



NORWICH TOWNSHIP

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **March 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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

AGENDA ADDITIONS - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 3/7/17

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on March 7, 2017.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #170321.01

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Grile shared information on an open house for Autism Awareness on April 1st at 9:00 am. He stated that Autism Awareness week starts April 2nd and Chief Grile requested that the Safety Services Building be lite up in blue from March 31st to April 7th. Mr. Buck shared his thoughts on the importance of Autism Awareness. Mr. Buck mentioned a phone call received by a City of Columbus resident about a township resident discharging firearms near Dublin Road. Chief Grile shared with the Board that there is nothing in the Ohio Revised Code that police can enforce and the issue needs to be addressed at a higher level, state level or national level. Chief Grile shared in the Columbus residents' concerns and shared with the Board past responses from Hilliard PD giving the township resident guidance on how to make their property safer for discharging a weapon. The township resident called Hilliard PD and requested an inspection of their site. Chief Grile added that Hilliard PD informed the resident that the police department is not able to inspect properties. Chief Grile stated that the township resident is taking actions to be more responsible. Mr. Buck added that in December the township received complaints in Ridgewood of firecrackers, but nothing since then. Mr. Earman asked what direction the shots were being fired. Chief Grile was unsure of the direction. Chief Grile mentioned the same issues of discharging weapons being discussed among other townships in Franklin County and Jim Hughes would be the best contact. Mr. Earman shared that the township property owners are new and he appreciates the effort of maintaining the property.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Warren requested the Board to execute the agreement with the Ohio University in relations to the Health Sciences Affiliation. Chief Warren reminded the Board of the fire departments' 75th anniversary celebration on April 14th at the Makoy Center. RSVP's are required by the 7th, and lent options are available for guests. Chief Warren provided an update on the ladder truck. A third party company from Missouri will appraise the ladder truck on March 22nd. Chief Warren reminded the



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Board that the senior luncheon is scheduled for Friday, March 24th at 11:00 am. Chief Warren provided an update on the kitchen project at Station 82 with Brown Township. Brown Township authorized no more than \$13,000.00 for the project. Chief Warren reminds the Board that at 9:50 am on March 22nd is the state wide tornado drill. Chief Warren informs the Board that the fire department received plans for a 40,000 sq. ft. religious facility in Brown Township, north of Davis Road and east of Walker Road. Chief Warren believes there may be an organized opposition formed against the building, but stated his focus was fire prevention and protection. The plans were submitted by the International Society of Krishna and there are issues that need addressed. He stated, of the 60 acre lot, 52 acres will be developed. Chief Warren informed the Board of the preliminary kick off to Focus Hilliard, the non-emergency services community program. Chief Warren commended Chief Grile on his efforts with Focus Hilliard. Mr. Roberts commented that he has a conflict on the 14th of April and will be delayed on arriving to the 75th anniversary celebration. Mr. Buck mentioned the excitement of people in the public for the 75th anniversary celebration.

Approval/Authorization of O.U. Global Health Sciences and Professions Affiliation Agreement

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval to authorize Fire Chief Warren to execute the agreement with Ohio University in relations to the Global Health Sciences and Professions Affiliation.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #170321.02

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Thomas updated the Board on the future storage building site at the cemetery. The property management company for Stonebrooke Village apartments requested easement details in writing from AEP. Mr. Thomas informed the Board that the Modlich headstone template would be set up at the cemetery for their review on March 22nd. Mr. Thomas asked if the township was included with the City of Hilliard on the door to door solicitation. Mr. Earman believes the township adopted the City of Hilliard language to allow for restrictions on door to door solicitation. Chief Grile added that the police department can assist with concerns as well.

Approval of a Boggs Grave Buy Back

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for approval of a grave buy back requested by Joanna Boggs. The grave was originally purchased on April 20, 2009 for \$1,000.00 Block D, Lot 369, Grave 1.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #170321.03

FISCAL OFFICE - None

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Fisher requested the Board to review and approve the GIHC Donation Agreement. Mrs. Fisher informed the Board of the lowest bidder for the Safety Services Building parking lot improvements, Dura Seal at \$129,974.04. Mrs. Fisher contacted references provided by Dura Seal and will do a site visit of a past job later in the week. Mrs. Fisher stated that the references gave high reviews of Dura Seal. Mrs. Fisher provided an update on the additional option for fiber and network connections between fire stations. Mrs. Fisher is still working with Spectrum and WOW on pricing and



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capabilities. Mrs. Fisher stated that internet speeds must increase to support the security cameras and the phone system. The cost would be an additional \$200.00 per month. Mr. Scott Rodgers added that this option will give the township backup capabilities. If the township loses fiber connections the VPN (internet line) would carry information and move traffic for the fiber while down. Mr. Rodgers stated this backup would be for the ring down tones and security camera footage. Chief Warren asked Mr. Rodgers to explain what would travel on the fiber connection. Mr. Rodgers stated the ring down tones and cameras. The phone system can be on the internet because it can be QOS (quality of service) to allow certain bandwidth. Mr. Rodgers stated the traffic will be bonded together so if the township loses fiber connection the VPN will still carry the information. Chief Warren asked Mr. Rodgers to explain the backup capabilities and disaster recovery. Mr. Rodgers stated the township will still have backup and if one station loses connection the other two stations will connect through VPN and maintain connection. Chief Warren asked if automated rerouting was a possibility if a connection is lost at a station. Mr. Rodgers stated that was a possibility with VPN. Mr. Buck discussed his concerns on the cost. Mr. Earman requested a solution be presented to the Board on April 4th for approval. Mr. Rodgers will create a visual guide to the option for the township.

Approval of the Greenwich Investors Hickory Chase, LLC Donation Agreement

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the GIHC Donation Agreement between Norwich Township and Greenwich Investors Hickory Chase, LLC.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #170321.04

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Earman updated the Board on House Bill 69. He stated that Mr. Buck, Chief Warren, and he attended the State and Local Government Committee hearing. He added that Washington Township, Plain Township, and Jackson Township had attended the hearing as well. Three representatives gave oral testimonies and no questions were asked. Mr. Earman stated a second hearing will be scheduled soon. Mr. Earman shared that the committee requested someone to explain TIF's to the committee. Mr. Earman stated that two City of Hilliard council members have requested a resolution to support House Bill 69.

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts to adjourn from the regular meeting at 6:38pm.

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes

Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman

Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator