



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

*5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO*

*Held* **April 18, 2017**

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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 – Absent**

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 04/04/17**

Tabled until May 2, 2017 meeting.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Fisher shared with the Board the event scheduled for May 19, 2017 to honor the passing of Officer Sean Johnson. The Police Department will be revealing a monument at the event as well. He announced that on April 17, 2017 the Public Relations Specialist started with the Hilliard Division of Police. Chief Fisher thanked the Board for the invitation to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Fire Department celebration. He announced that on April 29, 2017 HPD is hosting a career day and an open house for potential applicants for their department. He added that there is a scheduled drug take back day on April 29, 2017 as well. There will be a drop off location in the sally port at the Safety Services Building where people can drive thru and drop off drugs without leaving their vehicles. Chief Fisher reviewed the quarterly report for the Township. He requested that the Trustees review the report and request additional information if necessary. Chief Fisher reported that the Police Department is starting four new police officers in June of 2017. Mr. Buck stated the importance of adding house checks to the quarterly report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Warren thanked the Board for their support of the 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Fire Department. Mr. Buck added what a great event the 75<sup>th</sup> Fire Department Celebration was and appreciates all of the hard work from the employees at the Township that were involved in the preparation. Chief Warren requested the approval of the following items:

**Approval of the Norwich Township Hiring Process for Firefighters**

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval of the Norwich Township hiring process for firefighters.

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman-Yes Roberts- Absent

Motion passed - #170418.01



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**Approval of a Pool of Eligible Candidates for Firefighter/Paramedic Positions**

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval of a pool of eligible candidates for Firefighter/Paramedic positions.

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman-Yes Roberts- Absent Motion passed - #170418.02

**Approval to Sell Fire Vehicle by Internet Auction**

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval to sell by internet auction the 2000 Sutphen Pumper with a minimum bid of \$30,000 (As per Exhibit A).

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman-Yes Roberts- Absent Motion passed - #170418.03

**Approval to Sell Fire Staff Vehicle by Internet Auction**

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval to sell by internet auction the 2006 Ford Explorer with a minimum bid of \$2,500 (As per Exhibit A).

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman-Yes Roberts- Absent Motion passed - #170418.04

**CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Thomas requested the approval of the 2017 quote from Decker Construction for pavement patching which is part of the 2017 Roads Project. Mr. Buck asked if our Road Project is still on a five year plan. Mr. Thomas stated that the Road Project is on a five year plan, but he is working on a Road Project plan to address certain roads that are in need of repair. He added that AEP contacted him and the electrical lines for the new storage building at the cemetery will fall within the right-of-way. Mr. Thomas gave the AEP representative the apartment managers' contact from Stonebrooke Village to request an easement. Mr. Earman asked about Timberbrook road repairs. Mr. Thomas stated that most of the roads could be addressed in 2019. He added that a few locations would need repairs to the edges and that the Road Department would berm. He stated that the South section of Timberbrook has the berming issues and the North section of Timberbrook has cracking and patch work that will be completed in 2017. Mr. Thomas added that Mr. Earman had advised him on the ADA ramps if road construction was completed in the north section of Timberbrook.

**Approval of the 2017 Roads Project – Pavement Patching**

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to accept the quote from Decker Construction for pavement patching of designated roads at a cost of \$4,350.00.

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman-Yes Roberts- Absent Motion passed - #170418.05

**FISCAL OFFICE** - None

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION** - None

**TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS** - None

**TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS** -

Mr. Earman informed the Board of the resolutions for Ten Pin Alley and Sturbridge. Mr. Earman stated that it did not make sense that all of the taxing authorities would subsidize Ten Pin Alley and proposed a resolution to the City of Hilliard. Mr. Earman informed the Board of City of



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Hilliard ordinance number 17-09 that subsidizes Sturbridge Green Apartments, LLC. He stated that this development will require fire and EMS services from Norwich Township.

**Approval of the Resolution Opposing the Ten Pin Alley Tax Abatement**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, that Norwich Township Board of Trustees are opposed to the tax abatement ordinance number 17-08 on the grounds that it is unfair to the tax payers to subsidize the operations of Ten Pin Alley. The taxpaying business and residents would be required to increase their real estate and income taxes in order to make up for this lost revenue through increases in city income tax and real estate taxes levied by the Hilliard City Schools and Norwich Township Fire Department.

