



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

4283 DAVIDSON ROAD, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **May 2, 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

AGENDA ADDITIONS - None

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 4/18/11

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

Vote: Buck-Yes Cope-Yes Earman-Abstain Motion passed - #110502.01

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Long reviewed the specs for a Horton medic and requested approval for the purchase. He noted that the medic is scheduled for delivery in November (2011). He reported that Firefighter Fred Still was honored with the 2011 Firefighter of the Year Award by the Hilliard Optimist Club. The next senior luncheon is scheduled for Monday, May 9th at 11:30 am.

Approval to Purchase 2011 Horton Medic

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval to purchase a 2011 Horton medic and related equipment at a cost not to exceed \$219,000.

Vote: Buck-Yes Cope-Yes Earman-Yes Motion passed - #110502.02

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Cornell Robertson of the Franklin County Engineer's Office reviewed the plan changes to the Schirtzinger Road Improvement Project. Mr. Robertson identified the April 18th plan as a drainage maintenance, resurfacing and tree removal plan. Following feedback received at the April 28th meeting with Schirtzinger Road residents, the plan presented today, May 2nd, is classified as drainage maintenance, resurfacing and minimized tree removal plan. The original plan called for the removal of 90 trees, the May 2nd plan calls for the removal of 40 trees. Mr. Buck reported that Ahlum and Arbor was asked to update their previous tree inventory and provide a report to the Township. Mr. Warner noted that Mr. Ahlum delivered the report this morning and he would forward to the Board for review. Mr. Buck expects that the ash trees located in the right of way will be recommended for removal due to the ash



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borer. Mr. Earman is in support of the Township replacing trees that are taken out. Mr. Buck recommended the replacement trees to be four inch caliper and possibly maple or oak species. Mr. Cope called for public participation on the matter and once all questions were heard, the Board would respond.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Michael Marsh, resident of 4211 Dublin Road, was concerned about the lack of resident involvement in the road plan and asked the Board to table the matter for a period of time so that residents had an opportunity to become informed of the plan.

Mr. Steve Soble, resident of 3940 Schirtzinger, requested the Board to table the matter for two weeks until the May 16th meeting so that residents had time to review the final plan. He also noted that residents need to remember to maintain their swales.

Mr. Duke Hatcher, resident of 3705 Schirtzinger Road, asked the Board if there has been any discussion of easement rights. Mr. Robertson recommended that a drainage easement be obtained.

Mr. Steve Von Jasinski, resident of 4200 Schirtzinger Road, agrees that the drainage issued must be addressed along Schirtzinger Road but asked that courtesy be given to residents as it relates to their property and trees.

Mrs. Annette Marsh, resident of 4211 Dublin Road, requested a copy of the arborist' report.

Mr. Ed Schirtzinger, resident of 4185 Schirtzinger Road, inquired about previously talked about sanitation and sewer upgrades. Mr. Cope noted that the Franklin County Sanitation Department has stated that this project is not even on the horizon. Mr. Schirtzinger is also concerned that this project will increase speed along the road. Mr. Cope indicated that the project was not to make the road flatter or straighter, it would just be smoother.

Mr. Alan Kent, resident of 4030 Schirtzinger Road, inquired if the sub straight is sufficient to support the mill and fill work. Mr. Robertson stated that core samples would need to be taken. Mr. Cope recommended that contingencies be put in place to address these types of issues.

Mrs. Tiffany Swain, resident of 4070 Schirtzinger Road, asked if Hilliard was being held accountable for the drainage issues.

Mr. Trey Setterlin, resident of 3560 Schirtzinger Road, stated that he has not access to storm drainage, his swale is the only access. Mr. Cope noted that the current plan addresses this.



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Mrs. Patty Hatcher, resident of 3705 Schirtzinger Road, asked if the placement of stop signs at the cross roads could be done in an effort to curb speed. Mr. Cope noted that doing so usually requires a street study and if there is a speeding problem then it is an enforcement issue that the Hilliard Police Department needs to address.

Mr. Ron Santilli, resident of 3925 Schirtzinger, is concerned that the project does not properly address the holes that are deeper than one and a half inch. Mr. Cope noted that water causes the holes which is why the drainage work is being done.

Mr. Harry Ours, resident of 3520 Schirtzinger, has mostly hackberry trees and is concerned about them all being removed. Mr. Buck indicated that they are working to save some of these trees.

Mr. Cope recapped the issues which are driving the need for the Schirtzinger Road work to be completed. If nothing is done, the road is going to be gone. Water is the second issue that needs addressed. Lastly, the work cannot be done without impacting the trees along the road. The current plan calls for twelve inch piping with restrictor plates to replace the current piping throughout all properties. This is a long term fix to the hydrology without putting more water into Holcomb Ditch. Bad trees must be taken down, however, the plan minimizes the number of trees to be removed and the Township will replace trees in areas where there is spacing. Mr. Robertson concurred that the May 2nd plan will fix the hydrology, it will not increase water flow into Holcomb Ditch, the road will be in better condition giving it a seven to ten year life expectancy, and minimize the trees being removed.

Mr. Buck is ready to vote on the matter and move forward with the project. He requested Mr. Warner to release the preliminary report on Holcomb Ditch to those residents who are interested. Mr. Warner will place the Holcomb Ditch report and the arborist's report on the Township's website. Mr. Earman and Mr. Cope are open to giving the residents two weeks to review the May 2nd plan. Mr. Robertson confirmed that tabling the matter would not impede the project, however, the drop dead date would need to be May 16th. The Board agreed to table the matter until May 16th. Mr. Cope stated that he would not vote to put one dime into Schirtzinger Road if the project is not done. He is not willing to throw money away to patch the problem. On behalf of the residents, Mr. Cope pledged to address anyone whose property is damaged during construction.

Approval to Table Vote on Schirtzinger Road Project

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to table the vote on the Schirtzinger Road Improvement Project.

Vote: Buck-Yes Cope-Yes Earman-Yes

Motion passed - #110502.03

FISCAL OFFICE – Nothing to report



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TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Legal counsel, Don Brosius, of Loveland and Brosius, discussed the double taxation issue for residents of the Hayden's Reserve development on Hayden Run Road. The City of Columbus annexed this development, however, they did not conform the taxing boundaries at the time of the annexation. This has resulted in the residents being taxed for Norwich Township fire and ems services that they do not receive. According to Mr. Brosius, the City of Columbus is now willing to move forward with conforming the boundaries for this development and they may consider an agreement to conform any future annexations. The Board agreed to have Mr. Brosius draw up an agreement to conform the boundaries of the Hayden's Reserve development only.

Authorization for Legal Counsel to Create an Agreement to Conform the Boundaries of Hayden's Reserve

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, to authorize legal counsel, Don Brosius, to create an agreement to conform the boundaries of the Hayden's Reserve development.

Vote: Buck-Yes Cope-Yes Earman-Yes Motion passed - #110502.04

Approval of Transfer of .548 Acres from the City of Hilliard

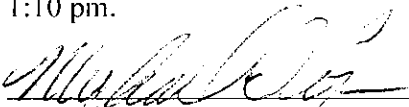
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to accept ownership of .0548 along Northwest Parkway in the front of the Safety Service Building (parcel# 050-002317-00) that has been vacated by the City of Hilliard and transferred to Norwich Township at no cost.

Vote: Buck-Yes Cope-Yes Earman-Yes Motion passed - #110502.05

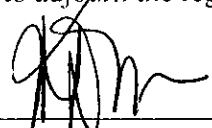
TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS - None

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman to adjourn the regular meeting of May 2nd at 1:10 pm.



Michael D. Cope, Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer