

## **SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR**

**Monday, November 14, 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.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

### **PENDING WARRANTS**

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated October 2011 in the amount of \$173,746.42. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

### **WEB SITE**

Mrs. Snell reported the web site statistics for October 2011 were 2,017 visitors; 1,459 were unique visitors; 4,235 pages were viewed.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Mrs. Snell moved to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 11-45** to promote a part-time officer to full time status in the Police Department effective November 20, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 11-46** to approve a "Then and Now Certificate" adjustment for roads and police. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 11-47** to hire Gregory Foth effective this date as a part-time employee, on an as-needed basis, to perform duties associated with snow plowing township roads through the 2011-2012 snow plowing season. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Barrett moved to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 11-48** authorizing the advance of local taxes from the Summit County Fiscal Office for the tax year 2011 payable in 2012, and declaring it an emergency. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 11-49** to transfer funds to the Police Department in the amount of \$145,000.00 from contingency fund 1000-910-910-0019. This is the remainder of the \$200,000.00 that was dealt with in February when the first \$55,000.00 was transferred. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Police Department**

Chief Hayes reported on the statistics for October 2011: Dispatch handled 805 calls for service. Handed out 704 "Patrolled Your Area Cards."

The Investigative Section received nineteen (19) investigations and closed seventeen (17) of them. Two (2) 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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Also, congratulations extended to Communications Supervisor, Mrs. Janell Mucha and TAC Dispatcher, Mr. Scott Barrett. They received a second 100% compliance from a two year LEADS Audit. This reflects well on the professionalism displayed by the Sagamore Hills Police Department and the Communications Center.

Officer Tim Ellis attended a forty (40) hour Field Training Officer Course.

Police Chief David Hayes swore in Full-Time Police Officer Vicki Miavitz.

### Roads

Mr. Hunt: Cleaned ditches at 541 Forsythe, 581 Carlin and 7935 N. Gannett; cleaned leaves from catch basins; hot mix repair of Hawthorne Drive crossover pipe repair; fixed sinkholes at 8501 Evergreen, 8439 Shorthorn, 402 and 463 Lynnview; prepared trucks 636 and 637 for winter; repaired fuel solenoid on truck 632; replaced starter relay and kill switch on truck 633; serviced recycling center; road projects on Pinewood View and Hemlock are complete.

Mr. Hunt stated the Township was criticized for not having a five year plan for the roads. The five year plan on page two and three of the road report was produced by Mr. Hunt at the end of 2008. This plan was a wish list. Not everything on the list was completed due to emergency road repairs (Village Parkway, Eaton Estates Road slabs, Pinewood View/Hemlock and Troubadour entrance blocks). Mr. Hunt presented a list of future road projects the Township may consider.

A letter from our legal counsel, Snell & Ferfolia, regarding the sidewalks in Eaton Estate will be sent to the homeowner.

Mr. Hunt brought up an example of a couple in Idaho that placed dirt on their land to build a home. The EPA invoked the Clean Water Act and ordered them to remove the dirt and return the land to its original condition. Failure to comply could cost them civil fines of \$32,500/per day. Lower Courts refused them a hearing to determine if the Clean Water Act applied, and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals refused to hear the case unless they went through the years long costly and futile process of applying for a Federal NPDES permit. Mr. Hunt cautioned future home builders.

Mrs. Snell reported that the Crystal Creek/Spring Pond street replacement will be done in three phases. Mrs. Snell made an application for funding. It's not official yet, but the Township should be getting \$205,000 in the form of a grant for half the cost of the road project.

### Park Report

Mrs. Snell: Grass was cut, watered flowers and pulled weeds and cleaned bathrooms. There were miscellaneous building repairs.

### Zoning

Mr. Barrett: Two (2) permits taken out in the month of October for a total of \$360.00. \$110.00 for an accessory building and \$250.00 for Master Nails.

An application was made for a home remodeling project. Mr. Barrett approved the application based on the work could be done. The project has been completed, but the applicant never paid his fee of \$260.00, refuses to pay his fee, never applied for a building or zoning permit. The applicant received a copy of what Mr. Barrett approved on the plan, but cannot get a permit until the fee is paid.

### Fiscal Officer

Mr. Gale presented the Fiscal Officer's October 2011 report with a beginning balance of \$5,846,141.64 PLUS receipts of \$246,692.96 (including memo receipts of \$923.53) MINUS expenditures of \$174,669.95 (which includes pending warrant as read by Mrs. Snell of \$173,746.42 plus memo receipts of \$923.53) giving an ending balance of \$5,918,164.75.

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### Fire/EMS

Fire Chief Frank Risko: Fire District answered 129 calls for October. Northfield Center 34 EMS and 4 fire; Sagamore Hills 80 EMS and 8 fire.

Three (3) letters of appreciation and thank you were received from residents of Sagamore Hills for calls the Fire Department participated in.

Seven members of the Fire Department completed intense fire training.

Northcoast Behavioral will have their first project meeting on Thursday, November 17th. The Fire Department will be there to meet with the architects.

Chief Risko thanked the Sagamore Hills Police Officers for all their help given to the Fire Department on their EMS calls.

Mr. Barrett stated that since we started the Fire District the cost projections are \$200,000 less in 2011 than in 2010.

### Trustees

**Mr. Barrett:** Stated he had information on winterizing ponds and also on bedbugs and lice if anyone wanted a copy. Mr. Barrett received a letter about the creek under South Walton Road regarding noxious weeds and discussed this with Mr. Hunt.

Mr. Barrett announced that he has been requested to sit on the Military Academy Screening Committee for the 14th Congressional District as an individual citizen, rather than for a group or organization. This will take place on December 3rd at Lakeland College.

There will be a Fire District meeting on Wednesday, November 16th, 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.

**Mrs. Snell:** Sympathies were extended to Nick Kostandaras on the death of his daughter, June.

There are 19 participants in Lifeline for the month of October. There was supposed to be a cut in funding but it has come through. There are a couple of people on a waiting list.

Nick Lautzenheiser is leaving the Planning Commission and going to work in Tuscarawas County for the Water Commission.

### UNFNISHED BUSINESS

Scott Gale stated that there will be an Annual Record Retention Meeting at 6:45 p.m. before the next Township Meeting on December 12, 2011.

### OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

No new business

### CITIZENS' FORUM

Ed Galewood, 745 W. Highland Road, expressed concern regarding gun shots in his neighborhood in April and as recent as Saturday, November 12th.

Frank Kopas, 7495 Boyden Road, took exception to Mr. Galewood's comments regarding shooting. Mr. Kopas has lived in the Township over 50 years and shooting on his property. Shooting is legal in the Township and he will continue to do so on his property.

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Mr. Kopas asked Mr. Barrett why there was an increase in EMS calls. Mr. Barrett responded the increase was due to people falling down. There was also an increase in EMS calls from the nursing home/assisted living facilities. Mr. Hunt stated that an increase in calls does not increase our cost, we are charged a flat rate.

Mr. Kopas mentioned that he would like the minutes of the meetings posted to the website in a more timely manner.

Mr. Galewood responded to Mr. Kopas' comments regarding shooting off guns.

Mr. David DePasquale, 8384 N. Boyden, asked about the sewer project on Rushwood. Mrs. Snell responded that this is an extension to the Rushwood Elementary School that has a failing septic system. Rushwood has a piece of property off Boyden Road that goes down the hill. Contractor will tie in at the third house away from 8384 N. Boyden.

There was no further business. Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: All in favor.