



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO
Held **May 17, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Buck.

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

Also Present - **Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator**
Jeff Warren, Fire Chief
Greg Young, Assistant Fire Chief
Robbie Thomas, Cemetery Sexton/Acting Road Superintendent
Robert Fisher, Hilliard Police Chief

AGENDA ADDITIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 05/03/16

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on May 3, 2016.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160517.01

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Fisher announced the beginning of the Joint Safety Service Building Renovations. April police activity within Norwich Township included five motor vehicle crashes and theft of two ATVs. Chief Fisher mentioned the organizational changes and hiring process for the Deputy Chief and a clerk position. Mr. Buck mentioned the theft activity on Smiley Road; Chief Fisher confirmed the home was annexed into the City of Columbus.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Warren reminded the Board of the Captains candidate interviews on June 7, 2016. Lieutenant Yee has organized a homemade explosives training course with the Franklin County Sheriff on June 10, 2016 and welcomes the Board to attend. Fire equipment is temporarily fueling at the City of Hilliard due to excessive amounts of water in the diesel fuel pump located at Station 81. Fuel pumps are scheduled to be cleaned on Thursday, May 19, 2016. The fuel will be reclaimed and processed at the same time. Discussed budgeting for a preventative maintenance program for every three years. In addition, Chief Warren requested approval of a resolution to authorizing request of land donation prior to the land being zoned. Mr. Buck mentioned his discussion with Chief on “Old Hill Farm” being annexed into Hilliard a week prior. Mr. Buck shared the response from the Township’s legal counsel about the ability to build on the donated land.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Request of Land Donation

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of A Resolution to Authorizing Request of Land Donation.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160517.02



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CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Thomas reported that the staff is preparing for Memorial Day. In addition, Mr. Thomas continues to merge the cemetery mapping software and expects the final process to be reviewed by Friday, May 20, 2016. The staff removed a cedar tree and trimmed trees throughout the cemetery. Mr. Buck asked Mr. Thomas if the levelers are placed on top of plywood when graves are dug out. Mr. Thomas responded by saying that they are placed in the ground and then backfilled with topsoil. Mr. Buck suggested placing plywood down with levelers on the plywood.

FISCAL OFFICE - None

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Fisher requested the approval to purchase traffic SLOW signs for Thoburn Road. Mr. Buck mentioned adding flashing lights if the slow signs were not effective or the residents are not satisfied. Mrs. Fisher asked the Board to discuss a parking resolution for township roads. Hilliard Police Chief Fisher, Lt. Ronald Clark, and the township's legal counsel have been informed of the proposed regulations. Mrs. Fisher mentioned the number of safety concerns for parking within the township's subdivisions. Chief Fisher responded to Mr. Earman's question about the parking ordinances that the City of Hilliard has in place. Chief Fisher explained the City of Hilliard has a number of ordinances that go above and beyond the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) that give their patrol the authority to deal with 24 hour parking, etc. Chief Fisher spoke on the ORC limitations to parking regulations and limitations on enforcement actions. He stated his main question that would need a legal opinion would be relating to whether the township can act on some of these regulations independent of the ORC. Mr. Earman questioned the No Parking Zone and No Parking signs and the enforcement process. Mrs. Fisher responded that the efforts are not to eliminate parking on township roads all together, but to eliminate parking in areas that could cause poor traffic flow. Mr. Earman expressed concerns of placing No Parking signs in the subdivisions of Ridgewood and Timberbrook with roadways without curbs and gutters. Mrs. Fisher requested approval to declare a Bellann property a nuisance.

Approval to Purchase Traffic Slow Signs- Thoburn Road

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval to purchase and install traffic SLOW signs for Thoburn Road.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160517.03

Approval to Declare 4839 Bellann Road a Nuisance

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval to declare 4839 Bellann Road a nuisance property due to vegetation and debris.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160517.04

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS - None

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Buck added that the land in request for donation would be the future home to an additional sub safety station. Chief Fisher agreed and added that in conversation with Chief Warren they had



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discussed building a joint training facility. Mr. Buck mentioned donating to TEDxHilliard at Hilliard Bradley High School on August 2, 2016. Mr. Buck encouraged the Board of Trustees to go online and watch other Ted Talks.

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman to adjourn from the regular meeting at 6:25pm.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes



Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman



Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 160517.03

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PROPERTY OWNED BY SAMUEL B. KISTLER,
LOCATED AT 4839 BELLANN ROAD IN NORWICH TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN
COUNTY, OHIO, A NUISANCE**

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Norwich Township Board of Trustees (the "Board") has found the property owned Samuel B. Kistler, and located at 4839 Bellann Road, Property #201-000029-00 (the "Property"), to be littered with nuisance i.e. weeds, uncontrolled vegetation, and other debris (the "Vegetation and Debris"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board is authorized to determine that the maintenance of vegetation, debris, and junk vehicles upon a property constitutes a nuisance and order the property owner to remove such vegetation and debris within seven (7) days, and if the owner fails to remove the vegetation and debris or to make arrangements for the removal within the allotted time period, the Board may proceed to remove the vegetation and debris and enter the cost of such removal upon the tax duplicate for the property; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Norwich Township (the "Township") and its residents to proceed under §505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code in order to remove, or have removed, the Vegetation and Debris from the Property.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board has found that the property owned by Samuel B. Kistler, and located at 4839 Bellann Road, in Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio, is littered with nuisance i.e. weeds, uncontrolled vegetation, and other debris, and the Board hereby determines that the maintenance of the Vegetation and Debris on the Property constitutes a nuisance and, pursuant to Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, orders the following actions:

1. The Board orders the owner of the Property to remove the Vegetation and Debris or make arrangements for the removal within seven (7) days after receipt of notice of this Resolution;
2. The Board authorizes the Zoning Inspector or his/her designee to notify the record owner and lienholders of the Property as provided in §505.87(B) of the Ohio Revised Code;
3. If the record owner does not remove the Vegetation and Debris or make arrangements for the removal within seven (7) days from the receipt of notice hereof, the Trustee designated as the Zoning Department liaison is authorized to order Township employees, materials and equipment to be used to remove the Vegetation and Debris or to enter into a contract with some suitable person or persons for its removal, and all costs and expenses so incurred shall, when approved by the Board, be paid out of the unappropriated monies in the general fund;
4. The Fiscal Officer shall report all expenses that the Township incurs in the removal of the Vegetation and Debris to the Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio for entry upon the tax duplicate as a lien upon the Property and for collection and reimbursement of the

Township's general fund as provided in §505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code.

5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including but not limited to, Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

This resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

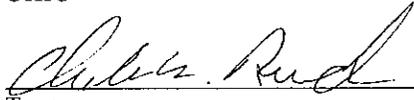
ADOPTED: May 17, 2016

Attest:



Township Fiscal Officer

**NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, FRANKLIN COUNTY,
OHIO**



Trustee



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