

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, June 13, 2011 – media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Snell at 7:00 pm. R/C Barrett-present; Hunt-present; Snell-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, May, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. 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, May 9, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. 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 Tuesday, May 17, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. 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 Tuesday, May 24, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. 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 Wednesday, June 1, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated May 2011 in the amount of \$209,757.60. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Mrs. Snell reported the web site statistics for May 2011 were 1,725 visitors; 1,220 were unique visitors; 3,641 pages were viewed.

SPECIAL GUEST

Morgan Cohara was the special guest at the meeting. She was presented a proclamation for her three year record of achievements in swimming.

RESOLUTIONS

The Township is applying for Issue 1 state capital improvement program for reconstruction of Cricket Lane, Springview Road, Spring Pond and Crystal Creek. The reconstruction will be done in three phases. Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 11-31** to authorize filing an application for financial assistance for its Spring Streets Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 11-32** to issue a proclamation to honor Morgan Cohara as Sagamore Hills first lady of swimming. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to AMEND **RESOLUTION 11-20** to authorize the addition of two students to work in the concession stand for the 2011 summer season. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Snell-aye; Barrett-aye; Hunt-abstain.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Mrs. Snell reported on the statistics for May 2011: Dispatch handled 759 calls for service. Handed out 634 "Patrolled Your Area Cards."

The Investigative Section received twenty-two (22) investigations and closed twenty-one (21) of them. One (1) was closed by arrest.

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

An officer completed sixteen (16) additional hours of "Child Safety Seat Technician" training.

The Police Department will receive one (1) Mobile Data Terminal from a grant through the Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Program and the Summit County Emergency Management Agency. This terminal will replace one that recently was determined to be unserviceable. These terminals cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

The Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Part-time Police Officer Matt Suster and wished him good luck.

Roads

Mr. Hunt: Cold patched roads; cleaned basins from storms; cleaned up wash out on Spring Streets; and flushed pipe on Houghton Road. Cut down dead trees on Sagamore Road and Carter Road; cut roadside ditches; and fixed sink holes on Chesapeake Drive and Eaton Drive. Put up flags; picked up new truck; bobcat warranty work; took off salt box on 634 and spinners on 636 & 637; and fixed starter on 633.

Installed grills in Pavilion B; repaired roof on restroom; groomed ball fields, cut grass, used weed eater, and cleaned bathrooms; repaired muffler on mower; and sharpened blades on mowers.

Made miscellaneous repairs in road department, park and township.

Fire/EMS

Capt. Risko: Fire District answered 127 calls. Northfield Center 46 EMS and 9 fire; Sagamore Hills 58 EMS and 13 fire.

A complete inventory of the station and all apparatus is underway under the new Fire District. The complete report will be turned into the Clerk who will submit to the Auditor. Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center inspections are 95% complete and are ahead of schedule.

Four (4) thank you letters were received. Two (2) for Sagamore and two (2) for Northfield Center.

Weather permitting, fire hydrant flushing will begin Monday or Tuesday of next week. The main roads will be completed first.

Zoning

Mr. Barrett: A letter was received from Eaton Estate Community Association regarding mowing the lawns of three vacant and foreclosed properties. A certified letter will be sent to the owner or bank responsible for the homes. By law, the township will be able to go into the property after 30 days. When the lawn has grown above 8 inches, the process will begin again with a certified letter and then waiting 30 days to mow the lawn. The cost for the mowing is certified on the tax bill.

There were sixteen (16) zoning permits issued for a total of \$1,055.00. These permits included deck, fence, additions, remodeling, pavilion, porch, pond, enclosing concrete patio, above ground pools and a variance application.

The Zoning Committee made a recommendation to amend the zoning book modifications for outdoor hydronic heaters that was passed May 9, 2011. Section 2 would remain the same. Sections 3, 5 and 6 should be deleted. Section 7 would be uses not permitted.

Mr. Barrett made a MOTION to AMEND **RESOLUTION 11-27** adopted May 9, 2011 to change the zoning codes as stated above. This resolution will go into effect in 30 days or at the earliest date allowed by law. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

There are 22 lawns that need cutting. Eight of them are abandoned.

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Fiscal Officer

Mr. Gale presented the Fiscal Officer's May 2011 report with a beginning balance of \$5,715,017.09; PLUS receipts of \$328,972.49 (which includes memo receipts of \$78,226.50); MINUS expenditures of \$287,984.10 (which is memo receipts of \$78,226.50 and pending warrants of \$209,757.60); giving an ending balance of \$5,756,005.48.

The Summit County Budget Commission Certification of Tax Levy was distributed to the Trustees. Mr. Gale will meet with Mr. Schweikert after July 1 to begin working on the financial revenue forecast for 2012. This will take place after the state budget is announced.

The Statements of Funds and Activities will also be addressed at the July meeting.

Trustees

Mr. Barrett: The Fire District has a meeting scheduled on June 21st to review quotations for medical billing companies.

There are many zoning problems due to the weather. These issues are being taken care of.

