

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, August 8, 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, July 11, 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, August 2, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated July 2011 in the amount of \$254,416.41. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

RESOLUTIONS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Mrs. Snell reported on the statistics for July 2011: Dispatch handled 807 calls for service. Handed out 73 "Patrolled Your Area Cards."

The Investigative Section received nineteen (19) investigations and closed eighteen (18) of them.

One (1) Letter of Commendation was received, praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

Two (2) officers completed two (2) hours of training for a new Mobile Data Terminal System.

Roads

Mr. Hunt: Cut roadside grass on N. Boyden; cleaned up Holzhauer Road and berm of N. Gannett as a result of rain storm damage; replaced driveway pipe at 7735 Kingsview and repaired yard (not yet 100% complete); cleaned ditches at Holzhauer at Rivendell and 7983 S. Gannett; repaired sinkholes at 8092 Rushwood, 829 Nesbitt, 474 Orchard Grove, and Greenwood Parkway at Hampton Court; hot asphalt repair of hole at 829 Nesbitt, catch basin on Canyon View, and driveway at 515 Orchard Grove; cleaned up Kingsview, Short Boyden, and Canyon View which was the result of frequent water leaks; flushed driveway pipe at 7975 S. Gannett; cut Hawthorne Drive to put in a pipe and repaired the road at N. Boyden.

Made miscellaneous repairs in road department, park and township.

Zoning

Mr. Barrett: Mr. Barrett did not have a report for July because we have a new zoning person on staff. Mr. Barrett reported we had eight zoning permits for various reasons; deck, pool, shed and retaining wall.

Mr. Barrett travelled around the Township informing residents of grass problems, and travelled with a young man on weekends picking up soda and beer cans, waste paper, etc. in the roads.

Mr. Barrett reported the upper part of Valley View was cut by a private contractor on August 8, 2011 because the county did not cut back enough into the property. One problem area is the corner of Boyden and Valley View, which has rocks in the front yard. Only a small portion at the corner belongs to the township. The rocks are mostly on private property.

Mr. Barrett reported that we are doing a good job with a lot of the homes that have been vacated where they don't cut the grass, etc.

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Mr. Barrett reported he removed trash where residents moved out of homes and dumped their trash/garbage in the backyard.

Mrs. Snell said the zoning inspector is also working on the property at the corner of Nesbitt and Valley View. Our orange sign has been posted and he's trying to contact the owner.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Gale presented the Fiscal Officer's July 2011 report with a beginning balance of \$5,542,233.79; PLUS receipts of \$590,297.80 (our receipts were buoyant because we received our large tax settlement for the half) MINUS expenditures of \$254,416.41 (which includes pending warrant of \$254,416.41); giving an ending balance of \$5,878,115.18.

Jim Hunt asked Mr. Gale if that was 100% of the tax. Mr. Gale responded that's the largest chunk in the first half. It's given to us in small increments as listed on a sheet of paper Mr. Gale gave Mr. Hunt last week which showed we received \$100,000, \$150,000, \$175,000 in three accounts and a few small payments.

Mr. Gale stated the Summit County Fiscal Office Division of Audit put a time plan together that they are hoping by the second or third week of July to have settled out the entire year and will be distributed to all of the Township governments the majority share of all their funds. After that we will get a few late individuals who pay with late fees and penalties, one more reasonable amount, and the balance will come in September. Late fees are split, with the majority going to the Summit County Fiscal Office Division of Audit because they are going after the penalties and there are legal fees.

Fire/EMS

Dept. Chief Frank Risko: Fire District answered 124 calls for July. Northfield Center 35 EMS and 6 fire; Sagamore Hills 70 EMS and 11 fire.

Four (4) thank you letters were received from Sagamore Hills residents.

Hydrant flushing will continue in Sagamore Hills for 2-3 more weeks, Northfield Center hydrant flushing has been completed.

Mr. Risko is planning a meeting with neighboring chiefs to revise and update the Mutual Aid Agreements.

New helmets are in service and every fire fighter has one. Mr. Risko thanked the Trustees for voting to approve the purchase of the new helmets.

Lt. Szabo introduced Jeremy Mason (240 Paramedic), a new applicant.

Mrs. Snell questioned Mr. Risko on what the 11 fire runs were for Sagamore Hills. He replied they include carbon monoxide calls, smoke detectors, gas smells and auto accidents.

Mr. Hunt inquired what was an unintentional transmission and Alex Picone responded it's an accidental fire alarm call.

Mr. Gale asked Mr. Risko to explain why two fire hydrants in Greenwood Village were covered with clear plastic bags so that Township can address the concerns of the Greenwood Village residents. Mr. Risko responded that after hydrant flushing, any hydrants not working properly were covered with clear plastic bags as requested by the City Water Department so proper repairs can be made. Hydrants are spaced 100-200 ft. apart, and any hydrant on the street can be used, also water is carried on the fire trucks.

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Mrs. Snell questioned Mr. Risko about the hydrant running constantly on Rt. 82. A service call has been placed.

