



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO
Held **September 4, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Earman.

Roll Call - **Charles Wm. Buck, Vice-Chairman – Present**
Larry Earman, Chairman – Present
Timothy Roberts, Trustee - Present

Also Present - **Bob Kaufman, Fire Chief**
John King, Battalion Chief
Steve Montgomery, Roads/Cemetery Dept.
Kate Cavanaugh, Township Administrator

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Louis Menduni, resident of Dublin Road, asked for a summary of the efficiency studies that have been completed in order to justify the need for another fire levy. Chief Kaufman addressed recent changes that have been made to reduce operational expenses. Mr. Earman summarized the changes that have impacted the Township’s revenue. Mr. Menduni is against the TIF action and would like to see legislators make changes to prevent this from happening. He will do some further research to determine what can be done.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Mr. Buck would like to discuss the Schirtzinger Road reseeding.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 8/21/12

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of August 21, 2012.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #120904.01

Approval of Trustee Special Meeting Minutes for 8/21/12

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the special meeting of August 21, 2012.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #120904.02

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kaufman reminded the Board of the recent e-mail he sent regarding the flooring at Station 83. As part of Fire Prevention month, the Fire Department is hosting an Open House on October 14th from 1-3 pm. The Police Department is hosting a memorial ceremony on Tuesday, September 11th at 7pm. The Fire Department will participate in memorial ceremony which will be held at the First Responders Park.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The August Monthly report will be forthcoming. Chief Francis reported that the Safety Committee has approved a resolution of support to partner with Upper Arlington to complete a feasibility study for dispatching. Mr. Buck asked Chief Francis to look into a problematic parking area at the intersection of Ridgewood, Braidwood, and Darbyshire drives. Passing motorists have complained that there are parked vehicles that are too close to the intersection which obstructs making a safe turn onto Darbyshire.



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CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montgomery recommends a policy be created to address the replacement of trees located within the Township right of way. Mr. Buck recommends that the replacement be in kind variety and residents will be responsible for the replacement. Mr. Buck will work on a written policy in November/December.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mrs. Miles requested approval of the 2013 real estate tax amounts and updated Exhibit A of the police and dispatching contracts.

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

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for approval of a 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.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #120904.03

Approval of Police and Dispatching Costs Outlined in Exhibit A

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for approval of the updated costs outlined in Exhibit A for contracted police and dispatching services with the City of Hilliard.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #120904.04

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Cavanaugh provided a progress report on Ricoh IT services. Overall, staff is satisfied with Ricoh's work. As it relates to the Hart Cemetery, the current owner does not think there is an exception within the deed for the maintenance of the cemetery. The owner will work to remove some debris from the area. There are trees that need cut down and repairs made to the fence.

Approval of Multijurisdictional 9-1-1 Feasibility Study

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve a resolution of support affirming Norwich Township's participation in an application for a local government innovation fund grant through the state of Ohio and to authorize the township administrator to enter into a partnership agreement for the purposes of studying the feasibility of a multijurisdictional consolidation of 9-1-1 services.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #120904.05

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Brooks provided an update on the Bicentennial Committee's progress. The committee is looking into the cost of banner flags. Some of the potential activities include hosting an open house/ribbon cutting ceremony and placing a float in the July 4th parade. The committee welcomes any suggestions for activities.

Mr. Buck requested the Roads crew to finish the reseeding and grading along Schirtzinger Road. It was agreed that a straw blower would be rented and used for the work.



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Approval of Franklin County Engineer's Letter of Support

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to issue a letter of support to the Franklin County Engineer's to be included in their grant request for the Fishinger and Dublin Road intersection improvements. Mr. Buck would like to amend the letter to request consideration for some sidewalk or path connectivity down Fishinger Road and Dublin Road to help keep pedestrians safe. He agreed that this could be included in a separate letter.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #120904.06

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - none

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the discipline of a public employee.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to adjourn from executive session and the regular meeting at 1:15 pm.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

The regular meeting of September 4th adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Larry Earman, Chairman

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer