

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, April 12, 2010 – media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Barrett at 7:00 pm. R/C Barrett-present; Snell-present; 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, March 8, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

Chair Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Public Hearing held on Monday, March 29, 2010; Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Chair Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special meeting held on Monday, March 29, 2010; Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Chair Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated March 2010 in the amount of \$335,978.69. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for March 2010 were 1,186 visitors; 894 were unique visitors; 2,319 pages were viewed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-18** to authorize the employment of temporary employees for the Park and Road Departments for the 2010 summer season. The Board agreed to add four (4) pay steps to the Crew Leader position which will include a 50 cent increase per step per year. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-19** to authorize the Township to advertise for bids for Solid Waste Contract. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor. Mrs. Snell commented that advertising for bids can take place as soon as bid specifications are received from the current waste hauler.

Mr. Barrett moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-20** to approve a Depository Agreement with First Merit Bank. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor. This agreement will be renewed every five (5) years.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Chief Hayes reported on the statistics for March 2010: Dispatch handled 522 calls for service. Handed out 726 "Patrolled Your Area Cards." The Investigative Section received eighteen (18) investigations with seventeen (17) closed. Four (4) were closed by arrest.

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

One (1) Detective attended a forty (40) hour training class for "Missing and Abducted Children" and the Chief attended an eighty (80) hour training class on "Police Executive Development (Penn State Porex)." Both of these were free classes.

Chief Hayes requested the Trustees consider the purchase of a new, marked, police car. Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-21** for the purchase of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria, Police Interceptor Automobile for \$23,026.92 from Liberty Ford Solon. Liberty Ford matched the price received from Statewide Purchasing. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Roads

Mr. Hunt: The Road Department cleaned salt trucks; cold patched roads; repaired mail boxes; swept roads; repaired radio in 633; oil, transmission & diff oils changed in old 630; cleaned garage; and washed and greased trucks.

Repaired grass damaged by plow; swept parking lot; pulverized ball fields; changed oil on John Deere; and repaired pulverizer and field groomer.

Purchased and installed containment units for oil drums and made miscellaneous repairs.

Mr. Hunt presented a quote from Shuman for ADA compliant cold-only metering faucets for the park. The quote includes replacing the six (6) faucets for hand washing in the rest rooms. They are vandal resistant. The installed price per faucet is \$202.00; totaling \$1,212.00 installed. Mr. Hunt made a **MOTION** to purchase the six (6) faucets from Shuman, Inc. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Shuman is also going to present a quote for four (4) high speed hand dryers for the park in order to eliminate the paper towels.

Mr. Hunt discussed the paperwork that has been received from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District regarding the storm water policy. A fee credit policy has been proposed by NEORSD. The paperwork required is designed to discourage anyone from applying for the credit. The Trustees are trying to protect the residents from this fee.

Mrs. Snell asked Dave Smith from the County Engineers office if they are working on the spec book for the Issue 1 project for the repaving of Holzhauser, Short Canal and Walton Roads. The project will need to be put out for bid after July 1st. Mr. Smith responded that the project is being worked on. The project is \$143,000.00 for the Township's share and there is \$143,000.00 in Issue 1 grant money.

Mrs. Snell also talked about the second phase of the project for upper part of Holzhauser Road north of Carlin to Rt. 82. That project will consist of repaving, possibly widening the road and filling the ditches. The Township is trying to make the area safer for residents. They are also looking into trying to save the trees that are in the right of way.

Mr. Barrett asked about core tests suggested for Crystal Creek, Cricket, Spring Pond, and Spring View. These tests would cost about \$6,500.00. Mr. Barrett suggested that this discussion be tabled until the May meeting.

Mr. Hunt informed the group that there are two (2) paving repair projects scheduled for the summer in Greenwood Village.

Fire/EMS

Mr. Barrett: Both Townships had 99 total runs; Northfield Center 26 EMS and 7 fire; Sagamore Hills 61 EMS and 5 fire. There were 15 calls to one location. Mr. Barrett requested that the type of calls be listed on the fire report. Capt. Risko responded that the majority of these calls are for incidents in the Elmcroft common area. He has an appointment set up with their management this week. Mr. Barrett asked Chief Hayes how many police and fire were at the incident last night. Chief Hayes answered approximately 40 people were at the call from 6:30 pm to 12:30 am. Metro Life Flight was also called in.

Capt. Risko reported the entire department completed certification on SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). He has completed tornado drills and fire drills at the area schools. The fire fighters are 300 and 400 NIMS compliant.

Zoning

Mr. Barrett: There were seven (7) zoning permits issued for a total of \$560.00. These permits included accessory buildings, fence, decks, an addition and a remodeling.

The Zoning Department received a resident complaint about dogs barking in their neighborhood. Mr. Barrett commented that we do not have dog barking regulations in zoning.

We received a letter that a gentleman was bitten by a dog while riding his bicycle.

If you have a dog problem, you should call the Summit County Dog Warden. The dog barking issue looks like it was a dispute between neighbors who both have dogs.

There is a blue tarp on the roof of a home on Romane. The resident was informed that the roof must be fixed. The resident has applied for assistance from Summit County. We will follow up.

There is a blue tarp on the roof of a garage on N. Boyden. They were told to fix the roof in the next two weeks. We will follow up.

There is also a number of cars in the township with expired license plates. A certified letter was sent to the owner to move the car within 48 hours or a current plate can be put on the car.

A resident was told to relocate a greenhouse that they were constructing in their front yard without a permit. They moved it to their back yard.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Gale: Presented the March 2010 report with a beginning balance of \$5,512,495.75; receipts at \$448,824.44; minus receipt expenditure of \$2,178.19 which means receipt balance is \$446,646.25; less expenditure of \$338,156.88; less memo expenditure of \$2,178.19; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$335,978.69; ending balance is \$5,623,163.31.

Mr. Barrett voiced his concern to Mr. Gale about House Bill 404. That would increase the treasurers fees for collecting property tax and modify how the fees will be distributed. Mr. Barrett is also concerned about HB 389 concerning the direct deposit policy and rainy day reserve balance accounts. He requested Mr. Gale look into this bill and see what effect it will have on the Township if this bill is passed.

Trustees

Mrs. Snell: Three (3) quotes were received for painting the Township meeting room and offices. Dick Cashion has the lowest bid at \$2,186.00. He is an independent contractor who has worked in the area for 35 years. He is bonded and has insurance. Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-22** for Mr. Cashion to paint the Township side of the building. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

The Cleveland Dental Hygienists Association will sponsor an Oral Cancer Walk in the Township Park on Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 8:00 am to Noon. Free oral cancer screenings and information will be available from local dentists in Pavilion B.

The Summit County Solid Waste District is having a special hazardous waste collection on Saturday, April 17th at 9699 Valley View Road in Macedonia. The Hazardous Waste Center on Graham Road will be opening May 4th.

There will be a rainbarrel workshop on Saturday, April 17th from 2 to 4 pm at Bath Nature Preserve. The rainbarrels, materials and instructions will be sold at the workshop. Another workshop will be offered on Saturday, June 19th.

There will be a pet vaccination clinic sponsored by the Summit County Health District in the Township Park on Saturday, May 1st from 10 am to 2 pm.

We received our grant from Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority for \$4,900. That will help us with advertising, taking care of the recycling center, web site and other solid waste projects.

Republic Waste is in the process of creating specs so we will be able to go out for bid on the new contract.

The concerts in the park will begin June 6th. The first concert will be in Northfield Center with music provided by the band Next Level. Information will be on our web site, cable, and in the newspaper. Flyers will be available next month in the Township office.

We received a letter from the Ohio Township Association (OTA) explaining that the State wants to give the funding that is coming to the Townships to the Board of Tax Appeals. The OTA has written a letter against this and Mrs. Snell feels that the Board should also send a letter to the State voicing their concern about this decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Snell announced Mr. Barrett's birthday and suggested celebrating it with cake and coffee after the Citizen's Forum.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Jeff Kunkel questioned the NEORS D fees and the new trail in the park. Mrs. Snell explained that the NEORS D is calling the fee a utility. Mr. Hunt added that the gravel is impervious. Sagamore Hills is suing the NEORS D because of the stormwater fee.

Alfred Fodor, Greenwood Village Access Chairman, and Scott Clement talked about a parking issue on Holzhauer Road. A resident is using a graveled drainage area as a parking pad. He wanted the Township to stop the resident from parking in that area of their yard. Mrs. Snell informed the gentlemen that the police investigated the area and they do not see any obstructions or problems. She explained that Greenwood Village has to enforce any rules that they have created for their development. Mr. Barrett will investigate further into this issue.

Bill Ramsay had an issue of gun shots behind his property. He is unaware of who is shooting the guns. Mrs. Snell said the Township can post "no hunting" signs on the Township property. The National Park does not allow hunting in the park. These residents heard someone shooting for 1-1/2 hours on a Saturday. They were concerned for the children that live in the area. They notified the police but were told they could not help them. The guidelines state that a person can shoot a gun as long as they are 500 feet from a residence. Hunting or shooting cannot be restricted in a Township. Only the distance can be restricted. We will send Mr. Ramsay a copy of regulations regarding firearms.

Frank Kopas asked about the economic development meeting that the Township is hosting on April 21st. We spend money to send politicians to foreign countries to encourage investment in Summit County. What is the return for tax dollars for that travel? Mrs. Snell suggested attending the meeting on April 21st, if possible, and bring up that question with Russ Pry.

Mr. Kopas asked Mr. Hunt about the baseball fields; what fees we are charging and are they published? Mr. Hunt replied that we have not raised our fees and we can give him that information. Mr. Barrett explained that Nordonia Hills Athletic Association has reserved most of the fields for the season.

Mr. Kopas asked Capt. Risko about the calls to Brandywine and the number of people being sent on a call. Mr. Kopas questioned sending 7 firemen, 2 police and Capt. Risko to the one call. Risko explained that when there is an accident, officers are needed to direct traffic, help with the ambulance, helicopter, watch for pedestrians, etc.

Carol Lewis announced this is the week of the tea parties. Akron's tea party is on Wednesday afternoon and Media has one at 4 pm on Thursday.

Gary Smith asked Mr. Hunt about the storm water runoff. He asked if a gravel driveway was as impervious as a concrete driveway. Mr. Hunt answered that a gravel driveway was probably worse because the fine particles of a gravel driveway wash into the storm water system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Barrett 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. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor. ADJOURN: 8:31 pm, RECONVENE: 9:00 pm. R/C: All officials in attendance.

No decisions were made during the executive session.

There was no further business. Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn at 9:01 pm. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: both in favor.