



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **September 20, 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
Steve Montgomery, Roads/Cemetery Dept.
Wayne Warner, Township Administrator

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Morgan Gierman, President of Timberbrook's Homeowner's Association, provided an update on the recent public meetings held to discuss the Hilliard Run Housing Development. Mr. Gierman feels that the developer is going to move forward with the project regardless of what area residents feel. The Timberbrook Homeowners meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Albert Iosue, Director of Planning with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO), asked for the Board's support of SWACO's proposed rate increase which calls for \$3 per ton for 2011 and \$3 per ton for 2012. Mr. Iosue confirmed that the three transfer stations were owned by the City of Columbus and SWACO has a long term lease for these facilities. He also confirmed that SWACO is responsible for maintaining the facilities and that it is not an option to put off the rebuild of the Morse Road transfer station. Mr. Cope stated that he might be more inclined to support a one year increase, otherwise, he could not support the increase as proposed given the economic climate. Mr. Earman echoed Mr. Cope's thoughts; he indicated that timing is the issue and that SWACO needs to figure out how to do more with less. Mr. Earman is not opposed to raising the rates if it were in a more modest manner, however, he could not support a ten percent increase per year for two years. Mr. Buck complimented Mr. Iosue's efforts in bringing the matter to the Board, however, ten percent is a big increase and he could not support it right now. The Board unanimously agreed to oppose SWACO's proposed rate increase.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Long reported that the school fire safety program starts next week. The Department is working on a post card mailing to remind residents to check their smoke detectors. Chief Long noted that he had forwarded a request to the Board for the replacement of three cardiac monitors.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montgomery reported that the 2010 road projects are moving right along, blacktop and slurry seal is scheduled to begin in October.



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FISCAL OFFICE

The Board decided that formal action did not need to take place for the Change Order Status as listed on the agenda. The Board approved payment to Meacham and Apel for their final invoice No. 2.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Warner reported that he expects to have the waste bid contract to the Board for review prior to the next meeting.

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Warner reported that the 3740 Darbyshire Road property is still a long way from acceptable. He has contacted Franklin County Zoning to see if they can provide any support. He will also follow up with the Franklin County Board of Health to check on the status. Mr. Earman asked Mr. Warner to notify area residents of the Federal Court's decision to approve the Verizon cell tower being placed at the Dublin Road property. Mr. Warner reported that the Northwest Parkway project is expected to be completed well before the November 15, 2010 deadline.

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Buck asked Chief Long to look into developing a safety program that targets middle aged residents.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 9/7/10

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of September 7, 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #100920.01

Approval of Meacham & Apel Final Invoice No. 2

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for approval to pay Meacham & Apel Final Invoice No. 2 totaling \$12,958.60. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #100920.02

A Resolution Voting Against SWACO's Proposed Rate Increases

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, to oppose the proposed SWACO rate increase at this time. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #100920.03

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, to adjourn the regular meeting of September 20th at 7:30 pm.

Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer