

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, April 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. Hunt moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-abstain.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the work session held on Monday, March 16, 2009. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Snell-aye; Barrett-abstain.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, March 30, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Snell-aye; Barrett-aye.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated March 2009 in the amount of \$300,269.12. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Chair Hunt reported the web site statistics for March 2009 were 1,099 visitors; 858 were unique visitors; 78% of total visits were people that entered the web site once during the month; 2,918 pages were viewed.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Bill Young, Chief Operating Officer for South Pointe/Sagamore Medical Center; Kathy Doytek, ER Manager at Sagamore Medical Center; Rich Wisniewski, EMS Coordinator for South Pointe/Sagamore Medical Center; Nicole Ward, Marketing Manager for South Pointe/Sagamore Medical Center; and Chief Tim Black, Macedonia Fire Chief were special guests of Sagamore Hills Township. Chief Black and Kathy Doytek presented two Lifepack 1000 Series AED's to Lieutenant Dan Rice and Rose Mary Snell for use by the Sagamore Hills Police Department and Parks Department.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 13-09** for employment of the temporary employees for the Park and Road Departments for 2009 Summer Season. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 14-09** that authorized the Chief of Police on April 8, 2009 to apply for the Cops Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant. This is a four year program that the wages for a police officer is paid through the grant for three years and the fourth year is paid by the Township. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 15-09** to declare official intent for the \$155,000.00 loan reimbursement for the Apple Hill & Cherrywood Circle Project. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Barrett moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 16-09** for the contract with the University of Akron for its intern program for the Township Fiscal Office for the Summer 2009, Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Sessions. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 17-09** to promote Officer Stephen R. McRoberts from part-time status to full-time status in the Sagamore Hills Police District effective April 26, 2009. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 18-09** for the use of the new 2009 State Procurement Process. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Snell: We do not have Northfield Village for calls this month. Dispatch handled 509 calls for service and dispatched 441 calls for service, 68 calls were dispatched for the Northfield Center Fire/EMS Department. There were ten (10) investigations with six (6) closed - three (3) by arrest. The Sagamore Hills Police Department, Summit County Sheriff's Office, Macedonia Police Department, Northfield Village Police Department, and Northfield Center Fire Department were commended for their assistance during the tragedy that occurred at Panini's Restaurant on March 21, 2009.

Roads

Hunt: The Road Department removed snow from Rushwood ditch; repaired sinkholes; cleaned ditches and catch basins; repaired washout and street sign; cut brush and cold patched roads. Maintenance was done on the trucks, cars and tractor. Coal shoots on salt boxes were repaired.

The ball fields in the park were groomed and new foul poles were built and installed; bathrooms were cleaned and playground equipment was checked. The grounds and trees were fertilized. Miscellaneous repairs were made in the townhall and garage.

Fire/EMS

Barrett: Sagamore Hills had 68 total runs; 52 EMS and 16 fire. Northfield Center 32 total runs; 24 EMS and 8 fire. 52 out of the 76 EMS runs were chargeable to the Sagamore contract. The Fire District has a meeting scheduled next Monday. These meetings are coming to a close and then some decisions will have to be made.

Risko: There were two tragic incidents in our area in the last three weeks. Capt. Risko complimented the Sagamore Police Department on the way they assisted the Fire Department at Panini's Restaurant in getting the two victims to the hospital quickly. They were outstanding in securing the scene and helping to get the victims identified.

Two weeks ago there was a fire on Augusta. Capt. Risko conducted the investigation on this fire and contacted the State Fire Marshal for their assistance which included the use of their laboratories and dogs. Three additional State Fire Marshals were later brought into the detailed investigation. A final report will be received this week and the conclusion looks like it was not an accident. This was a very difficult hot fire. Nine departments helped with this dangerous fire but no one was hurt.

Today there was a double call off Canyon View where the woods was set on fire. There was also a call in Brecksville where the woods that connects to the park system was set on fire. That took three hours to contain. The Fire Department is looking into who is starting those fires.

A large water main broke in the complexes across from the park. Jeff Snell was notified and responded immediately. Several hundred gallons of water a minute was threatening the condos. Through the help of Jeff Snell, Cleveland Water Department was notified and they were able to fix the break with no damages.

Frank Kopas questioned why Jeff Snell was notified. Capt. Risko explained that Mr. Snell is the Fiscal Officer for North Hills Water District and is in charge of fire hydrants and that is where they thought the problem was originating. He notifies the emergency contractors to make repairs; contacts the Water Department; has all current maps of the area on laptop computer and is able to pinpoint problems quickly.

Zoning

Barrett: There was one permit issued for a fence in March for a total of \$25.00 in fees.

Hunt: The Zoning Board is depending on the map that is on the wall in the meeting room for riparian. This map only shows riparian corridor and is not accurate. If they want to check riparian setbacks, they need to go to Summit Soil and Water.