Mr. Hunt: The township offered the excess salt out to other communities. The commitment for next year has been cut back from 3200 tons to 2700 tons.

The new truck is out getting the body and equipment installed and will be returned before the snow flies.

Mrs. Snell: There is a problem with the recycling bins filling up too quickly. A second bin will be delivered this week. When one bin is pulled, the second one will still be there. The addition of the second bin during the summer months should help solve the problems. Mrs. Snell is also looking into the cost of curbside recycling.

A grant for \$4,912.00 was received from the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority. That money will be used for recycling advertising in the Sagamore Voice.

The Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center on Graham Road will close on July 27th because of the finances.

We finally vacated Stanford Road to Latta Lane. The trail is being rerouted off Brandywine Road. This has been a 20 year project. A resolution will need to be passed accepting the vacation once the notification is received from the County.

Two letters were sent to Senator Frank LaRose regarding the estate tax repeal. We are against taking away the revenue from the estate tax. We are encouraging our senator to vote to keep the estate tax.

The Water District is replacing water lines on Barton and Glencrest.

The Township office will be closed on Fridays. There are not a lot of calls or activities on Fridays. Due to the cut in the government funding, we will only be open 4 days a week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The four day week will start immediately.

Mrs. Snell is in the process of getting pricing on staining the gazebo and pavilions. One bidder is planning on power washing and brushing on the stain.

There are 23 participants in Lifeline for the month of May.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Snell discussed the bidding for the Park Trail Improvement Project with Dave Smith. The engineering has been completed. The ad will run in the Akron Beacon Journal for three weeks because this is a federal grant and will have two alternate bids. We will, at least, have the first course on the trail. The bids will be open at a special meeting on July 11 at 6:30 pm prior to the trustee meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hunt wants a schedule for the bid packets to go out for Eaton and Troubadour. The ad for the bid packets will run for two weeks and will also be open on July 11 at the 6:30 pm meeting.

Mr. Hunt asked Mr. Gale if any progress has been made on the 3 month payment for the Fire District. Mr. Gale has issues on the way it was designed. The numbers used in the formula were from the old Fire Department and not the District. An Auditor's opinion and legal opinion was not received. Mrs. Snell will ask about the opinions at the Fire Board meeting on June 21st.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Frank Kopas asked about the Spring Streets project. Mr. Hunt explained that this is not an in-house project. It is a huge project that will be bid out. Everything has to be removed; \$15,000.00 has already been spent just investigating the sub-soil, current pavement, etc.

Mr. Kopas asked if the concession stand is making any money. Mrs. Snell answered that it is well stocked and making money.

Gary Spriggs and Richard Wagner are on the Board of Trustees of Eaton Estates. They came to the meeting to thank the Board of Sagamore Hills Township for the quick completion of the demolition of the home on Augusta Lane. He also stated that the 1,109 residential addresses of Eaton Estates also express their thanks.

Jeff asked if the moratorium on wind turbines has been addressed. Mrs. Snell that it has not been addressed yet. Zoning is still researching the issue.

Gary Smith asked for an update on the Holzhauer Road project. Mrs. Snell explained the trees cannot be removed between April 15 and September 15 because the Indiana Bats are migrating. The township has state funding and that will be the next project to bid out as soon as the bats have migrated. A trail will be installed on the east side of the road in order to connect to the hike and bike trail. The national park clear cut all the trees on the trail at Brandywine Falls in March before the April 15 bat deadline.

Mr. Smith asked about responsibility for the intersection of S. Boyden Road and Glencrest. The visibility is blocked coming out of Glencrest by overgrown trees in the right of way. Mrs. Snell answered that this is the responsibility of the county.

Steve Campisi talked about a sewer problem on Sandy Hill Road that he has been discussing with Nick Kostandaras. Draining water has caused a hole to form next to his house and a retaining wall in his yard has started to cave in. He is afraid that the foundation in his house will start to cave in. He is looking for the next steps he needs to take. Mr. Hunt explained that Bill Cuprak suggested they take the water from the sump pump and get it away from the house. The water is not being recirculated. Mrs. Snell asked to have the County Engineer, Tim Boley, look at the problem and make a suggestion. It sounds like there is breakage in the pipe.

Ed Galewood thanked Chief Hayes and Dick Barrett for resolving a nuisance problem 6 weeks ago. A number of people were shooting by the ski run and the park. Due to the involvement and efficiency of the police department, the shooting has not reoccurred.

Mr. Galewood next talked about the flooding at Highland Road at the river. The flooding is in Brecksville and they put up signs at South Boyden Road. The signs are put in different locations and Mr. Galewood's property is being torn up. He is asking if there is a resolution to this problem. Mr. Galewood is planning on attending a meeting in Brecksville to discuss the problem with them.

There was no further business. Chair Snell moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

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Rose Mary Snell, Chair

James P. Hunt, Vice Chair

Scott Gale, Fiscal Officer

Richard H. Barrett, Trustee