

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, May 10, 2010 – media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Barrett at 7:00 pm. R/C Barrett-present; Snell-present; Hunt-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, April 12, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Chair Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Joint Work Session held on Monday, April 19, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. 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 Monday, April 19, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, April 29, 2010; Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated April 2010 in the amount of \$156,851.68. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for April 2010 were 1,139 visitors; 845 were unique visitors; 2,708 pages were viewed.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no new resolutions for the month of May.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Mrs. Snell reported on the statistics for April 2010: Dispatch handled 625 calls for service. Handed out 1,158 "Patrolled Your Area Cards." The Investigative Section received twelve (12) investigations with eleven (11) closed. One (1) was closed by arrest.

Three (3) Letters of Commendation were received, praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

One (1) Officer attended a sixteen (16) hour training class for "Conducting Complete Traffic Stops" and the Lieutenant completed an eight (8) hour grant writing seminar.

Chief Hayes and Detective Piekarski visited Rushwood School to observe a mock lockdown. They gave the school suggestions to make the next drill more effective.

There will be a juvenile fingerprinting day on May 29th at Memory Lane Quilting in Sagamore Hills from 10 am to 2 pm.

Roads

Mr. Hunt: The Road report included a picture of a machine that the Trustees are suggesting the Township purchase. The prices will be in next month's report.

The Road Department cleaned up gravel from road in Willow Lake; swept gravel on Spring Pond, Springview and Cricket; removed salt boxes and installed tail gates on trucks; changed oil on 631, 632, 633, 634, backhoe, chipper, and bucket truck; planted grass and added dirt behind garage; repaired mailbox on Halifax.

Groomed ball fields, cut grass, and cleaned bathrooms in park; installed new water faucet in Pavilion A; changed oil in mowers; repaired brakes on Jacobsen; repaired oil leaks on scag and Jacobsen; put up volleyball net; and sharpened mower blades.

Made miscellaneous repairs in Township & Police Department; painted sign post and installed freshly painted Township sign by driveway.

Mr. Hunt informed the group that he attended a class on April 14th with Paul Schweikert and Bill Cuprak at Lakeland Community College regarding good housekeeping measures to satisfy requirements for the EPA.

Mr. Barrett commended the Road Department for the quick response to a tree falling on Sandyhill during the storm this week. Mr. Hunt explained that the crew had to drive the backhoe to the site to remove the tree from the road. This is one of the reasons that a smaller piece of equipment with a trailer should be purchased in order to tow it to the site.

Fire/EMS

Mr. Barrett: Both Townships had 104 total runs; Northfield Center 18 EMS and 9 fire; Sagamore Hills 66 EMS and 9 fire.

Capt. Risko reported Capt. Yost was the officer in charge during the storm on Friday. Police officers assisted the fire department with the various problems that arose during the storm as well as when they are needed on EMS and fire calls.

Capt. Risko and Chief Hayes wrote a protocol for missing adults and children. Capt. Risko will share the protocol at the Fire Department meeting on May 18th. There will be an EMS night on May 18th that will be shared with Cleveland Clinic.

Mrs. Snell commented that there were 13 calls to Elmcroft and asked if all the calls were patients that needed to be transported. She also commended Capt. Risko on the new incident report and the detailed breakdown on the calls. Capt. Risko answered that all of the calls but one needed to be transported. Mr. Barrett asked about the billing for these calls. Capt. Risko responded that the patient's insurance is billed.

Zoning

Mr. Barrett: There were nine (9) zoning permits issued for a total of \$490.00. These permits included accessory buildings, fences, deck, and remodels.

Registered letters have been sent out to residents in violation of zoning regulations.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Gale: Presented the April 2010 report with a beginning balance of \$5,623,163.31; receipts at \$496,592.44; minus receipt expenditure of \$84,653.82 which means receipt balance is \$411,938.62; less expenditure of \$241,505.55; less memo expenditure of \$84,653.82; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$156,851.68; ending balance is \$5,878,250.20.

