



NORWICH TOWNSHIP

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of ***NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES*** *Meeting*
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **January 21, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Roberts.

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

Also Present - **Bob Kaufman, Fire Chief**
Jeff Warren, Assistant Fire Chief
Steve Montgomery, Roads/Cemetery Dept.
Kate Cavanaugh, Township Administrator

AGENDA ADDITIONS – None

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 1/9/14

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of January 9, 2014.

Vote: Buck-Absent Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #140121.01

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters Brian Davis, Lamar Sweigart and Rick Warren were sworn in to the rank of Lieutenant in a roving capacity. Firefighter Jeff Morales was recognized for being named the Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars Firefighter of the Year. He was awarded a \$300 charitable donation that will be made in his honor to the Hilliard Community Assistance Foundation. In addition, Firefighter Rob Spann was recognized for 31 years of service in the United States Army Reserve which he retired from earlier this month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jim Ramsey of the Franklin County Engineer's Office addressed the Board on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program and its requirements for the Township. As authorized by the Clean Water Act, the NPDES permit program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. He noted that the County was wrapping up its second permit cycle and the requirements of the third permit cycle would get tighter. In addition, FCEO provides training that is required by all employees.

Fred Still, resident of Stonecross Lane and retired firefighter, asked Mr. Earman to justify the addition of six new management positions given that the recently passed fire levy was promoted as maintaining current levels of service. Mr. Earman clarified that there was not six new positions added, there was only one position added as part of Chief Kaufman's reorganization plan that began prior to the levy. Chief Kaufman explained that the three promoted Lieutenants were already serving in the capacity of lieutenants and receiving lieutenants pay approximately 86% of their time on duty. The three promoted lieutenants are expected to reduce the out of class costs as well as eliminate the inconsistency of the individual by switching between the role of firefighter and lieutenant. In addition, these three lieutenants will be tasked with additional responsibilities including the 55-and-over program, community relations, a policy committee and bike patrol. Mr. Still also asked how much the Township has spent on the recent settlement to a prospective employee. Mr. Earman stated that the terms could not be divulged and that the matter could not be discussed publicly at this time.



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CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montgomery requested approval to buy back two graves.

Approval of Blythe Grave Buyback

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts to buy back cemetery graves 3 and 4, Lot 75 Section E from Rondel Blythe for \$1,000. The graves were originally purchased in 1999 for \$500 each.

Vote: Buck-Absent Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #140121.02

FISCAL OFFICE

Mr. Earman discussed the City of Hilliard's request for financial support to build a new communications tower that would be managed through a consortium. The Township would have access to use the tower. The initial cost to the Township is \$903,432.50. The Board approved payment.

Approval of New Communications Tower Payment

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve payment to the City of Hilliard for \$903,432.50 subject to negotiating a satisfactory written agreement with the City of Hilliard for the tower.

Vote: Buck-Absent Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #140121.03

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION – nothing to report

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS - none

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - none

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to adjourn from regular session at 6:43 pm.



Timothy Roberts, Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer