

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 – media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Snell at 7:00 pm. R/C Snell-present; Hunt-present; Barrett-present; Fiscal Officer Gale-present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mrs. Snell moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 12, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, September 12, 2011; Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, September 29, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated September 2011 in the amount of \$366,745.42. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Mrs. Snell reported the web site statistics for September 2011 were 1,937 visitors; 1,467 were unique visitors; 3,582 pages were viewed. We have surpassed 50,000 visitors since 2008.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Hunt moved to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 11-42** a Record Retention Manual. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 11-43** to accept the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 11-44** a Proclamation for Police Sergeant Christian Krettlar on the occasion of his retirement. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Police Chief David Hayes presented Sergeant Christian Krettlar the Proclamation on the occasion of his October 1, 2011 retirement after twenty three years of service on the Sagamore Hills Police Department. Cake was served and personal congratulations were extended to Sergeant Krettlar.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Mrs. Snell reported on the statistics for September 2011: Dispatch handled 667 calls for service. Handed out 599 "Patrolled Your Area Cards."

The Investigative Section received ten (10) investigations and closed eight (8) of them. Three (3) were closed by arrest.

Two (2) Letters of Commendation were received, praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

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An officer attended an eight (8) hour seminar on the new Ford Police Interceptor Patrol Vehicle. An officer attended a sixteen (16) hour course on the operation of the new BAC Datamaster Senior Operator Course.

Sergeant Chris Krettler retired effective October 1, 2011, after 23 years of service for the Sagamore Hills Police Department. Chris was wished luck in his retirement.

Roads

Mr. Hunt: Cut road side grass; repaired washout at 1078 Nesbit as a result of rainstorm damage; cleaned catch basins on Sandy Hill as a result of rainstorm; finished crack sealing on Apple Hill, Holzhauer and Boyden Roads; fixed sinkholes at 8070 Sandstone and 499 Cherrywood; rebuilt catch basin on Paul Pine, patched holes along curb on Apple Hill and Greenwood; put flags up and took flags down; replaced driveway pipe at 218 Cranberry Trail; rebuilt the chip box for new truck and serviced the recycling center.

Park Report

Mrs. Snell: Cut grass, watered flowers and pulled weeds, cleaned bathrooms, flushed radiators on the two Jacobsen mowers, repaired bathroom toilet and miscellaneous building repairs.

Mrs. Snell reported she attended a Solid Waste Meeting on October 11, 2011. There was a gentleman at the meeting from Akron that provides units for cardboard recycling which would help with keeping our newspaper and cardboard recycling separate.

Mrs. Snell stated there have been some complaints from residents by the park that cars are coming through the park after dark and their headlights are shining into the resident's homes. Mrs. Snell stated that after the road project is completed, she would like to return to the policy of closing the gate to the park one (1) hour after dark to prevent vehicles coming through late at night and disturbing the residents. The Police Department said they would be willing to close the gate at night, and the road/park department personnel would reopen it in the morning.

Zoning

Mr. Barrett: Three (3) permits taken out in the month of September for a total of \$360.00. There was a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on some property and they made a decision in favor of the applicant. Mr. Barrett did not agree with their decision.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Gale presented the Fiscal Officer's September 2011 report with a beginning balance of \$5,949,102.46 PLUS receipts of \$263,749.06 (including memo receipts of \$1.75) MINUS expenditures of \$366,747.17 (which includes pending warrant as read by Mrs. Snell of \$366,745.42 plus memo receipts of \$1.75) giving an ending balance of \$5,846,104.35.

At the last meeting (September) Mr. Gale passed out to the Trustees the final major payment that came through from the taxes. This is from the real property tax rollback as stated in the report Mr. Gale read at the September meeting. We received the check October 11, 2011 and it will be deposited on October 12, 2011 in the General Fund.

Fire/EMS

Fire Chief Frank Risko: Fire District answered 114 calls for September. Northfield Center 40 EMS and 7 fire; Sagamore Hills 59 EMS and 5 fire.

Chief Risko thanked the Trustees for their support of the Fire District's Annual Spaghetti Dinner. There were 410 spaghetti dinners served. \$2800 was made and will be used for the purchase of medical supplies and for small odds and ends used on a regular basis.

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The station's inventory has been completed. Some items were found that were not on the inventory for the past couple of years. Chief Risko will have a scrap man come in and give an estimate on the items.

Four (4) thank you letters were received from Sagamore Hills residents; Three (3) EMS and one (1) fire call.

On October 20, 2011, 10:00 am at the Northfield Center Township Hall there will be a free lecture for sensitivity in the Fire and EMS fields.

Fire District is looking into the Light Block System for the corners of Brandywine, Old Rt. 8 and Rt. 82. This system allows the traffic signals to change by the sound of the sirens. Chief Risko is looking to see if we can get some grant money to achieve this.

Mr. Barrett reported that he received a phone call from Mr. Ed Galewood to commend the Police and Fire Department on the job they did on the fire at his home. A wire on the pole in front of his house broke and fell onto the ground. Trees fell in his front yard and fuses and switches blew in the house.

Trustees

Mr. Barrett: Mr. Barrett reported we are still cutting grass on Eaton and Nesbitt. Mr. Barrett picked up trash on Southpoint, N. Boyden, Highland, Brandywine and Chaffee Roads the last four days. Collected eight bags (lawn bags) of trash.

Mr. Barrett made a public thank you and apology to Rose Mary Snell in regard to an article that he wrote for the Sagamore Voice. Unknowingly information obtained for the article had previously been written by Mrs. Snell.

Mr. Hunt: Mr. Dave Smith, County Engineer, informed Mr. Hunt we have a problem on Pinewood View (Greenwood Village) with the original construction of the catch basin. It's an odd size that we cannot get the cast iron grate for. The solution is to rebuild the catch basin. There will be a cost overrun. Dave Smith will know what that is by October 12, 2011.

Mrs. Snell: Mrs. Snell reported there are three (3) 2012 Scholarships available for students living in a Township in the State of Ohio. A 500 word essay is required with the scholarship application. The deadline is January 27, 2012. Mrs. Snell has some applications.

The Trustees received a letter from the Ohio Secretary of State regarding three issues on the ballot. State Issue 1 for the Judicial Retirement Age on the Constitutional Amendment; Referendum on Senate Bill 5 and Health Care Freedom Amendment State Issue 3.

The Solid Waste District had a tire collection for the Service Departments in the county and collected 580 tires.

There is a Candidate's Night at Greenwood Village on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Candidate's from Sagamore Hills will attend and issues will be discussed.

Sagamore Hills will have an auction on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

There are 19 participants in Lifeline for the month of September, but the funding for Lifeline has been cut. Mrs. Snell will attend a meeting next week. There may be openings in other areas that we may be able to help our seniors with.

UNFNISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

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NEW BUSINESS

Park closing date will be disclosed at the November meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Halloween Trick or Treat will be on Monday, October 31, 2011 6:00-8:00 p.m. All communities in the Nordonia Hills area will be celebrating at this time.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Ron Fee, 7555 Chaffee Road continues to complain about flooding by the homes on Chaffee Road. Mr. Fee asked Mrs. Snell if she contacted First Energy about an inlet pipe to reduce the water flow. Mrs. Snell contacted First Energy and is waiting to hear from Joe Faga, our Representative.

David DePasquale, 8384 N. Boyden brought a complaint to trustees about selective enforcement in granting zoning permits to all residents.

Carol Lewis, 9436 Olde Rt. 8, a former Board of Zoning Appeals member, addressed Mr. DePasquale and told him he should be a little more forgiving regarding his concerns about zoning issues.

Sean Eck, 7543 Chaffee Road stated it was not disclosed when he purchased his home on Chaffee that there was flooding on the property. He asked the trustees if he needed to disclose this information when selling his property. Mrs. Snell stated that was a legal issue he needed to discuss with his realtor and attorney.

There was no further business. Chair Snell moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: All in favor.