

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, June 8, 2009 – media notified

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

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 11, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: both in favor.

WEB SITE

Mr. Barrett reported the web site statistics for May 2009 were 987 visitors; 765 were unique visitors; 2,354 pages were viewed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Snell moved to amend **RESOLUTION 22-09** that authorized the Board of Trustees to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement (SCIP) and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs (LTIP) and to execute contracts as required for Holzhauser Road repaving and drainage improvement and Canal Road repaving. The amendment adds the repaving of Walton Road. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: both in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 23-09** to hire Jessica Becker as a Part-Time Dispatcher effective June 9, 2009. This hiring is conditional with a background investigation. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: both in favor.

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 24-09** to recognize Christopher J. Loyke, DO, as the Ohio Osteopathic Association President. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: both in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Chief David Hayes publicly thanked everyone that assisted with the funeral of Sagamore Hills Police Officer Kevin Skizenta.

Snell: Dispatch handled 479 calls for service. The Investigative Section received twenty-one (21) investigations with eighteen (18) closed - two (2) by arrest.

Seven (7) Letters of Commendation were received, praising numerous members of the Department for their dedication to the Police Department and their work ethic.

Chief Hayes and Supervisor Mucha attended training in May. This equates to 25 hours of completed training.

Part-time Dispatcher Matt Suster submitted his resignation effective May 17, 2009 to take a position on another department.

Roads

Snell: The Road Department spent much of their time mowing, working in the park and planting in the township.

Fire/EMS

Barrett: Both Townships had 117 total runs; Northfield Center 51 EMS and 7 fire; Sagamore Hills 45 EMS and 14 fire. The 14 fire calls in Sagamore Hills Township included car fires, field fires, and brush fires. The fire department responds to uncontrolled burns.

Risko: The Fire Department completed hydrant training in May and has training scheduled the 3rd or 4th Tuesday in July. They are practicing laying hoses on Rolling Brook and Sandyhill in order to improve protection in that area.

Risko reported four new nozzles are being purchased for the fire engines. These nozzles are easier to use when using foam. Frank Kopas asked who would own the nozzles and it was explained that they belong to Sagamore Hills Township as well as Northfield Center.

Zoning

Barrett: There were twelve (12) permits issued for a total of \$550.00. These permits included fences, decks, accessory buildings, an addition and a remodeling.

Fiscal Officer

Gale: Presented the May report with a beginning balance of \$5,057,331.33; receipts at \$435,540.53; less receipt expenditures of \$219,811.83; less memo expenditure of \$3,132.73; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$216,679.10; ending balance is \$5,273,060.03.

Gale reported that he attended the Ohio Auditor of State's Certified Public Record Training, House Bill 9 and Ohio's Open Meeting Act last month as required by law.

Trustees

Barrett: Thanked the Northfield Center Fire Department for their help during the funeral for Officer Skizenta.

Snell: There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Macedonia on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 9 am to 1 pm at 9699 Valley View Road. If unable to make that date, residents can still take HHW to the collection site on Graham Road until September.

Mrs. Snell contacted Ohio Edison and requested they remove the logs on Nesbitt next to the bike path and fix the street light at Lynnview and Brenmore Roads.

A request was received from a resident to build a dog park on the 191 acres along Chaffee Road. Mrs. Snell explained that Sagamore Hills Township will not entertain a dog park in the township. She will respond to the resident.

A letter was received from a neighbor on Augusta. They are concerned that the burned house has become an eyesore. Frank Risko commented that the State Fire Marshals have not come to a conclusion yet on the fire. An answer should be received next week and this situation can be rectified. Mrs. Snell will respond to the resident.

Mrs. Snell reported a rain garden was installed in the park with the 2 flats of native plants that were purchased recently. A sign will be placed by the garden to call attention to the garden.

Mrs. Snell requested the trustees approve a contract from All Bugs Exterminators to take care of the problem with bees in the park. A purchase order will be created for the contract.

A request was received from a resident to use his photos of Brandywine Waterfalls on the township website. Mrs. Snell will contact the resident to discuss this request.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Greg Foth announced that a memorial for Officer Skizenta will be held in the park in August. He volunteered to solicit donations for a permanent memorial for Officer Skizenta. Mrs. Snell will discuss this request with Chief Hayes.

Gary Smith asked about the six month moratorium on hydro heaters and wind turbines. He commented that regulating will not solve smoke problems if instructions for the heaters are not followed correctly. Wet leaves and garbage will still smoke if burned in the heaters. He asked that this information be considered for future regulation.

Mrs. Snell explained that Walton Hills prohibits burners. Mr. Barrett commented the air pollution committee in Summit County is monitoring the use of heaters. We need to wait and see what the County reports.

There was no further business. Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: both in favor.