



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO**

*Held* **January 2, 2013**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Earman.

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

**AGENDA ADDITIONS** - None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 12/18/12**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of December 18, 2012.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #130102.01

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Francis reported that Esther Salts and Detective John Shaffer were retiring. Two new police officers have completed training and should be on the streets soon. Planning for the annual recognition dinner is in the works and will probably be scheduled for February.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Kaufman reported that the Department was able to provide Box 15 with used radios which will aid in their relief efforts. Overtime was a bit high for December because the flu had hit a number of staff within the Department.

**CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Montgomery reported that snow removal has gone well. The Board agreed that the Township streets looked good. Mr. Buck asked staff to pay more attention to the handicap areas. Mr. Montgomery will work with the Fiscal Office to address Mr. Conrath's request to cancel his previous grave buy back request.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Mrs. Miles reported that year end efforts were underway.

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Cavanaugh expects to have a formal resolution for the healthcare opt out at the next meeting. Mr. Buck would like to be a part of future discussions with Guardian. Ms. Cavanaugh advised that changes can be made to the benefits that Guardian administers on behalf of the Township.



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**TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS** - None

**TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of 2013 Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to nominate Larry Earman as Chairman and Tim Roberts as Vice-Chairman of the Norwich Township Board of Trustees for 2013.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #130102.02

**Fire Levy**

The Board discussed the various levy options. Mr. Earman is in support of a \$4.0 million levy which would take us to the year 2020. A \$3.0 million levy only gets us to 2018 so we would have to be back on the ballot soon. The projections do not include the reorganization costs for the Fire Department and includes a three percent inflation factor.

Mr. Buck believes that the Township has done an excellent job managing the costs and his preference is not to be on the ballot but there comes a time when you just have to do it. He is not willing to do more than \$4.0 million. With additional retirements forthcoming and he does not want to worry about people losing their jobs.

Mr. Roberts would like to see us make it half as long as our last levy (which has lasted 15 years). The \$4.0 million levy looks like it will do this which he is in support of.

Mr. Earman noted that if the levy does not pass then layoffs are absolutely the answer. Capital improvements are put on hold until after May. Chief Kaufman reported that staffing is currently down two in the prevention bureau and one on the unit.

Mr. Earman asked for recommendations for a campaign chair. The Board agreed on the recommendation of Don Schonhardt. Mr. Roberts will contact him to discuss.

**Approval of Resolution Declaring Intent to Proceed with Fire Levy**

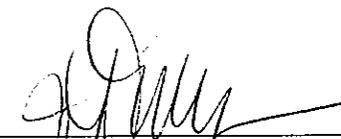
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of a resolution declaring intent to proceed with the election on the question of an additional tax in excess of the ten mill limitation pursuant to ORC 5705.19(I) at the rate of four and twelve hundredths mills which will generate \$4.0 million in additional revenue which is for a continuing period of time and is an additional levy.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #130102.03

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to adjourn from regular session at 12:45 pm.

  
Larry Earman, Chairman

  
Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer