



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

*Minutes of* **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*  
**5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO**  
*Held* **November 4, 2014**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Roberts at 12:00 pm.

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

Also Present - **Jeff Warren, Fire Chief**  
**Greg Young, Battalion Chief**  
**Kate Cavanaugh, Township Administrator**  
**Steve Montgomery, Roads Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

Chief Warren would like to add an EMS billing discussion.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Scott Rider, of Rider + Reinke Financial Group, reported that Anthem initially offered a 13% increase in the current healthcare premiums for 2015. Upon Mr. Rider negotiating with them, Anthem agreed to a 5% increase in premiums for 2015. If the Township is willing to switch healthcare providers, UnitedHealthcare (UHC) has offered an 18% decrease from current rates for 2015. According to Mr. Rider is this an unheard of offer. The Township's plan will remain the same, with a couple of minor changes in the coinsurance being 75/25 and the single out of pocket is \$6,000 versus \$6,350 with Anthem. In addition, if the Board is willing to change the 2015 renewal period to be October 2015 instead of January 2016, the UHC renewal for next year will not exceed a 7.9% increase in premium. The Affordable Care Act is driving this change in the renewal period due to fees that are effective October 2016. Mr. Rider further confirmed that there is no lasing of participants. He recommends that the Board adopt the change promptly.

**Approval to Accept United Healthcare Quote for 2015 Healthcare Coverage**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval to accept UnitedHealthcare's quote to provide employer sponsored healthcare coverage to employees for 2015 and to agree to accept a renewal period of October 2015.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #141104.01

**Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 10/7/14**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 7, 2014.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #141104.02

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Francis reported that October was quiet, there were three reports. In addition, Halloween was extremely quiet, not a single call for service happened during the two hours of trick or treat. The bid walk thru for the cell tower site is underway. Bids are due within two weeks and the plan is for the cell tower to be up sometime in January (2015). He confirmed that the tower site is at Darby not Davidson. Chief Francis noted that the Police Department is participating in "Movember" which is a campaign to bring awareness to men's health and in support of testicular and prostate cancer.



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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Battalion Chief Grile reported that EMS billing revenue is down approximately 20% for the year. Based upon his research into the matter, he has identified three factors that could be impacting this short fall. There has been a shift in run type from ALS 1 to BLS which has been driven by the increase in government audits. Secondly, the Township has experienced a shift from commercial payers to Medicare and Medicaid payers which is significant because Medicaid pays a fraction of the total billing. Lastly, the Township's collection rate has decrease from 49% to 41% and this appears to be a systemic problem greater than just Norwich Township, as other area departments are experiencing the same.

Battalion Chief Young reported that the sprinkler system is scheduled to be winterized this week. He also reported that the pond pump has been covered under warranty and the replacement pump is forthcoming.

Chief Warren reported that runs and transports are about the same as last year. He provided a recap of the two bids received for the 2003 Sutphen Pumper refurbishment project. He would like to recommend awarding the project to Sutphen which is the lowest and best bid. He plans to place this item on the agenda for approval at the November 18<sup>th</sup> trustee meeting.

**CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Montgomery requested approval to purchase two graves back from Susan Prince that were originally purchased in 1993. He further reported that due to the salt shortage, the Franklin County Engineer's Office has notified us that this year's price is \$116.50 per ton versus \$53.68 per ton last year. In addition, all agencies will be rationed an amount. Mr. Montgomery will be attending the superintendents meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> and will provide any updates.

**Approval of Prince Grave Buyback**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval to buy back two graves from Susan Prince for \$500 each. The graves were originally purchased in 1993 for \$500 each.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #141104.03

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Mrs. Miles requested approval of the 2015 dispatching services cost as outlined in Exhibit A totaling \$349,761 which is approximately a 2.6 % decrease in cost from 2014. The major factor in this decrease is to an increase in Dublin's total runs which decreased the Township's pro rata share.

**Approval of 2015 Dispatching Costs Outlined in Exhibit A**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the updated costs outlined in Exhibit A totaling \$349,761 for contracted dispatching services with the City of Dublin for 2015.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #141104.04

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Cavanaugh extended a thank you to all employees for their willingness to get their healthcare questionnaires completed promptly which allowed the Township to obtain the quotes.

**TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS** - None

**TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS** - None



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A special planning meeting will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck to adjourn the regular meeting of November 4, 2014 at 12:35 pm.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #141104.05

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**Timothy Roberts, Chairman**

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**Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer**