



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*

5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held

October 4, 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**
Jeff Warren, Fire Chief
Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer

AGENDA ADDITIONS - none

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. John McLaughlin, resident of Thoburn Road, addressed the Board about his safety concerns for his family and other residents along Thoburn Road. He cited a previous traffic study in which there was over a 400 car count. The volume of traffic is outrageous and way exceeds the capacity of the road. Mr. McLaughlin would like to know why we (Norwich Township) are beholden to OSU, the City of Columbus, and the private boat club for our Township road. He can't believe that the Township has the responsibility for the road but no authority over it. Mr. Earman agrees, someone has authority and we must find out who that is or how we go about establishing authority. If there are no other options, Mr. McLaughlin would at least like to have the road go to a one way direction. Mr. Earman is willing to fight the fight but he wants to know if the residents really want the road to go one way? Mr. McLaughlin raised the question of what is the ultimate end game with the road, is the Township not going to do anything and let the road go to gravel. He also asked about installing speed bumps. Mr. Earman expressed his biggest concern with paving the road is that it becomes a nice smooth surface and will only encourage speeding. Mr. Earman is not for speed bumps as he feels that they are not safe and present an issue for our snow plows. Mr. McLaughlin feels that the road is becoming increasingly dangerous and he is very concerned. He is scared to death that something is going to happen to his family.

Mr. Jim Cogan, resident of Thoburn Road, is concerned about safety but he is not sure that he is ready for a one way option. He also doesn't like the idea of speed bumps. There is a blind spot at the hill that could be taken care of by removing and trimming some of the bushes. He likes the idea of a walking path but would like to know who would pay for it or if residents would be compensated for it. Mr. Earman stated that there is enough right-of-way to put a bike path in so there would be no compensation to homeowners. He stated that a bike path would be nice but there would need to be bollards added in or something similar because people will try to drive on the bike path. Mr. McLaughlin suggested installing a stone wall along the path similar to what Dublin has done. Mr. Buck likes the idea of adding the stone wall but it is something that all residents would need to agree with. Mr. Buck stated that we are not blowing you off we have looked at all ways we can do something legally including making the road a cul-de-sac which we were told that we could not do.

Miss Geneva Weaver, resident of Thoburn Road was also in attendance. She agrees that there is racing of cars up and down the road and it is just not safe.



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Mr. Buck ended the discussion by stating that if you want to add a bike path we would need to have the support of all five residents. We will follow up and get a police report sent to the residents once we receive it. Mrs. Fisher will work with the Trustees to see what kind of a document would be needed for the residents to sign off on. She will also coordinate with the Roads staff to get the brush cut back at the stop sign.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 9/20/16

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on September 20, 2016.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #161004.01

POLICE DEPARTMENT - None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Warren reminded the Board that a swearing in ceremony will be held for Harrison Curtis at the October 18th meeting and a Chiefs Commendation will be given to Drew Hayes who is stepping down from his role with the honor guard after twenty years of service. Chief Warren reported that there was one bid received for the refurbishment project. He does not think it is going to be acceptable but needs a bit more time to review. He will be prepared to make a decision at the October 18th meeting.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT - None

FISCAL OFFICE

Mrs. Miles reported that she is still awaiting the police renewal contract from Hilliard. She is tentatively scheduled to meet with Hilliard next Tuesday or Wednesday.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Fisher requested approval to change Robbie Thomas' job title. She announced that at the Trustees Meeting on October 18th at 6:00 pm there would be public participation for residents to speak on parking concerns on Norwich Township roads. She requested approval of SS Renovation change order #005 totaling \$12,207. Gutknecht is scheduled to complete the renovation project by Friday, October 7th which is 12 days ahead of schedule. This is due to the good superintendent who made the job go smoothly. Mr. Buck commended the efforts of Gutknecht's superintendent.

Approval to of Cemetery Sexton and Road Superintendent Title

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for approval to change Robbie Thomas' title to Cemetery Sexton and Road Superintendent.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #161004.02

Approval of SSB Renovation Project Change Order #5

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for approval of the SSB Renovations Project Change Order Number 5 for an increase of \$12,207.00 (see Exhibit A). Upon further discussion, the Board agreed that Part B and Part C is a Hilliard expense and Part C would be shared.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #161004.02



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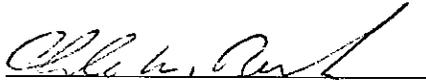
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TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

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Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman to adjourn from the regular meeting at 6:43 pm.
Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes



Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer



Norwich Township

Franklin County, Ohio

Charles Wm. Buck
Trustee

Larry Earman
Trustee

Tim Roberts
Trustee

Exhibit A

SSB Renovation Change Order #005

Part A- 10" Diffusers to meet CFM requirements to balance the air - \$394.00

Part B- Added tile to Hilliard Police corridor - \$2,191.00

Part C- Bulletproof materials for public areas - \$9,622.00

Totaling: \$12,207.00

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