Trustees

Mrs. Snell: New township signs were ordered during the winter. Seven (7) signs will be replaced and two (2) will be put in storage.

We received our first quarter check in the amount of \$398.55 from Slesnick for newspaper recycling.

A dog and cat clinic was held in the township park on May 1st. Last year we had 323 animals and this year we had 312. Microchips were purchased for 12 animals.

The new trail for the park has been turned over to ODOT who will overlook the project. ODOT is involved because this project is a grant that is being funded with federal money.

Mrs. Snell talked about the Canalway scenic Byway and offered information to those who were interested. The new road signs were installed by the County Engineer.

Mrs. Snell offered a list of deer resistant plants and shrubs to those who were interested.

There will be an auction later in the year. There will be a police car, SUV, bicycles and computer equipment. Goodwill Industries refurbishes old computers for students who cannot afford them. This equipment will not be auctioned if it is donated to Goodwill.

Mr. Hunt wanted the public to be aware that AMATS (Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study) is having a meeting on Thursday, May 13th at 7pm of the Citizens Involvement Committee at Silver Lake Village Hall. They are looking for approval to petition the federal government to raise the federal gas tax by 10 cents a gallon to pay for mass transit in the country. They are asking us to support it. Their email address is: AREGE@AkronOhio.gov or AMATS@AkronOhio.gov.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Barrett is looking into the Greenwood parking problem and tabled the issue until next meeting.

The Legal Notice to Bidders will be published in the Plain Dealer on May 13, 2010 for solid waste disposal for the township. The bid opening will be on June 1st at 2 pm in the Township Safety Center. The bids will be reviewed and a decision on the rubbish hauler will be made by July 1st.

Mr. Barrett discussed a meeting he had with the Summit County Building Department regarding the Augusta Road Fire. The home has been condemned by the County. The fire has been called suspicious, possibly arson. Therefore, we cannot touch or remove the home because it is considered evidence. Mr. Barrett was notified today that The Bank of America had the grass cut.

Dave Smith discussed the core tests suggested for Crystal Creek, Cricket, Spring Pond, and Spring View. The trustees agreed that it is necessary to see what is under the roads. Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-24** to authorize EDP Consultants to conduct the core tests. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Snell introduced two (2) quotes for painting the exterior of the Township building and the maintenance building. Dick Cashion had the lowest bid at \$2,321.00. He is an independent contractor who has worked in the area for 35 years. He is bonded and has insurance. Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-25** for Mr. Cashion to paint the exterior of the two (2) Township buildings. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt introduced three (3) quotes for tree removal in the right-of-way on Houghton Road. The Road Department is capable of removing trees but these two (2) trees are very large and in an awkward position and beyond our capabilities. We need to have a professional remove them. There is a third tree on Nesbitt but it is possible that Ohio Edison will remove that one. Mr. Hunt recommended the Tree Service that is not the lowest bidder but has Workers Compensation Insurance. The lowest bidder does not carry that insurance.

Mr. Hunt made a **MOTION** to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-26** for Nicks Tree Service to remove two (2) trees on Houghton Road for \$1,375.00. Seconded by Mrs. Snell R/C Vote: all in favor.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Alicia Kopas asked why bids are only advertised in the Plain Dealer. Mrs. Snell responded that the Plain Dealer has the largest circulation, is state-wide, and also puts the ad on the internet. This type of ad is very expensive so we only advertise in one newspaper.

Carol Lewis commented about Republic Waste. They are very easy to deal with and are customer service oriented. Ms. Lewis also added her concern about J&J. The roads are gouged in the area where they service.

Jack Donnelly asked if the Township was entertaining the idea of purchasing the 93 acre property that is for sale. Mrs. Snell has been talking to Western Reserve to partner with them to purchase the land. She has also talked to the MetroPark to partner with them to purchase the property. A levy would have to be approved in order to make this purchase. Mr. Hunt added that the property will need to be maintained once it is purchased.

There was no further business. Chair Barrett moved to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.