

Minutes of NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>Meeting</u>

5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held

April 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Buck

Roll Call - Charles Wm. Buck, Chair - Present

Michael D. Cope, Vice-Chair - Present

Larry Earman, Trustee - Present

Also Present - Dave Long, Fire Chief

Bob Kaufman, Asst. Fire Chief

Wayne Warner, Township Administrator Steve Montgomery, Roads/Cemetery Dept.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ted Atkinson, resident of Birchwood Drive, addressed his opposition for The Enclave Housing Project being built by Dominion Homes that will abut Timberbrook to the east. Mr. Atkinson noted that the original plans called for single family homes with a buffer of condos and now the plans have been changed to low income/subsidized housing which will have a direct impact on the property values. Mr. Atkinson is also concerned about the impact this project will have upon the wetlands and the burden it will place upon the school district. Morgan Gierman, President of Timberbrook Homeowner's Association, was present and echoed Mr. Atkinson's opposition. Mr. Gierman is greatly concerned about the impact upon the wetlands that have become increasing wet.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Francis provided the February and March reports and a First Quarter 2010 report. Chief Francis noted that auto accidents were almost doubled during February. This is attributable to the fact that we experienced record snowfall in February which drives an increase in auto accidents. Lastly, Chief Francis reported that his officers have been trained in the Township's noise resolution by the Township's legal counsel.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Long recommended the promotion of Lieutenant Joe Russell to the rank of Captain and Firefighter Jake Wells to the rank of Lieutenant. These promotions are necessary to fill the vacancies created by the retirement of Captain Steve Russell. Chief Long requested approval to hire Randall Lossick to the position of Firefighter effective May 2010. Chief Long reported that the Central Ohio Fire Chiefs Association was utilizing the meeting rooms to host a training session.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montgomery requested approval to reimburse two grave lots originally purchased on June 10, 2008 totaling \$1,000 to Jerry and Janet Brigner. Mr. Montgomery, along with Mr. Warner, requested approval of expenditures not to exceed \$25,000 for the ditch work repair for ditches at 6200, 6203, and 6211 Meadow Wood Lane. Mr. Montgomery forwarded a



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request from resident Donna South to remove a tree in Township right-of-way in front of her residence at 1631 Valley Crest Drive. According to Mr. Montgomery the tree is diseased.

FISCAL OFFICE

At Trustee Cope's request, Mrs. Miles discussed the cost of the investment broker services currently provided by United American Capital Corporation (UACC). She noted that the Township had received a 10% reduction in 2010 service fees. Mrs. Miles reported that the UACC investment yield outperformed all other investments options for 2008 and 2009 including StarOhio. A discussion was had on the banking services provided by JPMorgan Chase. Mrs. Miles reported that approximately 30% of the monthly service fees were related to the EMS lockbox which was added June 2009. In addition, previous security threats have driven the need to have enhanced banking security which has been a factor in driving costs. Mrs. Miles reported that total banking fees for 2009 were approximately \$6,100. Mr. Cope does not think this is unreasonable. Mr. Buck suggested that this service be re-evaluated at the end of the current banking agreement. Mrs. Miles will provide this time period to the Board. Mrs. Miles requested approval of the UACC Investment Agreement dated 4/1/10. In other matters, Mrs. Miles reported due to the efforts of Ellen Woodford and Captain Warren, the Township is now set up to transact business through the Township Website using PayPal.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Warner reported that he has received a number of opposition letters from residents regarding The Enclave housing project. The Board discussed the impact of The Enclave at Hilliard Run located at 5637 Renner Road near the Timberbrook subdivision. It is unclear at this time whether this low income housing project is located within the Columbus or Hilliard school district. The Board unanimously agreed to oppose the project and submit a statement of opposition for the proposed development to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. In other matters, Mr. Warner presented a resolution to the Board to nominate a representative to the SWACO Board of Trustees. Mr. Albert Iosue, resident and SWACO representative, spoke in support of Mr. William Lotz, Sr. for this appointment. The Board unanimously agreed to nominate Mr. Lotz, Sr.

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 3/15/10

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of March 15, 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

#100405.01



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Approval to Promote Lt. Russell and Firefighter Wells

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for approval to promote Lieutenant Joe Russell to the rank of Captain and Firefighter Jake Wells to the rank of Lieutenant due to the vacancy created by the retirement of Captain Steve Russell. Unanimously approved.

Motion passed. #100405.02

Approval to Hire Randall Lossick

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for approval to hire Randall Lossick to the position of Firefighter effective May 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

#100405.03

Approval to Refund Purchase of Cemetery Lots

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for approval to refund \$1,000 to Jerry and Janet Brigner for two grave lots purchased on June 10, 2008. Unanimously approved.

Motion passed. #100405.04

Approval to Remove Tree Located in Township Right-of-Way

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, to approve the request by resident Donna South to remove a tree in Township right-of-way in front of her residence at 1631 Valley Crest Drive. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #100405.05

Approval of Expenditures Not To Exceed \$25,000 for the Meadow Wood Lane Ditch Repair

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve expenditures not to exceed \$25,000 to the Franklin County Engineer's Office for the repair of the ditch at 6200, 6203 and 6211 Meadow Wood Lane. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #100405.06

Approval of the UACC Investment Agreement Dated 4/1/10

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, to approve the United American Capital Corporation Investment Agreement dated April 1, 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #100405.07

Approval of Opposition of The Enclave at Hilliard Run Housing Project

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve objecting the proposed development of The Enclave At Hilliard Run at 5637 Renner Road near the Timberbrook subdivision and to submit an objection letter to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #100405.08

Approval to Nominate A Representative to the SWACO Board of Trustees

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, to approve the nomination of William Lotz, Sr. to serve as the representative of the Franklin County Townships on the SWACO Board of Trustees. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #100405.09



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Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, to adjourn the regular meeting of April 5th at 12:55 pm.

Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman

Jamie L. Miles, Fiscal Officer