

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, July 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.

Mrs. Snell moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, June 8, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Snell-aye; Barrett-aye; Hunt-abstain.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated May 2009 in the amount of \$216,679.10. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-abstain.

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated June 2009 in the amount of \$254,098.94. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for June 2009 were 1,143 visitors; 871 were unique visitors; 2,977 pages were viewed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 25-09** to authorize advances of local taxes from the County Treasurer to Sagamore Hills Township. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt referenced **RESOLUTION 15-09** adopted 4-13-09 to declare official intent for the \$155,000.00 loan reimbursement to the Sagamore Hills Township Road Department Contract Fund (04-B-03) for the Apple Hill & Cherrywood Circle OPWC Project. Mr. Hunt questioned when the Road Department would be reimbursed. Mr. Gale responded the fund account is set up and the transfer will take place when the State Auditor gives the fiscal office the exact language that is required to make the fund transfer.

Mr. Hunt moved to amend **RESOLUTION 16-09** adopted 4-13-09 that authorized 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. The end date for the Summer 2009 Session in paragraphs 2 and 4 should be changed to August 10, 2009 to correspond with the date on the contract. Paragraphs 3 and 5 for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Sessions should be deleted. Mr. Hunt explained that he feels that it is time to start thinking in terms of looking for someone to permanently staff that office instead of using an intern. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: Snell-aye; Hunt-aye; Barrett-no.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

Snell: Dispatch handled 496 calls for service. The Investigative Section received sixteen (16) investigations with fifteen (15) closed - one (1) by arrest.

Four (4) Letters of Commendation were received, praising numerous members of the Department for their dedication to the Police Department and their work ethic.

Lieutenant Piekarski, Detective Wolf, Acting Sergeant Rice and Detective Piekarski attended training in June. This equates to 80 hours of completed training.

The Police Department is in the process of screening two (2) candidates to be considered for part-time Police Officer positions.

Roads

Hunt: The Road Department used crack sealant on roads in the Township; created new storage yard behind Road garage; hauled asphalt grindings for base of new yard; Mr. Hunt thanked Greg Foth for donating equipment and time to help with the new yard.

Much of their time was spent in the park grooming ball fields; mowing; mulching; watering flower beds and pulling weeds. Bathrooms were cleaned and faucets repaired; and put up "do not enter" and "one way" signs for park trail to get people moving in one direction only.

Changed oil and greased vehicles and repaired equipment. Miscellaneous repairs were made in the Townhall and Police Department.

Fire/EMS

Barrett: Both Townships had 94 total runs; Northfield Center 23 EMS and 10 fire; Sagamore Hills 46 EMS and 11 fire. Mr. Barrett has some questions on the report and will follow-up with Northfield Center.

The Augusta fire is awaiting assignment of a Summit County Prosecutor to hear the case. The North Boyden fire was found to be probable careless smoking.

We have regulations on open burning now in print. These regulations will be available in the Township lobby and posted on the web site.

The circus inspection will be at 11 am on July 31st. All permits and necessary paperwork must be submitted prior to the inspection. Mrs. Snell asked if children will be permitted to watch the tents being erected. Mr. Barrett said the circus lets the children watch. Mrs. Snell also mentioned that the Explorers could sell coffee and donuts in the morning with the wagon.

Zoning

Barrett: There were eight (8) permits issued for a total of \$520.00. These permits included a fence, decks, accessory buildings, an addition and a B.Z.A meeting application.

Fiscal Officer

Gale: Presented the June report with a beginning balance of \$5,273,060.03; receipts at \$50,169.48; less receipt expenditures of \$255,257.78; less memo expenditure of \$1,158.84; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$254,098.94; ending balance is \$5,067,971.73.

Mr. Gale discussed the two bills that were received from the Northfield Center Fire Department. There was an error on the statements due to the fact the percentage used to calculate the invoice was 54% instead of 50.4%. Mr. Gale suggested that Sagamore Trustees discuss this situation with the Northfield Center Trustees and have a more in depth look at the financial records that are being invoiced to Sagamore and see more detail in the future. A combined committee was supposed to be set up by Northfield Center to discuss billing.

Trustees

Snell: We have 23 people on Lifeline.

