

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, October 13, 2009 – media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Hunt at 7:00 pm. R/C Hunt-present; Snell-present; Barrett-present; Fiscal Officer Gale-present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2009; Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special meeting to open bids for the Springledge and Springwood Road Project held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special meeting to award the bid for the Springledge and Springwood Road Project held on Friday, September 25, 2009; Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated September 2009 in the amount of \$295,930.05. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for September 2009 were 1,080 visitors; 868 were unique visitors; 2,336 pages were viewed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Barrett moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 37-09** to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 38-09** to hire Euthenics, Inc. as consulting engineers to perform the engineering and surveying for the park loop trail project. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to adopt **RESOLUTION 39-09** to urge the State to place a moratorium on oil and gas well drilling in heavily populated residential areas until amendments to the Ohio Revised Code with respect to drilling have been made, and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

GUEST SPEAKER

Alan Brubaker, Summit County Engineer, was the guest speaker. The following Summit County Engineer staff members were also in attendance: Larry Fulton, Chief Deputy; Gus Kabbara, Director of Public Service; Joe Paradise, Deputy Director for Engineering Services; and Dave Smith, Construction Team Manager and Sagamore Hills Township's representative from County Engineers Office.

Mr. Brubaker distributed and explained a report describing the Summary of 2009 Projects to the residents in attendance (report attached).

Mrs. Snell asked about the letter submitted to the Engineers office regarding the light at Boyden Road at Eaton Estates in order to correct traffic flow. Mr. Brubaker will review that request.

Mr. Hunt requested verbiage be added to strengthen the regulations of condominium and condominium ownership of land that owners are aware that the Township has no right to go on private property and understand they are responsible for road drainage on private roads.

Mrs. Snell asked if drainage easements could be put in the deeds. Mr. Brubaker explained that drainage easement is on the plat which is mentioned on the deed. The plat states that allotments are subject to drainage assessments to take care of the storm water system.

Mrs. Snell questioned what happens to the people that have not been paying drainage assessments and find they have drainage problems. Mr. Brubaker answered, Ohio drainage laws, whether pipe or over land and ditches, are the property owners responsibility to maintain.

Mr. Brubaker explained Issue 4 that will be on the ballot in November. The issue wants to remove the County Engineer as being an elected position and takes the duties and responsibilities and gives them to the County Executive. This is an important issue to vote on. Mrs. Snell expressed the importance of having a County Engineer. They work hard for the Townships. The City of Norton wants to use the County Engineer and Mrs. Snell asked how that would work. Mr. Brubaker explained that any service that is done for a City would be chargeable. This kind of service would help with the budget. This would also help in getting projects coordinated that cross over into cities.

Mr. Brubaker brought Frank Communale, County Councilman, as a guest to the meeting.

Mrs. Snell asked about the NW corner of Chaffee and Rt.82. There is a lot of brush that needs to be cut. She would like to have the County Engineers office look at this corner and see if the bend warrants a caution sign or traffic light in order to prevent a serious accident in that area.

Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Communale where he stands on Issue 4. Mr. Communale commented on the great job Mr. Brubaker is doing in his position. He feels an elected engineer is a good thing and is opposed to Issue 4. He will vote against it.

Mr. Hunt thanked the guests for attending the meeting. Mrs. Snell offered refreshments to the group while the Trustees adjourned to executive session. The County Engineers were able to answer any specific questions the residents had during the break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn to Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official specifically set forth in Section 121.22 (G)(1) Revised Code. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor. ADJOURN: 7:58 pm, RECONVENE: 8:19 pm. R/C: All officials in attendance.

Mrs. Snell moved to accept Chief Hayes' recommendation for discipline of a police officer. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: All in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department Report

Dispatch handled 795 calls for service. Of these calls, 271 were area checks in various neighborhoods. Handed out 353 "Patrolled Your Area Cards." The Investigative Section received fourteen (14) investigations with twelve (12) closed. One (1) was closed by arrest.

Two (2) Letters of Commendation were received, praising members of the Department for their dedication to the Police Department and their work ethic. Communications Supervisor, Ms. Janell Mucha and TAC Dispatcher, Mr. Scott Barrett were congratulated for the recent bi-yearly LEADS Audit. This is the second time that these two employees had a LEADS Audit that returned a result 100% compliance from the Dispatch Center.

Two (2) officers attended an eight hour class hosted by the F.B.I. on, "Abductions and Kidnappings."

The Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Part-time Police Officer Daniel Tesmer. Officer Tesmer is on disability.

Roads

Hunt: The Road Department had a number of employees on vacation during the month. They replaced driveway pipes on Sagamore Road, North Boyden and Nesbitt; cut down a tree on Nesbitt; flushed crossover pipes on North Boyden; repaired sink holes on Boyden; cut road side ditches; used weed eater around guard rails; bermed Gannett Road; and repaired a radiator on a truck.

Cleaned bathrooms in park; mowed lawns; pulled weeds; watered flowers; rolled field with rented roller; filled in ruts in field; stained wood picnic tables; top soiled and seeded by food stand; painted doors in bathrooms; and sharpened blades on mowers.

Painted lines in parking lot and worked on sidewalk lights in the Township.

Mrs. Snell added that BEI Supply and Rental submitted a quotation in the amount of \$2,355.94 for a snow retention system for the metal roof for the road department. This is only needed on the north side of the road building. Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to purchase this system and have our road employees do the installation. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: All in favor.

Fire/EMS

Barrett: Both Townships had 111 total runs; Northfield Center 36 EMS and 8 fire; Sagamore Hills 58 EMS and 7 fire.

Northfield Center Trustees tabled the new fire truck.

Mr. Barrett explained the insurance company has indicated they will pay to take down the home on Augusta and repair the property. He has directed the Zoning Department to get three (3) estimates for this project. Paul Davis, Allstate Insurance Company Agent, made a proposal for the Township to pay for the project and they will reimburse after the project is complete. Mr. Barrett is not in favor of this proposal. He is recommending to turn this over our legal counsel to coordinate. Frank Risko added that it was just determined it is an arson case and there is no more evidence inside the building.

Mr. Risko reported that none of the streets will be closed entirely during the repair of Springledge and Springwood Roads. The paving company will work with the police and fire departments to be sure that the roads will be passable for emergency vehicles.

Mrs. Snell explained the idea of lock boxes on homes of residents that live alone and might also have Lifeline. This will prevent EMS from breaking down a door in an emergency. The only people that will have keys to these boxes are fire and EMS. The Township will help to set up a local distribution center for the residents to purchase these boxes.

Zoning

Barrett: There were eight (8) permits issued for a total of \$815.00. These permits included decks, accessory buildings, additions, a fence, and B.Z.A. meeting fee.

There will be a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting next Monday night regarding a request to build a large barn on a property on South Boyden Road.

Fiscal Officer

Gale: Presented the August report with a beginning balance of \$5,833,678.83; receipts at \$88,340.32; less receipt expenditures of \$3,620.10 equals \$84,720.22; less total expenditures of \$299,550.15; less memo expenditure of \$3,620.10 which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$295,930.05; ending balance is \$5,622,469.00.

Mr. Gale reported that a budget for 2010 is in the process of being created. There will be a reduction in revenues again next year based on projections. He invited all of the Trustees to sit down and discuss the budget during the next month.

Mr. Hunt suggested paving two cul-de-sacs in Greenwood Village with Issue 2 money from a previous road project. Mr. Gale answered that they should meet and discuss the road projects and pass a resolution to move the money according to audit rules.

Trustees

Snell: A \$300 donation was received from the Kiwanis Club to be used in the park.

Snell: The Boy Scouts have a yard project that will take place on Saturday, November 7 and 14. They will be raking leaves for Sagamore Hills residents who need assistance and do not have the ability to provide this service for themselves. Linda Cosgrove will be the contact at the Township to get added to the schedule. This is on a first come first served basis.

Snell: The 3x5 flags around the Township are very worn and need to be replaced. GM Advertising provided a quote for 70 flags, 12 poles and 12 sleeves in the amount of \$1,382. Mr. Hunt suggested getting another quote before ordering the flags. This request will be tabled until next month. Mr. Barrett commented that he could get some service organizations that would donate to the cost of the flags.

Snell: The next Zoning Commission meeting will be November 23th.

Snell: There is a home weatherization program that was announced at the Township Association Meeting. A resident needs a very low income to qualify for the program. Mrs. Snell will obtain the criteria for the program from the county.

OLD BUSINESS

Two (2) estimates were received to winterize the Township park. This is being done to have the process performed properly and to serve as a training program for the Road Department to enable them to do the winterization in the future. Shuman, Inc. from Munroe Falls quoted \$1,300 and Daugherty's Plumbing Services from Northfield quoted \$1,368.25 for the project. Daugherty is not installing drain valves in each of the building and is planning to vacuum the water through the lines. Shuman will blow the water from the lines. Mr. Hunt made a **MOTION** to have Shuman perform the service and blow the lines instead of vacuuming the lines. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: All in favor.

Draft Emergency Management Plans were distributed to the Trustees, Police Chief, Fire Marshal and Fiscal Officer. Items in question were highlighted for review. A new draft will be created and distributed after revisions are returned to the Administrative Assistant.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Rose Ostberg from Augusta Lane voiced her concern about three cylinders outside of the burned house on her street. They are filled with flammables and she is afraid someone might throw something and they will catch fire. Mr. Risko responded that the three (3) cylinders are personal property. Mr. Barrett said he will call Mr. Davis from the insurance company to release the cylinders and the Fire Department can remove them from the property.

There was no further business. Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn at 9:11 pm. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.