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman-Yes Roberts- Absent

Motion passed - #170418.06

**Approval of the Resolution Opposing the Sturbridge Green Apartment Tax Abatement**

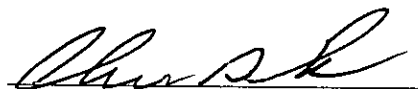
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, that Norwich Township Board of Trustees are opposed to the tax abatement ordinance number 17-09 on the grounds that it is unfair to the tax payers to subsidize the operations of Sturbridge Green Apartments. The taxpaying business and residents would be required to increase their real estate and income taxes in order to make up for this lost revenue through increases in city income tax and real estate taxes levied by the Hilliard City Schools and Norwich Township Fire Department.

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman-Yes Roberts- Absent

Motion passed - #170418.07

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman to adjourn from the regular meeting at 6:22 pm.

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Absent

  
Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman

  
Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator

## **Exhibit A**

Department: FIRE

### **Vehicle 1**

Disposal Method: Internet Auction

Year: 2006

Make: Ford, Explorer

Miles: 87,983

Use: Staff Vehicle

Additional: V6, 4x4, 4 Door, hatchback, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, cloth seats, new tires and radiator at 76,713 miles, new brakes and bearings at 80,816

Minimum Price: \$2,500

### **Vehicle 2**

Disposal Method: Internet Auction

Year: 2000

Make: Sutphen, Rescue Pumper

Miles: Total Miles 86,602 (new speedometer 6/8/2008 with 66,505, current miles 20,097)

Use: Rescue

Additional: New fuel tank installed at 80,510

Minimum Price: \$30,000

**NORWICH TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION # 170418.01**  
**ADOPTED APRIL 18, 2017**

**WHEREAS**

Don Schonhardt, Mayor of the City of Hilliard, has proposed to City Council a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement Agreement with Sturbridge Green Apartments, LLC for construction of a 124 unit senior assisted living community for 15 years at 50% of the increase in appraised value of the property resulting a development of the site in Ordinance 17-09.

**WHEREAS**

This abatement will "cost" Norwich Township \$40,101 per year and a total of \$601,518 in real estate taxes over the 15 year life of the abatement.

**WHEREAS**

This abatement will "cost" six community entities that rely on real estate taxes \$202,935 per year and a total of \$3,044,021 over the 15 year life of the abatement. Without the abatement the cost to each of the 124 units would be an average of \$136.38 per month.

**WHEREAS**

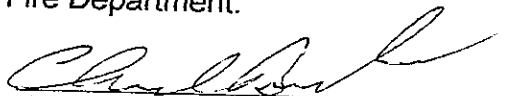
The City of Hilliard will gain only \$300,000 in city income tax over the 15 year life of the abatement, for a net tax forgiveness by the community of \$2,744,021.

**WHEREAS**

The Fire Department EMS Services of Norwich Township average 1 call for service per week for every 100 residents of similar assisted living projects for a total of 52 calls for service per year. Thus we project that, with 124 units in the community, the Fire Department EMS Services of Norwich Township will experience 65 calls for service per year, if only one person resides in each unit. Should more than 124 persons reside in the community then the calls for service will be greater than 65. Thus this tax abatement is an unfunded mandate to the Fire Department of Norwich Township to provide service to this assisted living community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Norwich Township Trustees inform the Hilliard City Council that they are opposed to this tax abatement on the grounds that it is unfair to the community taxpayers to subsidize the operations of Sturbridge Green Apartments. The taxpaying business and residents would potentially be required to increase their real estate and income taxes in order to make up for this lost revenue through increases in city income tax and real estate taxes levied by the Hilliard City Schools and Norwich Township Fire Department.

  
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Larry Earman, Vice Chairman

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Tim Roberts, Trustee

**NORWICH TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION # 170418.06**  
**ADOPTED APRIL 18, 2017**

**WHEREAS**

Don Schonhardt, Mayor of the City of Hilliard, has proposed to City Council a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement Agreement with Purdy, Bowl, LLC, the owner of Ten Pin Alley for 15 years at 50% of the increase in appraised value of the property resulting from a redevelopment of the site in Ordinance 17-08.

**WHEREAS**

This abatement will "cost" Norwich Township \$20,760 per year and a total of \$311,394 in real estate taxes over the 15 year life of the abatement.

**WHEREAS**

This abatement will "cost" six community entities that rely on real estate taxes \$105,055 per year and a total of \$1,575,832 over the 15 year life of the abatement.

**WHEREAS**

The City of Hilliard will gain only \$339,788 in city income tax over the 15 year life of the abatement, for a net tax forgiveness by the community of \$1,236,045.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Norwich Township Trustees inform the Hilliard City Council that they are opposed to this tax abatement on the grounds that it is unfair to the community taxpayers to subsidize the operations of Ten Pin Alley. The taxpaying business and residents would potentially be required to increase their real estate and income taxes in order to make up for this lost revenue through increases in city income tax and real estate taxes levied by the Hilliard City Schools and Norwich Township Fire Department.

  
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