We received two Estimates for the sealing of the parking lot at Police Department

\$1,800 - Mid Ohio Asphalt

\$2,156 - Superior Sealcoating

Park Parking Lot and Road Building Estimates

\$4,500 - Superior Sealcoating

Mid Ohio Asphalt will be contacted to remove crack sealing and striping from their quote and resubmit.

Community Days at the Akron Zoo are scheduled for September 13 and 14.

Complimentary tickets can be obtained at the Township Office while quantities last.

Residents are permitted to request up to four tickets per household.

The Trustees received two very nice letters complementing how nice the park and township grounds looked.

Hunt: Bidding on Springledge and Springwood has not been able to be completed yet due to the fact that the new County Engineer has decided to redo the engineering that was previously done on the project.

The new County Engineer Alan Brubaker sent a memo on May 18, 2009 regarding the new signage for Eaton Estates. This report references a plan that shows the recommended locations for all signs. To date, the Township has not received this plan.

The County Engineer sent a 2009 Annual Drainage Maintenance Report. We spent over \$150,000 in Eaton Estates last year making repairs to the concrete and catch basins. We now have approximately 2-1/2 pages of Eaton Estate repairs required. We have not received a plan from the engineer to show where each of the phases are located. We cannot comply with this report until the plan is received. Mrs. Snell suggested that our zoning department has a master plan that shows the various phases in Eaton Estates. Paul Schweikert commented that Eugene Wilson in the Engineers Office could be contacted to get additional information.

Seventy-five tons of salt to top off the bins has to be ordered prior to September 8th in order to receive the reduced price from last year's contract.

Mr. Hunt opened a discussion about key operated lock boxes for senior citizen homes. The lock box costs \$31.00. Mrs. Snell was concerned that the keys would be duplicated and would ultimately not be safe. She feels that Lifeline is the safest to use in a medical emergency for senior citizens living alone. Mr. Hunt is going to look further into the key operated lock boxes as an option for those residents that do not qualify for Lifeline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Snell has been appointed to the State Issue 1 Committee for Small Government. She will be able to have input on Issue 1 Projects on a State Level for all the districts.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hunt explained that we were required to have a public hearing on the Tax Budget. That is no longer required. Mr. Gale reported some highlights on the Alternative Tax Budget. The Trustees had no questions on the budget. Mr. Schweikert asked Mrs. Snell if the Board anticipates any new tax levies for the Road Department or the Police Department. Mrs. Snell responded that they do not anticipate any new tax levies for the next five years for roads and police. There is a rainy day fund that will be used if it is needed.

Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to pass the Alternative Tax Budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Greg Foth suggested that the Township install recycling bins in the park for bottles and cans. This would help to recycle the trash during the ball games as well as events like the circus and concerts in the park. Mr. Hunt said this was a very good idea and thought about possibly using blue food service barrels that cost \$10.00 so the bins will be a different color for recycling.

Mr. Foth asked if the fiscal office is 100% on the new UAN accounting system and how much has been spent on this system to date. Mr. Gale answered that the Township is not 100% on the new UAN system yet. We are spending money for the UAN but not on the old system. We do not pay for OTAS.

Mr. Foth next mentioned a web site called GovDeals.com that has government surplus deals. He added this could be an option to sell a few pieces of equipment instead of holding an auction.

Paul Schweikert commended the Trustees on their budgetary efforts. The fact that there will be no new tax levies for the next five years is something to be excited about. There is no levy for the park and all of the upkeep comes out of the general fund.

Renee Stalzer lives on Brandywine Road. She has had storm sewer issues in her yard for the last twelve years. There are large sink holes on her property because the underground pipes are disintegrating. She met with Tony Chiancone in Summit County Engineer's office who suggested she ask Sagamore Hills what will be done about the system because they could not help her.

Mr. Hunt commented that he met with Mrs. Stalzer along with Mr. Cuprak of the Road Department previously regarding this issue. The sewer comes off a county road which means it is a county sewer. Mr. Hunt offered to contact the County Engineer's Office and see if he can get some assistance from their office. Mrs. Stalzer explained how dangerous the property is at this time and something needs to be done to rectify the issue.

Mr. Schweikert suggested that a meeting be set up with Alan Brubaker to come out to the property and look at the problem. The Trustees will contact Mr. Brubaker to set up a meeting.

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: 7:50 pm, RECONVENE: 8:23 pm. R/C: All officials in attendance.

No decision was made in Executive Session.

There was no further business. Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.