



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

*5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO*

*Held* **March 7, 2017**

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The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Chuck 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, Battalion Chief**  
**Robbie Thomas, Cemetery Sexton/Road Superintendent**  
**Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS** - None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 2/21/17**

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 21, 2017.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #170307.01

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Fisher reported that with the drug epidemic across our nation, prescription drugs are often time the gateway to this epidemic. We now have a prescription drug drop off box that residents can dispose of their unneeded drugs. There is no paperwork required from the individual; however, it is preferred that all personal information is removed. HPD will dispose of the drugs using the DEA's incinerator process.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Warren discussed the funding of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for April 14, 2017. The Board unanimously agreed that \$3,500 of the anniversary celebration costs would be paid from the General Fund. Chief Warren announced that effective June 1, 2017, the Norwich Township Fire Department has attained an ISO rating of 2. The department staff has made strategic moves to meet these standards and must now work to maintain the classification. This places our Department within the top five in the State. He is proud of our agency and the Township for their efforts.

**CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Thomas is working with AEP to obtain an easement from a neighboring resident in order to establish electric to the new storage building. He will need to replace atleast two seasonal positions this year and plans to request Board authorization at the next meeting for these positions to start mid-April thru the end of October. He reported that Modlich is working on their (monument) model for the grave sample.



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**FISCAL OFFICE**

Mrs. Miles reported that the state auditors on-site field work has been completed and the audit should be wrapped up within the next few weeks. The Board agreed to forgo a scheduled audit meeting at this time unless there are items that need to be resolved.

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Fisher reported that she and Trustee Buck met with representatives from Medical Mutual and Rider Reinke to discuss the unacceptable time that it is taking for claims to be processed. Medical Mutual promised a 4-6 week processing time and this is not happening. Medical Mutual has been requested to provide answers this week. In other matters, Mrs. Fisher reported that four companies attending the pre-bid site visit for the SSB parking lot improvement project. Bids are due on March 16<sup>th</sup>. In follow up to the discussion that Mr. Scott Rodgers provided at the last Trustee meeting, Mrs. Fisher has reached out to Mr. Rodgers for some answers related to the cost options that he presented but has received no follow up from him at this point.

**TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS** - None

**TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Earman provided a summary of House Bill 69 (HB 69) that is sponsored by Representative Robert Cupp. According to Mr. Earman, HB 69 changes the game rules around for townships as it relates to TIFs. The proposed legislation requires that all TIF's created in 2017 and thereafter, the TIF would not apply to Fire and EMS levies. The Township may negotiate with the city to accept lower taxes than 100% of the voted taxes on the TIF's parcel, but it would be totally up to the township to do so. The Township would be in the driver's seat and the city has no say. HB 69 is better than the bargaining that schools currently have. The three main townships in Franklin County affected by the current TIF law are Jackson, Washington, and Norwich. Mr. Earman expects pushback from cities, however, fair is fair. Mr. Earman will provide proponent testimony on behalf of Norwich Township which could happen as early as next week. The CLOUT has endorsed it.

**Approval to Support House Bill 69**

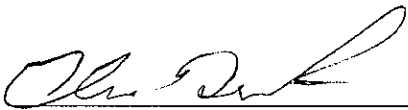
Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval to support House Bill 69 sponsored by Representative Cupp.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #170307.02

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman to adjourn from the regular meeting at 12:26 pm.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

  
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Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman

  
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Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer