

## SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

**Monday, August 10, 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, July 13, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

### **PENDING WARRANTS**

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated July 2009 in the amount of \$218,004.46. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor

### **WEB SITE**

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for July 2009 were 1,315 visitors; 1,024 were unique visitors; 3,035 pages were viewed.

### **SPECIAL GUEST**

Police Chief David Hayes was the special guest at the meeting. He reported on the July Police Department statistics, and made recommendations to hire new officers.

### **Police Department Report**

Dispatch handled 632 calls for service. Dispatched 63 calls for service to the Northfield Center Fire Department. The Investigative Section received twelve (12) investigations with eight (8) closed - one (1) by arrest.

Two (2) Letters of Commendation were received, praising numerous members of the Department for their dedication to the Police Department and their work ethic.

Sergeant Rice and Sergeant Kretzler attended training in July. This equates to 56 hours of completed training.

Acting Sergeant Rice was recommended for promotion to Sergeant; Victoria Miavitz and Kevin Harvey were recommended to be appointed to the part-time Police Officer positions; and Matt Suster was recommended to be reinstated as part-time Dispatcher.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 26-09** to promote Acting Sergeant Daniel Rice to the position of Sergeant for the Sagamore Hills Township Police Department effective August 11, 2009. Officer Rice has been an Acting Sergeant since August of 2008. Dan is supportive of the Police Department's mission, is dedicated to the citizens of Sagamore Hills and displays an impeccable work ethic. This promotion would be with a provision, that should a terminated employee be reinstated to the rank of Sergeant, then Sergeant Rice would be reduced back to Detective. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 27-09** to hire Victoria Miavitz as a part-time police officer in the Sagamore Hills Township Police Department effective August 16, 2009. Ms. Miavitz has completed the application process in which over 30 candidates were screened. She comes highly recommended and should make a fine addition to the Police Department. She will be required to complete a field training process and a probationary period. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 28-09** to hire Kevin Harvey as a part-time police officer in the Sagamore Hills Township Police Department effective August 16, 2009. Mr. Harvey has completed the application process in which over 30 candidates were screened. He comes highly recommended and should make a fine addition to the Police Department. He will be required to complete a field training process and a probationary period. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Hunt moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 29-09** to rehire Matt Suster as a part-time dispatcher in the Sagamore Hills Township Police Department effective August 16, 2009. Mr. Suster resigned in June in order to pursue other employment and he is requesting to return to his former position. The

Police Department is still in need of a part-time dispatcher and Matt would fill this opening. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Police Chief Hayes presented a plaque to Sergeant Rice and administered oaths to Sergeant Rice, Officer Miavitz and Officer Harvey. A brief recess was taken for refreshments with the officer's families.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Roads**

Hunt: The Road Department cleaned behind old garage; took down old shed; moved brick and posts to new garage; planted grass; cut down trees; weeded around guard rails; removed brush; fixed sinkholes; repaired catch basins and cleaned ditches.

Much of their time was spent in the park grooming ball fields; mowing; mulching; watering flower beds and pulling weeds. Bathrooms were painted; stained gazebo; pressure washed pavilions and filled holes in road around park.

Worked on electric short in Township building. Repairs were made on toilets in the Townhall and Police Department.

### **Fire/EMS**

Barrett: Both Townships had 101 total runs; Northfield Center 22 EMS and 13 fire; Sagamore Hills 43 EMS and 20 fire. There were 3 mutual aid calls.

Captain Risko submitted a disaster plan to the Board of Trustees per the Emergency Management Agency Agreement.

### **Zoning**

Barrett: There were eleven (12) permits issued for a total of \$765.00. These permits included decks, accessory buildings, additions, and garage.

We are constantly sending out letters to people that have zoning violations. This month we sent out eight (8) letters and will continue to send out notices to people in violation. The paperwork is a slow process but we do take serious action on these issues.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Gale: Presented the July report with a beginning balance of \$5,067,971.73; receipts at \$926,754.09; less receipt expenditures of \$218,767.66; less memo expenditure of \$763.20; which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$218,004.46; ending balance is \$5,775,958.16.

Mr. Gale discussed the new resolution on settlements that was passed last month. The tax money for the second half was listed as \$870,000.00. The budgeting for this year will be in line with projections made for this year.

### **Trustees**

Barrett: Discussed a call he received from Sandstone regarding mounding their property by the park. Mrs. Snell suggested they meet with the property owner and their neighbor to discuss options. Mr. Barrett will set up a meeting with the property owners.

Snell: We have 23 people on Lifeline.

Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to hire Mid Ohio Asphalt to seal the Police Department and Road Building parking lots the end of August or beginning of September. The total cost for this work is \$6,300.00. They can work around the pavilion reservation schedule. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mrs. Snell received a street lighting request for Brinmore and Linview. An Engineer from Ohio Edison quoted \$995.00 for the installation of an 1100 watt Cobra Light. The monthly energy cost would be \$8.57 per ESIP. Ohio Edison will assume ownership and maintenance of the light. Mr. Barrett suggested getting a safety opinion and going to look at the intersection.

Mrs. Snell attended a meeting of the Charter Review Commission. They are proposing to merge the Engineers Office under the Executive Office. A new office called Public Service Director would be

created and would not be an elected office. The Town Council voted last week to put on the ballot to replace this office in 2013. This new office would also include Environmental Services. Mrs. Snell testified in front of the County Council that the position should remain as an elected position. Ed Galewood, a Sagamore Hills resident, commented that he agreed it should be an elected position. He added that the appointed position could turn out to be an administrator and not an engineer. The next committee meeting is August 17th where residents can go and testify. The full council meeting is August 24th when the final vote will take place.

Republic Services sent a notification that there will be an increase in their rubbish service by 15 cents per household per month because of an EPA mandate.

Chief Hays applied to the COPS program to receive stimulus money. All of the money went to the big cities. None of the small towns received any of the money for officers.

A report was received regarding the H1N1 Swine Flu. Mrs. Snell passed this report on to the media. The vaccine will be given to the public early this year. Information can be found on the web site.

Solid Waste Authority had a regional household hazardous collection in Macedonia recently. They collected 46,879 lbs. and they were able to recycle 97% of that. They had 436 cars that went through.

The Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary.

Hunt: Currently, the closest 2009 flu shot distribution area is in Twinsburg.

We are still waiting for the Springledge Project bid packages. Mrs. Snell commented that she talked to the Deputy Engineer who said he will send bid package information to us by the end of the week. The goal is to have the project complete before winter.

#### **CITIZENS' FORUM**

Ed Galewood expressed his concern of the Health Department's approach to the septic tank inspection. He stated that there is a \$57 charge for the inspection every two years. Mrs. Snell responded by explaining that the inspections are a state mandate and are performed randomly. Every household will not be done every two years. Snell also explained that the Health Department is consolidating their districts and trying to make one department. Mr. Hunt added that the EPA is trying to force us to clean up the environment.

Dan Soukup lives on Sandstone and commented on having access to the park from his street. He informed the board that there is an easement next to the property owned by the people that recently put up a "no trespassing" sign. That easement is owned by Dominion East Ohio. He suggested putting a path in the easement to enable residents to enter the park and not have to drive around to enter. Mrs. Snell offered to call the Dominion East Ohio representative and discuss the easement.

Ed Galewood suggested planting lombardy poplar trees and staggering them along the edge of the property in order to make a natural barrier. They grow very quickly. Mr. Soukup also shared that other residents on Sandstone would be happy to speak to the board regarding their frustration with the path entering the park.

#### **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. To consider the purchase or sale of property where premature disclosure of information would give unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal private interest is adverse to the public interest. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor. ADJOURN: 8:12 pm, RECONVENE: 9:09 pm. R/C: All officials in attendance.

Mr. Hunt made a **MOTION** to contract with the University of Akron for the employment of John Gersper through the fall session which ends in December 2009. Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

No other decisions were made during the executive session.

There was no further business. Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn at 9:11 pm. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.