

#### **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## Minutes of NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting

5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held

**September 20, 2016** 

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

Roll Call - Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman - Present

Larry Earman, Vice-Chairman – Present Timothy Roberts, Trustee – Present

Also Present - Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator

Greg Young, Assistant Fire Chief

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer

Robbie Thomas, Roads Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton

#### **AGENDA ADDITIONS**

Mrs. Fisher requested to add approval of two donations.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Boys Scout Pack 148 members were in attendance and introduced themselves.

Deputy Alena Griffin of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) introduced herself and provided a recap of the community outreach programs offered by FCSO.

#### Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 9/6/16

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on September 6, 2016.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160920.01

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT** - None

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Chief Young recapped the safety initiative launched at Hilliardfest on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Over a 1,000 reflective lights were passed out. Participants are encouraged to attach the lights to their costumes during Trick or Treat. If the lights are spotted during the event, the child will receive a special giveaway.

#### **CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Thomas requested approval to adopt a non-resident deed transfer fee per grave of \$1,300. The purpose of the fee is to address grave purchases made by residents on behalf of non-residents who are trying to circumvent the non-resident grave fees. The eligibility requirements must still be met and it is a per grave fee. In an effort to extend the life of the cemetery, Mr. Thomas has included options for columbariums in his 2017 budget. The Cemetery Walk was a very nice event, Mr. Thomas thanked Pam Brannon for all of her efforts with the event. Kyle Nutter and Dean Cain successfully passed their test and are now CDL certified. The mausoleum project is completed and the dead tree has been cut down.



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#### Approval of Non-Resident Deed Transfer Fee

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of A Resolution To Adopt a Non-Resident Deed Transfer Fee For Wesley Chapel Cemetery Located in Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160920.02

#### **FISCAL OFFICE**

Mrs. Miles requested approval of the 2017 real estate tax estimates. She reported that the 2017 department capital budgets would be forwarded to the Board the first week of October.

#### Approval to Accept the Amounts & Rates Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for approval of a Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The Franklin County Auditor.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160920.03

#### **TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Fisher requested approval to declare 3920 Smiley Road a nuisance property. She reported that final inspection for the SSB Renovation Project is scheduled for next Thursday or Friday; following this, the punch list will begin.

## Approval to Declare 3920 Smiley Road a Nuisance

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for approval to declare 3920 Smiley Road a nuisance property due to vegetation and debris.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160920.04

## Approval of Hilliard Ohio Historical Society & Hilliard Arts Council Donation

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval to donate \$500 to the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society and Hilliard Arts Council Corporation for their assistance with the Township's Cemetery Walk held on September 18, 2016.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #160920.05

#### TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

## TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS - None

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman to adjourn from the regular meeting at 6:29 pm.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer

# RESOLUTION NO. 140920, 04

#### A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PROPERTY OWNED BY ARTHUR M. ZELLNER, LOCATED AT 3920 SMILEY ROAD IN NORWICH TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, A NUISANCE

#### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Norwich Township Board of Trustees (the "Board") has found the property owned Arthur M. Zellner, and located at 3920 Smiley Road, Property #200-000641-00 (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 Arthur M. Zellner, and located at 3920 Smiley 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;
- 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: September 20, 2016

| Attest:                 | NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF<br>TRUSTEES, FRANKLIN COUNTY,<br>OHIO |
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| A) Wood                 | Lewy J Euman  |
| Township Fiscal Officer | Trustee Olike & Dan   |
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