Snell: A resident contacted Mrs. Snell to inform her they wanted to install a wind turbine in their yard. There also is a problem with wood burning boilers that are not approved by the EPA. Mrs. Snell is on the Summit Planning Commission and the staff is in the process of getting information on wind turbines for the Township so zoning can be put in place. There is very little information on wood burners because they have not been approved by the EPA. Some burners have been installed in the area without a permit. If a moratorium is put on the wood burners, the ones that have appeared cannot be installed until regulations can be put in place. Mrs. Snell made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 19-09** a six-month moratorium on the installation of wind turbines as well as wood fire boilers until more information can be obtained and zoning and regulations are put in place. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Fiscal Officer

Gale: Presented the March report with a beginning balance of \$4,586,967.22; receipts at \$637,602.46; less receipt expenditures of \$310,393.24; less memo expenditure of \$10,124.12; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$300,269.12; ending balance is \$4,914,176.44.

Gale: Reported on the 1st Quarter Revenues. There will be a 6% - 9% decrease in revenues for 2009 even though the projected revenues for the 1st quarter do not reflect a decrease.

Hunt: The Township now has debt for the Cherrywood Circle Project and for the Springledge Road Project.

Trustees

Barrett: Had a meeting with Brandywine. Met with both Counsels, their Management Team, and Fire Department. Fire Department evaluated the types of calls. Sagamore Hills Township was there to discuss the money issue and billing. We are now waiting to see their proposal.

Snell: Chaffee & 82 has a vacant house on the corner with a lot of brush that the State has cut back. Dennis Hamm has informed Mrs. Snell that the building as well as the house behind is going to be renovated this fall for offices for the national park. The dead oak trees as well as the brush will be cleared out for a parking area. This will improve the visibility coming from the west.

Snell: Paul Wilkinson from the Metro Parks met with Mrs. Snell. He explained a park connection trail is going to be built and is now in the design phase. It will connect the hike & bike trail that ends on Brandywine Road; cross behind Brandywine Falls Inn; tunnel under Stafford Road and a small bridge will be built by Rt 271. The engineering will be completed in 2010.

Snell: The National Park is looking for volunteers on Saturday, April 18 at 8 am to help plant 1,200 seedlings for new trees.

Snell: A rabies clinic for cats and dogs will be held in the Sagamore Hills Park on Saturday, May 2nd from 10 am to 2 pm.

Snell: Appliance recycling at City Scrap in Akron is free to residents during the month of April. You can drop off the appliance or they have a company that will pick it up.

Snell: There are 24 people on Lifeline.

Snell: The hazardous waste recycling facility on Graham Road is open April through September on Tuesdays from 1pm to 4pm and Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. The center is for the recycling of paints, tires, TVs, etc.

Snell: Wants to buy 2 rain garden kits of native flowers from Summit Soil & Water Conservation District at \$125.00 each. One packet will be for the rain barrel and one for the swamp area in the park.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Snell discussed a call that she received regarding NOPEC. The Township participates in the electric portion of NOPEC but does not participate for gas. Mrs. Snell questioned if the Trustees wanted to talk about joining NOPEC for gas usage and put that on the November ballot.

Mr. Hunt explained that we have been off of the NOPEC contract for electric for a few months because NOPEC had no contract agreement with First Energy. We will be going back with the NOPEC electric contract on August 1, 2009. He further explained the gas contract with NOPEC beginning February 2009 was \$9.99/1,000 cubic feet of gas. Dominion East Ohio Gas and no NOPEC contract costs \$9.17/1,000 cubic feet of gas. You save money out of NOPEC. However, there is no guarantee that will be the same in the later months. If we enter into a NOPEC contract, they will send every resident a letter giving them the option to opt-out.

Mrs. Snell explained that we have until August 1st to decide if we want to put NOPEC on the ballot in November. The attorney that represents NOPEC will provide all the documentation we need if we decide to put it on the ballot in November.

Mr. Barrett moved to table the NOPEC discussion until the next meeting.

Mrs. Snell informed the group that the Township is receiving a loan for the Springledge & Springwood Project. She will speak to the County Engineer to get information on the bidding process for that project. The paperwork needs to be signed and returned to the County Engineer. The resolution for the bidding will be presented at the next meeting.

Mrs. Snell made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 20-09** to declare official intent for the \$72,000.00 loan reimbursement for the Springledge & Springwood Roads Improvement Project. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Frank Kopas asked Mrs. Snell about senior citizens discounts for Sagamore Hills residents with Time Warner. Mr. Barrett responded that our Time Warner representative was not aware of senior discounts and he is going to bring up that issue at their next meeting.

Mr. Kopas commented on the recycle bins overflowing and it looks terrible. People are throwing things on the ground. Mr. Hunt answered that they are emptied twice a week. Mrs. Snell said that is going to be changed to three days a week.

Mr. Kopas questioned the intern program and paying \$10,000.00 for an intern. Mr. Hunt explained that we are paying the University of Akron the \$10,000.00 which supplements the tuition. It would cost the Township more if we were not to go through the University.

Mr. Kopas mentioned that he has followed NOPEC for a number of years and never found them to be cheaper than what we could find on our own.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Hunt 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 Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor. ADJOURN: 7:59 pm, RECONVENE: 8:08 pm. R/C: All officials in attendance.

No decision was made in Executive Session.

There was no further business. Mr. Hunt moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

James P. Hunt, Chair

Richard H. Barrett, Vice Chair

Scott Gale, Fiscal Officer

Rose Mary Snell, Trustee