



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **February 7, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Cope

Roll Call - **Michael D. Cope, Chairman – Present**
Charles Wm. Buck, Trustee – Present
Larry Earman, Vice-Chairman – Present

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 1/4/11

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of January 4, 2011.

Vote: Buck-Yes Cope-Yes Earman-Abstain Motion passed - #110207.01

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 1/18/11

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of January 18, 2011.

Vote: Buck-Abstain Cope-Yes Earman-Yes Motion passed - #110207.02

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Long reported that due to the recent weather storm, the department took approximately 60 runs within a twelve hour period. The 2010 annual reporting is forthcoming.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montgomery provided an update on the snow removal efforts and winter storm clean up. He reported that there are a lot of limbs down but no known safety threats and all debris in the right of way has been removed. Mr. Buck would like the Board to have a discussion with AEP about how to address trees in the right of way that residents do not want trimmed. He would like the Township to assist AEP in their efforts to maintain these trees properly so as to minimize their impact upon downed power lines which has lead to entire neighborhoods being without power. Mr. Warner reported that a number of phone calls and e-mails have been received from residents about the Township providing limb pickup service. The Board discussed the matter and determined that it was not a task that the Township could do economically.



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FISCAL OFFICE

The January Payment and Charge Registers were provided to the Board. Mrs. Miles reported that 2010 has been closed out and reported to the State Auditor. The Fiscal Office is currently working on the first monthly closing within the new accounting system.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Francis provided the January 2011 Activity Report and reported that new annual reporting was in process and he hoped to have something for the next meeting. Mr. Buck requested an audit of patrol routes. Chief Francis said that he could visually see where the patrol cars have been through GPS but it would be hard to quantify the information.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

The Board discussed joining the Upper Scioto Watershed planning partnership. Mr. Earman is hesitant about this becoming a similar situation as the Darby Accord where there really was no participation on behalf of Norwich Township. The Board agreed to join.

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to approve a Resolution Of Intention to Participate In A Watershed Planning Partnership To Develop A Balanced Growth Plan For The Upper Scioto Watershed

Vote: Buck-Yes Cope-Yes Earman-Yes

Motion passed - #110207.03

Mr. Warner reported that correspondence is forthcoming on Franklin County Board of Health's Mosquito Control Program. The cost to participate in the program will be approximately \$4,482 versus last years' cost of \$1,069. Mr. Buck noted that we can't afford not to have the program and the cost to implement our own program would probably be prohibitive. Mr. Buck requested an updated on the Cemetery software upgrade. Mr. Montgomery reported that the invoice for the upgrade has been mailed and once it is paid the upgrade will begin. Mr. Cope requested that this item be placed on the agenda for update throughout the project.

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Earman recapped the meeting with Hilliard Council Members Brett Sciotto and Jim Ashenhurst regarding the fire dispatching contract. Mr. Earman briefed the council members of how the Township got to where it is at with the dispatching contract. The most positive outlook from the meeting was a consensus for the need for a joint dispatching center for the west side and surrounding areas. Chief Long has met with the City of Columbus to review necessary upgrades and associated costs. He is now in the process of submitting a formal request for their dispatching service costs. Mr. Cope reiterated that safety and response time are the most important factors when determining who will provide our dispatching services. Mr. Cope set the March 21 Trustee Meeting as the deadline to finalize discussions and move forward with the dispatching costs.



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TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Earman, to adjourn the regular meeting of February 7, 2011 at 12:55 pm.



Michael D. Cope, Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 110207.03

**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A WATERSHED PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
TO DEVELOP A BALANCED GROWTH PLAN FOR THE UPPER SCIOTO WATERSHED**

WHEREAS, Norwich Township has learned that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has received grants to facilitate the development of a balanced growth plan for the watershed of the Upper Scioto River; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Upper Scioto Watershed is located within the boundaries of Norwich Township; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will form a Watershed Planning Partnership (WPP) of jurisdictions with planning authority within the Upper Scioto Watershed, and the WPP will then work collaboratively to seek broad public input and develop a balanced growth plan for the Upper Scioto Watershed based on that input; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan developed with said grant would identify Priority Conservation Areas within the Upper Scioto Watershed to protect critically important ecological, recreational, agricultural, heritage, public access, and other areas, the preservation of which would enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Norwich Township; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan would also identify Priority Development Areas within the Upper Scioto Watershed, which will be areas in which growth or redevelopment should especially be promoted and through which the economy of the region encompassed by the Upper Scioto Watershed will be enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan would also identify a variety of recommended tools and programs through which Priority Conservation Areas can be protected and enhanced while sustainable development can be driven to Priority Development Areas; and

WHEREAS, while the final balanced growth plan would contain recommendations only, and would not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on Norwich Township, its effectiveness in influencing future growth and development in the Upper Scioto Watershed will depend on the active participation of the jurisdictions with planning authority within the Upper Scioto Watershed in the process of developing the balanced growth plan, and in attempting to implement those recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Norwich Township desires to participate actively in the development of a balanced growth plan for the Upper Scioto Watershed.

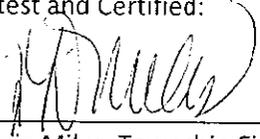
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

SECTION 1: Norwich Township shall join the Watershed Planning Partnership that will develop a balanced growth plan for the Upper Scioto Watershed, shall participate actively in the work of the Partnership, and shall make best faith efforts to implement applicable recommendations of the balanced growth plan in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and the wishes of its own citizens.

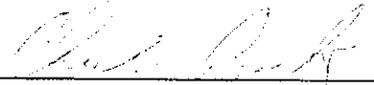
This resolution shall be full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 7, 2011

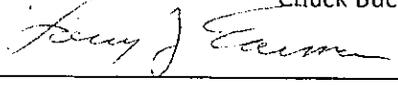
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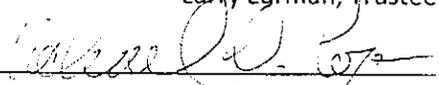
Jamie Miles, Township Fiscal Officer



Chuck Buck, Trustee



Larry Earman, Trustee



Mike Cope, Trustee