



NORWICH TOWNSHIP

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO
Held **September 1, 2015**

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

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

Also Present - **Jeff Warren, Fire Chief**
Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator
Steve Montgomery, Cemetery Sexton/Roads Superintendent
Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer

AGENDA ADDITIONS - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Marissa Davis, resident of Sheraton Court, is concerned about AEP cutting down trees in her backyard. Mrs. Amy Risner, resident of Idlewood Court is also concerned. According to Mrs. Risner, a representative from Nelson Tree Service has provided conflicting information about the right of way area. Mrs. Risner's personal arborist has looked at the trees on her property and says the trees are in no danger of taking down any power lines. Mr. Buck recommended contacting AEP. In addition, Mr. Buck recommended looking at the property deed to see where the easements begin and end. Mr. Montgomery spoke with Vicky Clifford with AEP and has requested a Forrester to come out. According to Mr. Earman, the Township has no say in the matter.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 08/18/15

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 18, 2015.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #150901.01

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Acting Police Chief Fisher reported on a burglary on Sunnybrook Court in which the person entered thru an unlocked door from the garage. In addition, there was an auto theft from Stoneybridge. The abandoned vehicle was found a half mile away. There are seven candidates being interviewed for the two officer positions. In honor of 9.11, a remembrance program will be held at the First Responders Park at noon. Hilliardfest is scheduled for September 12th from 10 am – 10 pm. Annual qualification will be happening in the range. Mr. Buck asked why no officers are used for traffic flow after home football games. Acting Chief Fisher will follow up on this inquiry.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Warren tabled the approval of the sale of the staff vehicles. He reported that a swearing in ceremony for Acting Chief Fisher is scheduled for September 16th at 2 pm. The physical agility testing has been completed and panel interviews are being scheduled for the new hire listing. The Norwich family picnic will be held Sunday, October 11th from 2 to 4 pm.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Montgomery reported that the contracted road work is completed and turned out very good. The Board reviewed the questions from Bob DeStefano's e-mail dated September 1, 2015 regarding the



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Thoburn Road Project. Mr. Earman feels that if the City of Columbus and OSU are not going to participate in the financial obligation of the project, then he is not in support of spending thousands of dollars. Instead he will be in support of making the road suitable for the four Township residents that live on it. Mr. Buck and Mr. Roberts agreed. Mr. Montgomery will go back and get a ballpark price from the County. Mrs. Fisher will follow up with the City of Columbus and OSU to again request their support. The Board would also like to see the results of the completed Traffic Count study.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mrs. Miles requested approval of the 2016 Police Services Contract Exhibit A totaling \$435,618.09. This is an increase of 4.4 % from 2015.

Approval of 2016 Police Costs Outlined in Exhibit A

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for approval of the updated costs outlined in Exhibit A totaling \$435,618.09 for contracted police services with the City of Hilliard for 2016.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed -#150901.02

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Fisher reported that replacement of the current fire panel is safety critical and replacement is the only option because the panel is now obsolete. As recommended by m+a architects, Mrs. Fisher requested approval to proceed with repairs to the flooring tile at the Safety Services Building (SSB) on the police department side. Mrs. Fisher requested approval to research the cost to place bollards at the front entrance of the SSB to deter traffic from driving onto the walkway. Mr. Earman is opposed to doing these projects separately. Mrs. Fisher will just research the cost to see if it is significantly cheaper than the quoted cost provided by m+a architects if it is included in the SSB Renovation Project.

Approval to Replace SSB Fire Panel

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for approval to replace the Safety Services Building fire panel at a cost of \$16,5252 as quoted by Siemens.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed -#150901.03

Approval to Repair SSB Floor Tile

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for approval to repair the flooring tile located in the back hallway of the Safety Services Building on the HPD side.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed -#150901.04

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Earman felt that the actions displayed by council members at the recent Hilliard City Council meeting was that of arrogance especially when they passed the Vision Development by emergency legislation. On a positive note, he feels that many members of the community are much more aware of what a TIF is and the impact it has on our community. He reported that there is a vocal group looking to do a recall. Mr. Earman thinks this is a waste of time because the three council members and mayor who are currently up for election cannot be recalled until one year after their term begins. On September 17th at the Safety Services Building at 7 pm, Councilman Les Carrier, Hilliard School Board Member Paul Lambert, and Trustee Larry Earman are holding a Town Hall meeting to review and educate community members about passing amendments by emergency legislation and the



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impact of residential TIFs. Councilman Carrier has hired legal counsel for which he is paying for out of his pocket to be present at the meeting.

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

Executive Session

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

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to adjourn from executive session at 1:55 PM.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to adjourn the regular meeting at 1:56 pm.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes



Timothy Roberts, Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer