

## SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

**Monday, February 8, 2010 – media notified**

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

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

Chair Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, January 11, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: both in favor.

Chair Barrett moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Joint Work Session meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2010.

### **PENDING WARRANTS**

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated January 2010 in the amount of \$294,205.00. Seconded by Chair Barrett. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye.

### **WEB SITE**

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for January 2010 were 910 visitors; 721 were unique visitors; 2,319 pages were viewed.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Chair Barrett moved to **AMEND RESOLUTION 10-09** and approve the hiring of Brian Stormer as the assistant for the Fiscal Office. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-absent.

Chair Barrett moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-10** to make Communications Supervisor Janell Mucha the 2009 Police Department Employee of the Year. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-absent.

Chair Barrett moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-11** to present the Police Chief's Award to the family of Officer Kevin Skizenta. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-absent.

Chair Barrett moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-12** to hire Hylee Anne Sproull as a Part-Time Dispatcher in the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-absent.

Chair Barrett moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-13** to approve the temporary UAN appropriations in the amount of \$6,007,299.00. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-absent.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

#### **Police Department**

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

Chief Hayes reported on the statistics for January 2010: Dispatch handled 472 calls for service. Dispatched 54 calls for service to the Northfield Center Fire Department. The Investigative Section received nineteen (19) investigations and closed seventeen (17).

One (1) officer completed his online eOPOTA training; the one (1) hour Identity Theft, and one (1) hour Ethics and Professionalism classes. Paperwork was sent to the state showing compliance by all officers for the mandatory, annual in service training required by the State of Ohio.

Chief Hayes introduced Hylee Anne Sproull as the recommended candidate being hired as Part-Time Dispatcher in the Police Department effective immediately. He administered the oath of office.

Chief Hayes presented the 2009 Police Department Employee of the Year award to Communications Supervisor Janell Mucha.

Lieutenant Brian Piekarski presented a plaque with Officer Kevin Skizenta's retired badge affixed on it to his wife Felicia. The Chief's Award and resolution was presented to Mrs. Skizenta and

Officer Skizenta's parents to show the gratitude to the time, care and desire that Kevin gave the Township while employed as a Police Officer for ten (10) years.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Roads**

Hunt: The Road Department salted and plowed roads. Mr. Hunt cautioned residents not to push snow out into the road when plowing their driveways. That can freeze, grab the plow of the truck and cause the truck to veer left of center and cause an accident.

Put new cutting edges on two plows; repaired fuel tank straps, power steering lines, and fuel line on 632; repaired chain on salt box on 636; greased backhoe, changed oil in generator and tamper; and repaired mail boxes. Mr. Hunt informed the residents of the options for fixing damaged mailboxes. The resident can either have the Township repair their damaged mailbox or the Township will give them \$25 to repair their own mailbox. If the damaged mailbox is on a County or State road, the County or State must be contacted for the repair. A monetary option is not offered by the County or State.

Washed salt trucks and Township car; pushed in salt; cold patched roads; cleaned ditches from rain; fixed grate at Greenwood Parkway and Rt 82; and picked up garbage at the end of Barton Road.

Painted Township sign; miscellaneous Police Department repairs; miscellaneous Township repairs; and took down Christmas lights.

The City of Cleveland has been out to fix a water leak on Houghton three (3) times. This is still not fixed so the Township will not repair the road until the water leak is repaired.

### **Fire/EMS**

Barrett: Both Townships had 89 total runs; Northfield Center 25 EMS and 4 fire; Sagamore Hills 48 EMS and 8 fire. Mr. Barrett requested an audit for the December invoice received from the Fire Department.

### **Zoning**

Barrett: There was one (1) zoning permit issued for a single family home for a total of \$500.00.

The Township has contacted Summit County regarding four (4) abandoned homes that are in need of repair. These are not repossessed homes.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Gale: Presented the January 2010 report with a beginning balance of \$5,345,652.56; receipts at \$76,200.50; minus receipt expenditure of \$3,879.25 which means receipt balance is \$72,321.25; less expenditure of \$298,084.25; less memo expenditure of \$3,879.25; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$294,205.00; ending balance is \$5,123,768.81.

The first payment of \$3,875.00 was made to the Ohio Public Works Commission on the \$155,000.00 interest free loan for the Applehill and Cherrywood Circle road improvement project.

Mr. Gale thanked everyone for their help in getting the books closed this year in a timely manner.

### **Trustees**

Barrett: The recycling center on Graham Road in Stow will be open for hazardous waste drop off from May 4th until September. The charge for scrap tire recycling will be \$1.00 per tire with a 10 tire limit per car. No TV's or computer screens will be accepted. They suggest you contact Best Buy. This information, including hours of operation, will be put on Cable 9 and the web site in the spring.

Hunt: We have 22 people on Lifeline.

Mr. Hunt offered to attend the Health Department meeting on March 2nd as Mr. Barrett's alternate.

Heidi Day Hall, Community Relations Specialist from the County Executive Russell Pry's office, contacted the Township in regard to assisting them in holding a "Sharing Resources to Better Economic Development" event in Sagamore Hills on Wednesday, April 7th to discuss economic development of Sagamore Hills Township.

Dominion East Ohio Gas sent a notice about automated meter reading. Dominion East Ohio Gas is applying to raise the AMR charge from \$0.30 per month to \$0.49 per month this February. The PUCO must approve this increase. These meters enable Dominion to give you an actual reading every month instead of every other month.

If you do not want to participate in the electric aggregation, you have to send in the opt out letter. If you don't return the letter, you will automatically be in the aggregation. Recently, an article in the newspaper stated that Cuyahoga County residents are going to see a tremendous cost increase in their electric bills.

Barrett: There will be a Zoning Commission hearing on Monday, February 22nd at 7:30 pm. It will be for property that is being rezoned from Commercial to Residential for the Baptist Church on Rt 82. The purpose is to build a gazebo on the property.

Hunt: Requested Dave Smith to inspect the two (2) catch basins at the top of Springwood Road. Mr. Smith explained the actual walkthrough with the contractor has not been completed yet.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Summit County Engineer's office requested that we pass a resolution that we no longer want to take care of Dunham Road. Mr. Hunt explained there is no record of a resolution being passed to request taking over the care of Dunham Road. Consequently, there should not be a need to pass a resolution for the County to take back the maintenance responsibility. Dave Smith agrees with Mr. Hunt and would like to get a copy of the request. The County public service representative, Gus Kabbara, informed Bill Cuprak that the County will take back all the maintenance of Dunham Road. Mr. Smith requested a meeting with Mr. Cuprak and the County road supervisor to discuss the maintenance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Barrett announced that the Township is going out for bid on the refuse service currently held by Republic Services. The contract is up for renewal on May 31, 2010. The Township will create bid specifications which will include pricing on curbside recycling.

### **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Sean Scheall asked who is John Gersper. Chair Barrett explained that Mr. Gersper was an intern from the University of Akron working as a contractor for the Fiscal Officer. Brian Stormer is the part time employee hired to replace Mr. Gersper.

Greg Foth asked the County's policy for mail box repair on County roads. Mr. Smith replied the County will put up any mail boxes that they knock down. There is no monetary allowance.

Gary Smith questioned the price of salt from Cargill reported on the Pending Warrant report. Mr. Gale explained the amount reported is for payment of salt that has been received and that our budget for salt is \$130,000. Mr. Hunt explained that our price for salt this year is \$46/ton not stacked. The bins were stocked at the end of last season in order to take advantage of the \$42/ton price before it increased for this season.

Jeff Kunkel asked if any consideration was given to installing a salt shed. Mr. Hunt explained that the Township will wait until the EPA forces the change. The Township does not have a piece of land large enough to fulfill the requirements for a shed unless it is placed in the park. We don't want to install something that is not agreeable with the EPA. The Township is part of a cooperative purchasing program with the University of Akron to receive reduced prices for salt.

Dave Smith commented on the intersection at Boyden, Acadia and Valley View. There was a request to look at that intersection to possibly add some turn lanes. The survey crews will be out in the next week or two to do some initial survey work.

Mr. Hunt commented that the Township replaced broken slabs and some catch basins in Eaton Estates. A recommendation came from the Engineers office to continue repairing catch basins in Eaton Estates. He asked Mr. Smith if that request becomes an Engineering program. Mr. Smith commented the request may have come through the drainage department and asked for a copy of the request.

There was no further business. Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: both in favor.