



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **March 6, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Chairman Larry Earman.

Roll Call - **Larry Earman, Chairman – Present**
Timothy Roberts, Vice-Chairman – Present
Charles Wm. Buck, Trustee – Present

Also Present - **Jeff Warren, Fire Chief**
Greg Young, Assistant Fire Chief

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Chief Warren requested to add a discussion and approval to renew a contract with Paul Ritzenthaler for work related to file archives. Mr. Buck would like to add a discussion about the delivery of the columbarium.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hilliard resident, Jeffrey Gergal of Mengel Lane, thanked the Board for the outstanding fire and EMS service provided to our residents. Mr. Gergal participated in the Citizens Police Academy and believes this is a great program and community outreach. Mr. Gergal is proud to be a part of this Township and community.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 02/20/2018 – Tabled for next meeting

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief Grile reported business as usual. The 270 construction continues to be an issue but they are working with OSP to slow traffic. The only tool given the confined construction area is air patrol and the weather has not been conducive to this enforcement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Warren provided the run data through February and reported that runs are up 162 in comparison to the same period last year. House inspections are scheduled for April 11th, 12th, and 13th. He requested approval to renew a contract with Paul Ritzenthaler to continue his work with the department archives.

Approval to Renew Ritzenthaler Contracted Services

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval to renew contracted services provided by Paul Ritzenthaler for \$2, 500.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #180306.01

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

In Mr. Thomas' absence Mrs. Miles requested approval to rehire 3 seasonal positions not to exceed 104 hours per week. In addition, Mrs. Miles requested approval to purchase a track loader from Bobcat Enterprises. This item was included in Mr. Thomas' 2018 capital budget and the purchase is on state term pricing. Mr. Buck reported that the columbarium is setting in Georgia. According to Modlich, they need four or five days of dry weather to deliver and install the structure. Mr. Buck does not want to wait until July or August to wrap up this project. Mr. Buck recommended waiting for Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Thomas to return to work to discuss further.



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Approval of Seasonal Positions

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of three seasonal positions not to exceed 104 hours per week collectively.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #180306.02

Approval of T650 Track Loader

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval to purchase a 2018 Bobcat T650 track loader and attachments for a total price of \$61,648.39. This purchase is a state term pricing contract.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #180306.03

FISCAL OFFICE – Nothing to report

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION - None

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS - None

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Earman is personally opposed to the HiltonTru Hotel tax abatement being offered by the City of Hilliard. As proposed this is a 50% tax abatement for 10 years. The cost to the Township is \$235,000 and the cost to the school district is \$1,078,728. Which means the taxpayers of Hilliard will be subsidizing a motel to the tune of \$1,313,728.

Mr. Roberts doesn't disagree but in talking with Council we have asked them to listen and they are making efforts. According to Mr. Roberts this is not a high run producing development and he believes we can manage the calls there.

Mr. Buck is frustrated. He doesn't understand why we need to give up money to developers given the fact that we have outstanding police and fire departments and excellent schools. According to Mr. Buck if developers can't do the project without some abatement or TIF then they probably shouldn't be doing the project. We can object all we want but they (City of Hilliard) are going to continue to do what they want.

Mr. Earman believes that we need to object because it doesn't make good public policy. And we can't ask for more money from our taxpayers when we are not objecting or opposing these practices.

Mr. Roberts noted that every other community is doing this. And in order to compete the City has to do also. Mr. Roberts commended Council's efforts in turning down the recent Trilogy development because that would have had a big operating impact to the Township.

Approval to Formally Oppose Hilton Tru Hotel Tax Abatement

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval to formally oppose the 50%tax abatement for the Hilton Tru Hotel.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #180306.04



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Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of a public employee. No further action is expected to take place.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to adjourn from executive session and from the regular meeting at 12:40 pm.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes



Larry Earman, Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer