



## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of* ***NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES*** *Meeting*  
*Held* ***5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO***  
***November 17, 2015***

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Timothy Roberts.

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

Also Present - **Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator**  
**Jeff Warren, Fire Chief**  
**Greg Young, Battalion Chief**  
**Steve Montgomery, Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton**  
**Robbie Thomas, Cemetery/Roads Department**  
**Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS** - None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Erin McLaughlin, resident of Thoburn Road, addressed the Board about her concerns for safety for her family and others along Thoburn Road. According to her, the (Thoburn) road can go to gravel or be paved in gold and the problem of safety would not be solved. The problem is the amount of traffic and speed. At a minimum, speed bumps are needed. She also would like to see speed limit signs posted.

Jim Cogan, resident of 3190 Thoburn Road, feels that the increase in traffic and speeding happened when the entrance from Fishinger Road was turned into one way along the river and speed bumps were put in along the river. He feels that signage is needed.

Geneva Weaver, a 45 year resident of Thoburn Road, has never seen traffic as bad as it is now. She recommends putting the one-way road back to two ways and adding a gate. She feels that this might cut down on traffic. The OSU facility has caused a lot of traffic.

Mike Carmean, resident of Thoburn Road, recommends turning the road into a cul de sac. Mr. Buck stated that the Franklin County Engineer's Office says this can't be done. Mr. Carmean asked that the dirt road that runs south of the Indian Camp be opened as an alternate. He is not in support of making Thoburn Road a two lane road. He does not want to see trees cut down or have to look at the buildings along the road. He also feels that a two lane road would eventually cause the need for a traffic light at Thoburn and Dublin Roads. Logistically it would be a nightmare.

Amy Carmean, resident of Thoburn Road, stated that there is a continuous flow of traffic that is from the boat club, OSU facility and Indian Camp. Residents can't enjoy the area because of the heavy speeding traffic. Something needs to be done that will keep our tree lined street and make for a safer street for our kids.

Cheryl, who grew up at 3200 Thoburn Road, says the road has become dangerous for families trying to walk along the road. There is an increase in people utilizing the road and there are major safety concerns.



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John McLaughlin, resident of Thoburn Road, was under the assumption that the residents of Thoburn Road would receive a certified letter and notification about any action taken on Thoburn Road. He feels that the residents have been left in the dark up to this point. He feels that the Board is only considering two proposals; one to widen the road or one to do nothing. He feels that doing nothing is far more palatable. He would like the Board to consider closing off Thoburn Road at the park and they (the City) can turn the access road into a two lane road. Widening the road means that trees will be taken down and residents' property will be taken and he is against this. The volume of traffic and the speed is outrageous. He personally encountered a family walking their dog, a person driving a truck and pulling a ski boat and himself all trying to pass along the one lane road. Mr. McLaughlin's hope is that the Board does not make a check off the list decision without listening to the residents. He asked that the Township seek their own legal counsel regarding closing the road off or turning it into a cul-de-sac.

In addressing all of the residents, Mr. Roberts stated that up to this point, the Township has had exploratory meetings to determine what the options are for Thoburn Road and what other agencies will play a part in the project. Discussions are in the works with representatives from the City of Columbus, however, OSU has no interest in discussing the matter. It sounds like the Township's fears have come true in that the OSU boat house has driven up a significant increase in traffic, along with the Boat Club and Indian Camp. He stated that Jamie Fisher will keep the residents informed as the process moves along. The Board agreed that speed limit signs can be put up along the road. In addition, Jamie Fisher will place a request to have the Hilliard Police Department increase their patrols along Thoburn Road.

**Approval of Trustee Special Meeting Minutes for 11/03/15**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on November 3, 2015.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #151117.01

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** - None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Warren reported that Travis Burelson last day of orientation is tomorrow and he will be riding a fire truck by the end of the week.

**CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Montgomery reported that the last foundation is being poured and the crew is working on getting the salt barn filled.

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Mrs. Miles requested approval of the collective bargaining agreement as presented.

**Approval of Local 1723 Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the new three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 1723. The work agreement is for January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #151117.02



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**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Fisher requested approval to retain Steptoe and Johnson PLLC and to rebid the Safety Services Building Renovation Project.

**Approval to Retain Steptoe & Johnson PLLC**

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for approval to retain Steptoe & Johnson PLLC to provide legal services related to workers' compensation matters.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #151117.03

**Approval to Rebid SSB Renovation Project**

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval to rebid the Safety Services Building Renovation Project.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #151117.04

**TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS** - None

**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 21.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of public employees or officials.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes Motion passed - #151117.05

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck to adjourn from Executive Session and the regular meeting at 7:35 pm.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

  
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Timothy Roberts, Chairman

  
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Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer