

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, June 14, 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.

Mrs. Snell moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, May 10, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Joint Work Session held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Joint Fire District Special meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 8:04 pm; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated May 2010 in the amount of \$212,871.44. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: Hunt-aye; Barrett-aye; Snell-aye.

WEB SITE

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for May 2010 were 1,138 visitors; 868 were unique visitors; 2,790 pages were viewed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-31** to authorize Sagamore Hills Township to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Sagamore Hills Park Loop Trail resurfacing project. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-32** to award the bid for Sagamore Hills Township Solid Waste contract to Republic Waste Services. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Ms. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-33** for an appropriation modification for the Fire and Ambulance Contract. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Barrett moved to **AMEND RESOLUTION 10-29** that authorizes Sagamore Hills Township to enter into an agreement with Northfield Center Township to form a Joint Fire District. The amendment authorizes the District to become operational on August 1, 2010 instead of July 1, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Chief Hayes reported on the statistics for May 2010: Dispatch handled 650 calls for service. Handed out 1,331 "Patrolled Your Area Cards."

Chief Hayes announced that 106 mailboxes were vandalized on Saturday morning. Five (5) juveniles were arrested by Sergeant Dan Rice. Anyone that had their mailbox vandalized was urged to call dispatch and have their name added to the list for possible restitution.

The Investigative Section received ten (10) investigations with nine (9) closed. Two (2) were closed by arrests.

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

Two (2) Detectives attended twenty-four (24) hours of "Interviews and Interrogations" training. Three (3) officers attended two (2) hours of training for "Administering Juvenile Oaths." This was a total of fifty-four (54) hours of completed training.

Chief Hayes respectfully requested the Board of Trustees to consider the appointment of Daniel J. DeCrane to the position of Part-Time Police Officer. Mr. DeCrane has been a dedicated Police Explorer for the Sagamore Hills Police Department and has successfully passed each step of the hiring process. Mr. DeCrane will be made an excellent addition to the Police Department.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-34** to authorize the hiring of Daniel DeCrane as a Part-Time Police Officer in the Sagamore Hills Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Police Chief Hayes administered the oath of office to Officer DeCrane. Words of recognition were shared by Officer Tim Ellis who is the Officer in Charge of the Explorers. Officers representing the Sagamore Hills Police Department were: Lieutenant Brian Piekarski, Detective Dave Piekarski, Sergeant Chris Kretzler, Officer Vicki Miavitz, and Dispatch Supervisor Janelle Mucha. A brief recess was taken for pictures with the officer's family.

Roads

Mr. Hunt: The Road Department had difficulty getting out to do the road work during the month of May because of the rain. Crack sealing has been scheduled and is now pushed back a month. The tree on Springledge & Springwood has been cut down; sink holes on Squire Drive and Meadowview Road have been repaired; cleaned basins and ditches and chipped brush after storm; put up street and road signs; repaired battery on backhoe; cut grass on road sides; used weed eater around guard rails and fire hydrants; and put up flags along roads for Memorial Day.

Repaired hydro leak on mower; water leak on gator; repaired water leak in restroom and food stand (backflow); replaced toilet in restroom; fixed stone around flag pole; planted flowers and edged flower beds; worked on Hustler; groomed ball fields, mowed lawns, and cleaned bathrooms; used weed eater in park and 191.

Made miscellaneous repairs in Township & Police Department; fixed lights in Police Department; fixed wires on speed trailer; and cleaned up the recycling center.

Mr. Hunt requested the approval to purchase a Bobcat E42 mini excavator and trailer for the Road Department. This is part of the state bid program and \$8,000.00 cheaper than Cat. The purchase of this excavator will cut down on the hours the backhoe is being utilized and will enable the backhoe to be used for a longer period.

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-35** to purchase a Bobcat Compact Excavator for the Road Department. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt talked about the request from the North Hills Water District for \$50,000.00 for a project on Glencrest/Barton Road. If Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center both participate in this project, we will receive more points and have a better chance of getting the Issue 2 funding.

Carol Lewis is on the Board of the North Hills Water District and explained they already have the engineers plans and can submit the application before July 1st.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 10-36** to participate in the North Hills Water District road project for \$50,000.00 to replace pipes on Glencrest/Barton Road and patch the road. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor. This is contingent on the approval of Northfield Center and their participation of \$50,000.00 in the joint project.

Fire/EMS

Capt. Risko: Both Townships had 145 total runs; Northfield Center 38 EMS and 16 fire; Sagamore Hills 79 EMS and 9 fire. A record of calls is being kept at Elmcroft. There were 8 calls at Elmcroft; one DOA and 7 that were transported.

The inspections of the schools in Sagamore Hills are completed.

Mr. Barrett announced that the Trustees approved the design of the new Fire District patch. The startup date has been moved to August 1st. The Fire District is also accepting applications for the Fire District Clerk position. There has been close to 200 responses. Mr. Barrett asked for approval from the Trustees to meet with Rich Reville to review all of the applications and choose 4 or 5 for the entire Board to interview. Mrs. Snell and Mr. Hunt agreed with that proposal.

Zoning

Mr. Barrett: There were five (5) zoning permits issued for a total of \$465.00. These permits included accessory building, pergola, and remodels.

Mr. Barrett addressed some summer problems with lawns of vacant homes, sheriff sale homes, side yards, occupied homes, etc. A property on Boyden Road has been cut by the Township. The Township will now file a lean against the property for the \$400 cost, plus administration fees, and attorney fees. We have another property on Boyden Road that was just cut yesterday. The cost for this lot was \$200.

Mr. Barrett informed the Board that he is going to submit a Purchase Order for a maximum of \$2,000.00 for lawns subject to 3 bids. This will give zoning the freedom to get the properties in violation cut and will then lay claim. This is under the ORC 505-87.

Mr. Hunt asked if it is necessary to mow the back yards of the properties in violation. Mr. Barrett explained that there are snakes and rats, etc. that live in tall grass. Mr. Barrett is also trying to get a volunteer group to go around and help with properties.

Another serious issue discussed was bees swarming on Red Hawk. There are hives in the back yard of a property that have not been kept properly and immediate action must be taken to correct this problem. The Health District is involved in this matter.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Gale: Presented the May 2010 report with a beginning balance of \$5,878,250.20; receipts at \$251,281.84; less expenditure of \$215,416.71; less memo expenditure of \$2,545.27; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$212,871.44; ending balance is \$5,914,115.33.

We have received our first set of settlements for each of the levies. At the end of June our estimated revenues for next year will be submitted to the County and the State. Mr. Gale anticipates decreasing revenues for next year but not as severe as the last two years.

Trustees

Mrs. Snell: We are anticipating making an application for an Issue I project for the Carlin Road north to Rt. 82 area. This would consist of widening the road in some of the areas. However, there are large trees in the right of way. The County Engineer made up two proposals for that road. The Engineer suggested that a public meeting be set up with the residents that live on the north side of Carlin. The application will be submitted for the higher amount. The meeting will be set up with the County Engineer sometime in July. He will bring the blueprints and explain to the residents what can be done and is looking for input from the residents. Mrs. Snell has received calls from concerned residents that live on the south side of Holzhauser. That area is just being paved but these residents are welcome to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Snell explained that bird bangers are being used in Eaton Estates by volunteers in order to control the goose harassment in the ponds. This technique is approved by the Ohio Department of Wildlife.

There is a photo contest through Summit Soil and Water for the clean water for wildlife. If anyone is interested in entering this contest, the pictures are due October 1st.

Mrs. Snell explained that the Township generated \$30,000.00 for newspaper recycling and she would like to buy playground equipment to be installed by Pavilion B. She will gather information and submit it to the Trustees. The cost will be kept under \$25,000.00.

Mr. Hunt: Reminded everyone that the ball fields in the park are on a first come first served basis on the weekends. The only exception is for parties renting the pavilion. They have first priority of the field next to the pavilion they are renting. These groups will have a permit from the Township as well as their name will be posted in the pavilion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Barrett is still looking into the Greenwood parking problem and tabled the issue until next meeting.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Deanne DeWitt is an avid recycler and feels we are missing the mark by not exploring curbside recycling. The bins are often full when she brings her recycling to the Township and frequently takes her recyclables back home. She is disappointed in a five year waste contract at the status quo. She would like to see more community involvement in recycling and feels that it will only happen if curbside recycling is offered. She is also suggesting that the profit made from recycling be reinvested in recycling. She explained that she would gladly pay double the cost for garbage pickup if it included a curbside recycling option. She also offered to get the opinion from residents in the community if the Trustees would like additional input from residents.

Mrs. Snell responded that newspapers have been recycled in the Township for 16 years. That is where we generate money. We have a lot of senior residents in the area and properties that have a lot of frontage. They are not in developments and that is where the cost is higher.

Mr. Hunt explained that curbside recycling was not considered when going out for bid. Possibly as much because we did not want more trucks on the township roads. We are not ready to hire people to go through the garbage to make sure there are no recyclables in the trash.

Mr. Barrett added the option of calling Republic Waste and having them add curbside pickup individually. Ms. DeWitt explained that she will continue to bring her own recycling to the Township. She feels that some of the residents need to have it made easier for them in order for them to recycle.

Mr. Barrett explained that we consider ourselves a green community. We have the rain garden thanks to Mrs. Snell. We have the recycling center that we empty three times a week. Mrs. Snell added that we considered having two bins but do not have the space for them so we are looking into changing the pickup days to Monday, Thursday and Saturday. We get the most recyclables over the weekend.

Carol Lewis commented about the purchase of the Bobcat Excavator. She informed the trustees that the Bobcat company was purchased by a Korean company. She would like to pay the extra \$8,000.00 in order to buy an American made product. Mr. Barrett replied that he agrees buying American made products but on the state bid program, they consider that because there is an incentive in the State of Ohio to buy American made products.

Gary Smith asked about the pricing for the Republic contract. Mrs. Snell explained that effective July 1st the cost is going to be lower and there will not be an additional fuel cost added to the cost over the next five years. Any tipping fees or mandates from the State of Ohio will be billed to the resident.

Mr. Smith asked for an explanation of Resolution 10-33. Mr. Gale explained that the appropriation modification for the Fire and Ambulance Contract is paid for out of Fund 28 that is specifically set aside for Fire and EMS. The money comes from the property taxes that are collected. This is not an increase. We are just tapping into those funds.

Frank Kopas asked if the trailer being purchased would be big enough to carry both pieces of equipment individually. Mr. Hunt said that it would be able to carry either piece of equipment.

Gary Smith asked if the juveniles that knocked down the mailboxes were going to be prosecuted and if there will be reimbursement for the damages. Mr. Barrett replied that the parents of the five children asked for a list of addresses because the fathers wanted to provide restitution. That information is being withheld because there is an investigation in progress. All of the information is being submitted to the court and the court will decide if there will be restitution. There were 94 mailboxes in Sagamore Hills as well as Macedonia and Northfield Center. There also was a curfew violation.

Mr. Smith questioned the Plain Dealer article regarding the speed limit on North Boyden. Mrs. Snell answered that the Township has to abide by the ODOT regulations and Summit County Engineer. A traffic survey will be run on Holzhauser, North Boyden and Houghton Roads. The Township is going to try to have the speed limit lowered back to 25 mph.

Phil Londrico attended the meeting on behalf of Panini's. They proposed a patio on the east side of their property. This will take up five parking spaces. Mr. Londrico said he talked about this to the Zoning Board and now he wants the Trustees to give him permission to build the patio. Mr. Barrett explained that the process is to propose and submit drawings to the Zoning Board and have a contractual agreement for the additional parking. If the Zoning Board does not approve the request, the next step is the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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 Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor. ADJOURN: 8:40 pm, RECONVENE: 9:15 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 9:16 pm. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: all in favor.