Mr. Barrett inquired if we dropped the issue about the 997 W. Aurora Rd and 907 W. Aurora Rd. calls (911 calls from nursing homes that don't have proper staff at night, patients fall out of bed and staff needs help lifting them). Mr. Risko stated there is a meeting scheduled with Northcoast to discuss calls. As a 911 Service Provider, by law we have to answer all 911 calls.

Ms. Mary Ellen Jesse of 143 Bridgewater Lane in Squire Bluff said she didn't think the fire hydrants on her street had been flushed. Lt. Huston confirmed hydrants had been flushed.

Mr. Barrett questioned Mr. Gale as to where we stand relative to paying by quarter. Mr. Gale responded that as of August 5, 2011 his final request came back from the Fire District without an opinion from the prosecutor's office. As soon as Mr. Gale has an opinion as we pass the resolution, we will go to quarterly billing. At this point we have agreed to do monthly billing until we have a legal or auditor's opinion authorizing the purchase and the receipts of the three month period.

Trustees

Mr. Barrett reported people that have abandoned their homes are sneaking back in and living in them. Mr. Barrett requested the Chair speak with the Chief of Police to deal with this situation.

Mr. Hunt reported an article is coming out this month in the Sagamore Voice about the road projects we have this year. Willow Lake will probably start August 9th or 10th instead of the 4th of August. A decision still needs to be made on whether to start the Holzauer Drive project. We have an Indiana Bat problem, and we can't do any tree cutting between April 15th and September 15th. If the project is delayed until next year, an extension will be needed from Ohio Public Works.

Mrs. Snell reported Slesnick is our carrier for our newspaper and in the last quarter we received \$1,060. The money is earmarked for the park. We have playground equipment at Pavilion 2 that paper collection paid for, which was installed last year over the winter.

Park Report

Mrs. Snell reported they are grooming the ball fields, cutting the grass, watering the flowers, pulling weeds, cleaning bathrooms, maintaining and repairing equipment, miscellaneous building repairs and attending meetings.

There are 22 participants in Lifeline for the month of July 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hunt asked Mrs. Snell if she wanted to make a decision on the Holzauer project. Mrs. Snell introduced Dave Smith from the County Engineer's Office. Mr. Smith recommended we wait until next year. Mr. Gale asked if there was anything special with the grant we needed to do. Mr. Smith said the County Engineer's Office will send a letter to OPW.

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CITIZENS' FORUM

Mr. Jim Semsak of 143 Bridgewater Lane in Eaton Estates, is continuing to have the same problems with the residents of Northfield Village that adjoin Eaton Estates as he reported at the July Township meeting. Mrs. Snell stated that she will pass on this information to our Police Chief and have him talk to Northfield Village. Mr. Hunt inquired whether anyone would be willing to sign the report when someone is caught trespassing. Mr. Gary Spriggs, President of the Trustees of Eaton Estates, stated the Chief is aware that any action needed for prosecution will be signed by Mr. Spriggs on behalf of Eaton Estates. Mr. Gary Spriggs stated parents are aware if their children are caught, they will be prosecuted.

Juanita Stallworth of 191 Bridgewater Lane has experienced the same problems as Mr. Semsak of Bridgewater Lane, plus the kids are cutting down trees and setting bon fires. They are on the border of Eaton Estates and Northfield Village. Mr. Barrett stated he will personally take a look behind Mrs. Stallworth's property. Capt. Risko will also send someone out. The police are aware of the situation.

Carla Kennedy of 273 Bridgewater Lane said kids are trespassing all the time. Mrs. Kennedy inquired about a fence, but Mr. Spriggs stated there are restrictions on the fences. Eaton Estates' rules cannot be changed. Mr. Jim Semsak reported he made an observation on Squire where there is a closed 5 ft or higher fence along the entire back yard bordering the area being discussed. Mr. Spriggs said the Eaton Estates Board is aware of it and the attorneys are aware of it. Mrs. Snell will ask our Chief to see if he can speak with the Police Chief of Northfield Village and see what can be done.

Frank Kopas of 7495 Boyden Road wanted to know who is monitoring the bats on Holzhauer and holding up the project. Dave Smith stated a Federal person is monitoring the bats. Mr. Gale stated someone from the National Park Service monitors migration of all animals, including the bats that are on the endangered species list.

Patti Robertson stated the stop sign at Dunham and Houghton has been turned upside down. Mrs. Snell will contact the Road Department and correct the sign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn to Executive Session to consider a personnel issue regarding appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee specifically set forth in Section 121.22 (G) (1) Revised Code, and to consider the purchase or sale of property where premature disclosure information would give unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal or private interest is adverse to the public interest. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor. ADJOURN: 7:45 pm, RECONVENE: 8:15 pm. R/C: All officials in attendance.

A decision was made on the Ohio Revised Code as read by Mrs. Snell.

Mrs. Snell moved to **AMEND RESOLUTION 10-78**. Effective August 1, 2011 Joanne Stokowski's wages will be \$13.62/hour. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Snell-aye; Barrett-aye; Motion approved.

There was no further business. Chair Snell moved to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: All in favor.

Rose Mary Snell, Chair

James P. Hunt, Vice Chair

Scott Gale, Fiscal Officer

Richard H. Barrett, Trustee