarms for the month which is twice as many as usual. Chief Garnett provided a brief discussion on the Department's position not to participate in the pre-emptive signal system to be implemented as part of the Northwest Parkway Improvement Project. In other matters, Chief Garnett reviewed the City of Hilliard's noise ordinance. Mr. Warner explained that in comparison to the sample Township legislation that had been previously provided, Hilliard's noise ordinance was much more cumbersome and harder to enforce. The Board requested Loveland & Brosius to bring forward legislation to enact a noise ordinance for the Township. Mr. Buck noted that this was the last time Chief Garnett would be attending a meeting in his official capacity. The Board bid farewell and congratulations to Chief Garnett on his retirement effective October 3, 2009.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Long reported that the new engine was in service. He reported that the Nixle System was up and running and he is currently working on a policy for use and access of this system. In a joint effort with the Hilliard Police Department, a booth would be staffed at Old Hilliard Days to get residents registered with Nixle. Chief Long reported on the efforts taken to prepare for the protection of staff and the public in regards to H1N1 infections. An H1N1 Contingency Plan is close to completion and includes multi-use safety equipment, infection control and disinfection procedures, and Train the Trainer program for the administration of the H1N1 vaccination. Chief Long noted that Ethics Training is scheduled for September 14th, 21st, and 28th.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montgomery provided two proposals for the removal of tree stumps at Wesley Chapel and along Schirtzinger Road. The Board accepted Daniel's Tree Service proposal for \$1,100 to remove and grind the stumps. The Road Department will be responsible for soil and seeding of the areas where the stumps are being removed. Mr. Buck requested that all dead trees be removed at Wesley Chapel. Mr. Montgomery reported that American Pavements has completed all of the slurry re-work along Sunnybrook Drive, Sunnybrook Court, and Kingsway Drive. The re-work was necessary



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because the aggregate was coming loose due to an inferior mix. The original work was completed last year. All other areas in the Township are fine.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mrs. Miles requested the Board's approval to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Warner requested the Board's approval of a resolution to oppose Ohio American Water's water rate increase. Mr. Earman noted that the increases were astronomical. Mr. Warner requested authorization to approve a proposal from Converse Electric to provide electrical contracting services to Norwich Township. Mr. Warner reported that the Township's Bureau of Worker's Compensation premium will decrease approximately \$50,000 and is the direct result of the drop in the Township's claims experience the past year.

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Warner confirmed that TP Mechanical has fixed all leaks and replaced all the ceiling tiles. Based upon this, Mr. Buck authorized the final payment to be released to TP Mechanical.

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS

In response to the Hilliard Safety Director's letter indicating that the Hilliard Police Department was not prepared to participate in a pre-emptive signalization system at this time, Chief Long provided a summary of the type of pre-emptive signalization system that was planned for the intersection of Northwest Parkway and Avery Road. He also provided an overview of how the system works.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 8/17/09

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for August 17, 2009. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #090908.01

Approval to Accept the Amounts & Rates Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, for approval of an amended resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Franklin County Auditor. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

#090908.02

Approval of A Resolution Objecting To And Opposing Ohio American Water's Water Rate Increase

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval of A Resolution Objecting To And Opposing The Proposed Water Rate Increase Filed by Ohio American Water With The Ohio Public Utilities Commission. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

#090908.03



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Approval of Converse Electric Inc Contracting Service Agreement

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, to authorize the Administrator to approve a proposal from Converse Electric to provide electrical contracting services to Norwich Township. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #090908.04

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, to adjourn the regular meeting of September 8th at 1:10 pm.

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Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Jamie Miles in cursive script.

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 190406.03

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO AND OPPOSING THE PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE FILED BY OHIO AMERICAN WATER WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, certain residents of Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township") receive water service from Ohio American Water ("OAW"); and

WHEREAS, in June of 2009, OAW filed a request with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to substantially increase rates for all of its residential customers in Ohio, including numerous residents of the Township, over a four year period as follows: 27.36% increase in April 2010; 23.340% increase in April of 2011; 6.86% in April of 2012; and 5.73% increase in 2013, resulting in a total increase of approximately 60%; and

WHEREAS, the request by OAW is their third rate increase request in four years and, if granted, will result in an approximate increase of 240% in water rates since 1999 to these Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the PUCO mission is to "assure all residential and business consumers access to adequate, safe and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices;" and

WHEREAS, Township residents receiving OAW water service already pay a substantially higher and unfair rate for such service when compared with both other Township residents and residents of surrounding jurisdictions that receive such service from other utility providers; and

WHEREAS, due to the current difficult economic times and previous rate increases granted to OAW, the Board of Trustees of the Township believes a rate increase of 60% for water service is unjustified and will result in many Township residents not being able to afford water service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to oppose the proposed OAW water rate increase filed with the PUCO and to further urge the Commissioners of the PUCO to reject OAW's proposed rate increase.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Board") that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

Section 1. The Board hereby objects to and opposes the proposed OAW water rate increase as filed with the PUCO in June of 2009. The Board believes that OAW's requested increase is unfair, excessive and incapable of justification. The Board further agrees to support, assist and work with other governmental jurisdictions affected by the proposed OAW water rate increase in opposing the increase.

Section 2. The Board hereby requests that the Commissioners of the PUCO reject the proposed water rate increase as filed by OAW and secondarily requests that should PUCO grant an increase to OAW, that any increase be equitable to the consumer and be based upon fair and responsible calculations.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Township Fiscal Officer to file and/or forward a copy of this Resolution to the Docketing Division of the PUCO, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"), Franklin County Commissioners, and each of the respective state legislators whose legislative districts encompasses the Township.

Section 4. The Board authorizes and appoints each of the following persons to appear and speak on behalf of the Board at any meeting and/or hearing to be held by the PUCO in its review of OAW's water rate increase proposal: each member of the Board; the Township Fiscal Officer; and/or such other Township employee(s) as each Trustee may deem necessary or desirable.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees encourages all Township residents to contact the PUCO, the OCC, and their state legislators through letters and phone calls voicing their opinion on OAW's proposed water rate increases.

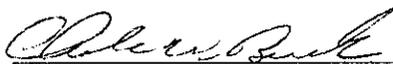
Section 6 All formal actions of this Board, concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution, were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: September 8, 2009

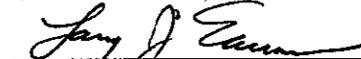
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Adopted: September 6, 2009

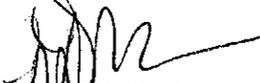


Charles Wm. Buck, Trustee

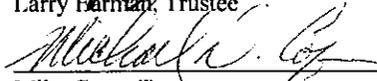
Attest and Certified



Larry Harman, Trustee



Jamie Miles, Township Fiscal Officer



Mike Cope, Trustee