

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, January 10, 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-absent.

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 Monday, December 13, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

Mrs. Snell moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Records Retention Commission Meeting held on Monday, December 27, 2010.

Mr. Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting held on Monday, December 27, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated December 2010 in the amount of \$275,306.60. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for December 2010 were 1,068 visitors; 779 were unique visitors; 2,352 pages were viewed. Yearly statistics for 2010 were 14,309 visitors; 10,842 were unique visitors and 32,822 pages were viewed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 11-01** to make Detective David Piekarski the 2010 Police Department Employee of the Year. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

GUEST SPEAKER

Police Department

Police Chief David Hayes was introduced as the special guest speaker.

Chief Hayes introduced Police Explorer Mike Foschia who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Explorer Program. Sergeant Foschia was administered his oath by Officer Tim Ellis.

Chief Hayes next introduced Officer Matt Suster and Dispatcher Jessica Becker in order to administer their oaths. Chief Hayes swore in Officer Matt Suster as a Part Time Police Officer. Jessica Becker was promoted to a Full Time Dispatcher and sworn in by Chief Hayes.

Chief Hayes introduced Detective David Piekarski as the 2010 Police Department Employee of the Year. Lieutenant Brian Piekarski was called on to present the award to Detective Piekarski as well as a copy of the Sagamore Hills Township resolution.

A brief recess was taken for refreshments and pictures with the officer's families.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Chief Hayes reported on the statistics for December 2010: Dispatch handled 633 calls for service. Handed out 878 "Patrolled Your Area Cards." 7,177 calls for service were handled in 2010.

The Investigative Section received twenty-one (21) investigations and closed fifteen (15) of them. Two (2) were closed by arrests.

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

All police officers completed one (1) hour of on-line training in "Crimes of Fraud Against the Elderly." This is the yearly mandated on-line training.

Chief Hayes requested the purchase of one (1) 2011, marked Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser to replace one currently with over 100,000 miles on it. The purchase price is \$22,229.00 through Statewide Ford in Columbus. This price includes a \$93.00 delivery fee.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 11-02** to purchase a 2011 marked Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser from Statewide Ford in Columbus for \$22,229.00. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Roads

Mr. Hunt: Plowed and salted roads; hauled salt from stockpile to salt sheds; fixed mail boxes. Repaired hydro hoses on 631; repaired alternator on 637; greased trucks and backhoe; cleaned trucks; miscellaneous repairs on all trucks.

Received a thank you message from a resident for picking up the brush after the water line break on Meadowview.

Fire/EMS

Captain Risko: Fire District had 110 total runs; 90 were EMS runs; 17 were fire runs and 3 were mutual aid. Northfield Center 24 EMS and 10 fire; Sagamore Hills 66 EMS and 7 fire. Elmcroft had 7 calls and all were transports.

Two (2) new people will be hired in the Fire District. Three (3) thank you letter were received. Hoping for an update on the Augusta fire this week.

Zoning

Mr. Barrett: There were two (2) zoning permits issued for a total of \$60.00. These permits included a replacement sign and a fence.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Snell: Presented the Fiscal Officer's December 2010 report with a beginning balance of \$5,536,316.67; receipts at \$165,673.90; minus receipt expenditure of \$1,121.48 which means receipt balance is \$164,552.42; less expenditure of \$276,428.08; less memo expenditure of \$1,121.48; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$275,306.60; ending balance is \$5,425,562.49.

Trustees

Mr. Barrett: The speed study is complete on North Boyden and Holzhauer. There is a meeting on Thursday at the Engineer's Office where the results will be given to the Township.

Mrs. Snell: The Cleveland Metroparks 2011 Deer Management Program will take place on several days during the period of January 10 through March 10 from 12 noon to as late as midnight. The main body of Bedford Reservation will be closed to the public while the herd is being reduced.

An article in the Akron Beacon Journal reported on the trapping of coyotes and putting GPS collars on them and monitoring their travels.

A low cost spay and neuter clinic for cats will take place at NEFCO in Akron on Saturday, January 29th.

Summit County will merge three health districts into one Health District.

There are 24 people on Lifeline.

Mrs. Snell discussed a call she received from a resident on North Boyden Road regarding two stakes that were placed on a lot. Dave Smith explained these stakes were for a proposed plan for Rushwood Elementary School. This would entail the installation of a private sewer line from North Boyden to Rushwood through an easement and tie into an existing sewer line.

OLD BUSINESS

Holzauer Road Project option choice: The Trustees felt the best decision for the Township would be to realign the road, add a 5' asphalt bike/hike trail and a 2' berm. There would also be a 2' berm on the west side. A letter was sent to the four residents on the east side of Holzauer Road explaining this decision. Mr. Hunt received a response from two of the residents. Both approved the decision made by the Trustees and asked if they could keep the trees that will be removed for firewood. A form will be completed and sent to the engineer's office explaining their decision.

Zoning Fee Increase: Mr. Barrett made a **MOTION** to amend **RESOLUTION 70-91** to raise the zoning fee for new construction single family homes from \$500 to \$1,200 per unit. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Snell-aye; Hunt-no.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase truck for Road Department: A proposal was received from Power City International Trucks, Inc. from Cleveland for a 2011 International truck to replace the Township's 1997 truck. In order to keep the truck fleet less than 15 years old, a truck must be purchased every four years. The state bid price is \$70,546.00 for the chassis and the cab. The body will be ordered separately. The delivery will be in three months. The purchase price of this will be covered by the gasoline tax as well as the Issue II money that was received.

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 11-03** to purchase a 2011 International truck from Power City International Trucks, Inc. for \$70,546.00. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Energy Upgrades for Township: The County received grant money from First Energy and Ohio Edison. This money will be used for energy upgrades for the Township's heating and air conditioning. A bid was received from Integrated Engineering Consultants. Mrs. Snell contacted Cleveland Air Comfort and questioned if they do infrared photography. They recommended C.L.I. Closer Look Inspections. It would cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000 for the inspection and recommendations.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 11-04** to enter into a contract with C.L.I. Group, LLC Closer Look Inspections for \$2,000.00 to inspect the Township building with infrared photography and make recommendations for heating and air conditioning upgrades. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Building Security: Mr. Hunt is going to request proposals from security companies for security upgrades for the Township. This would include a magnetic door lock for the front door.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Jack Donnelly questioned the ownership of Sagamore Road beyond the Psychiatric Hospital. The road is in need of repair. Mr. Hunt explained Northfield Village and Walton Hills owns one part; Sagamore Hills and Walton Hills owns another part; then National Park, Metro Park, and Valley View owns part. This also belongs to two Counties.

Mr. Donnelly asked if there was any update on the purchasing of the Dunham Road property. Mrs. Snell explained that a levy would have to be put on the ballot in order to enable the Township to purchase the property. There has been no response from the school board to the letter that was sent from legal counsel.

Jeff Lewis questioned if the two new hires for the Fire District are to maintain the staff or increase staff. Mr. Barrett answered it is to maintain the staff.

Carol Lewis asked if the Rushwood sewer is to replace the septic. Mrs. Snell explained that there have been problems with the EPA because the septic system is leaching. This will be a sewer line just for the school to replace the septic. No one else can tap into that line.

Frank Kopas asked if there were any Brandywine Ski emergencies. Mr. Barrett answered that everything is running smoothly.

There was no further business. Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.