

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, September 14, 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. Barrett requested the group to remain standing to remember the people from 9/11.

Mrs. Snell moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special meeting held on Thursday, September 3, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

Mr. Barrett moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, August 10, 2009; Seconded by Mrs. Snell. R/C Vote: all in favor.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated August 2009 in the amount of \$238,965.60. Seconded by Mr. Hunt. R/C Vote: Barrett-aye; Hunt-aye; Snell-abstain.

WEB SITE

Mr. Hunt reported the web site statistics for August 2009 were 1,066 visitors; 810 were unique visitors; 2,525 pages were viewed.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Snell moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 33-09** to make an agreement between Sagamore Hills Township and the City of Twinsburg to confine prisoners in the Twinsburg City jail. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department Report

Dispatch handled 807 calls for service. Of these calls, 272 were area checks in various neighborhoods. The Investigative Section received fifteen (15) investigations with twelve (12) closed.

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

The two newly appointed officers attended firearms qualifications prior to starting their training period. They are both doing well in the field training process.

Mr. Hunt recommended that everyone keep their houses locked and cars secure. Be aware and do not let your guard down.

Roads

Hunt: The Road Department repaired sinkholes on Lynnview Drive, Steeprock and Sandstone; repaired catch basins on Squire Drive and Troubadour; put in all new basins on Kiltie Lane and Inverlane Drive; ongoing cold patched roads; trimmed trees and repaired curb in Greenwood; cleaned up trees on Boyden from storm; ditched Meadowview and Gannett; there are two ditching jobs on Rushwood and Spring Pond to complete in back yards.

Cleaned bathrooms in park; mowed lawns; pulled weeds; watered flowers; painted inside of bathrooms; repaired electric outlet in bathroom; filled in 2 sink holes in field.

Fire/EMS

Barrett: Both Townships had 124 total runs; Northfield Center 36 EMS and 9 fire; Sagamore Hills 59 EMS and 14 fire.

Mrs. Snell questioned Captain Risko about the number of fire calls for August in Sagamore Hills. Captain Risko responded that Northcoast Behavioral had 3 calls in August and 3 in September. There was a malfunction in their alarm system. A new contractor was hired and they are working on repairing the system.

Captain Risko reported on two fires in Sagamore. The house fire on Boyden Road has been demolished and cleaned up. The Eaton Estate fire on Augusta is still not closed. The prosecutor is trying to get depositions from the house owner. Allstate Insurance is holding up the clean up process. It was confirmed that the fire was intentionally set but it is not known what the Fire Marshals and prosecutor's final decision will be. There is a person of interest that the authorities are going to question. Captain Risko is waiting for a full report from the State Fire Marshals. He also suggested concerned individuals could call the insurance company directly to express their concern about the condition and appearance of the property during this investigation.

Zoning

Barrett: There were nine (9) permits issued for a total of \$412.00. These permits included a deck, accessory buildings, additions, a fence, demolitions, and permit to open Township road.

A number of the properties that were reported previously have been cleaned up. There is a property that Mr. Barrett wants to turn over to legal counsel. He will also call in the Health Department.

Fiscal Officer

Gale: Presented the August report with a beginning balance of \$5,775,958.16; receipts at \$366,884.23; less receipt expenditures of \$70,197.96 equals \$296,686.27; less total expenditures of \$309,163.56; less memo expenditure of \$70,197.96 which matches the Pending Warrant amount of \$238,965.60; ending balance is \$5,833,678.83.

Mr. Gale presented a disk for the computer backup system to Chair Hunt to keep off site for safe keeping. Mr. Gale will also keep a copy of the backup up records.

It was also reported that the only long term debt that the Township has is a zero interest loan for \$155,000.00 for Applehill and Cherry Wood Circle Road project. The payments will start January next year.

Trustees

Snell: Summit County Health Department began a raccoon baiting program on September 11th and will continue until September 25th for the north corridor.

There are been 14 confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza in Summit County. There will not be a clinic in our area for flu shots because vaccine is available at many local drug stores, Giant Eagle and Twinsburg Library.

The Summit County Sheriff will host their annual open house on Saturday at their training center in Akron.

Mrs. Snell has an estimate from Euthenics Consulting Engineers for road and trail engineering around the park. That includes paving around the park as well as a walking and biking trail. We applied for stimulus money through Steve LaTourette. We are in the second phase of that approval.

Anyone that wants to stock a pond on their property with fish can obtain a form from Mrs. Snell. The pond will be stocked in October.

We have 23 people on Lifeline.

Hunt: The Springledge and Springwood Road Project has gone out for bid. Mr. Hunt explained that you stand a chance of losing what you plant in the Township right-of-way and those trees will not be replaced. A number of large oak and maple trees have to come down due to the construction on Springledge.

Mr. Hunt explained that an attempt will be made to close the rest rooms in the park for the winter around November 15th. This will save energy consumption. We will bring in a handicapped accessible port-a-potty.

OLD BUSINESS

Installing a street light on the corner of Brinmore and Lynnview was discussed at the last meeting and under consideration. Mrs. Snell contacted residents; Mr. Barrett and Chief Hayes looked at the intersection to see if it was considered dangerous. The cost quoted by an Ohio Edison Engineer is \$995.00 for the installation of an 1100 watt Cobra Light. The monthly energy cost is \$8.57 per ESIP. Ohio Edison will assume ownership and maintenance of the light. Mrs. Snell made a **MOTION** to install the street light. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: Snell-yes; Barrett-yes; Hunt-no. Mr. Hunt commented that he does not feel the curve is dangerous to warrant a light. He would prefer to put up 6 foot yellow arrow signs on the curve.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hunt announced Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Mr. Hunt explained the problems of turning off the water in the park in the past. The water lines are not deep enough and that creates problems with leaks in the pipes. He presented an estimate from Shuman Inc. for \$1,300.00 to winterize the park. Mrs. Snell suggested getting a few more estimates before the next meeting.

Mr. Hunt talked about the Emergency Management Plan that Frank Risko submitted to the Trustees last month. Mr. Hunt wants to act on the draft and make changes to adapt to the Township. Mr. Hunt asked if the schools mentioned in the plan that would be used in case of emergency had generators. The schools do have generators. Mrs. Snell added Summit County has one of the best emergency management systems in the state. They have all of the best equipment necessary for disaster management.

Mrs. Snell explained that the Township applied for funding to put a generator in the maintenance or park building. Those buildings could then be used as temporary headquarters in case of an emergency. Captain Risko is going to look into getting funding for a generator for the Township.

Gary Smith questioned how the Township informs citizens in the event of an emergency. Mrs. Snell answered Summit County has the reverse 911 system in place. It is a recording that goes to all listed land line phone numbers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Summit County Engineer Alan Brubaker will attend the next meeting on Tuesday, October 13 to present the annual report and answer any questions regarding engineering or county roads.

Dave Smith, a representative of the County Engineer's Office, was in attendance at this meeting and he will be attending all of the meetings throughout the year. Dave can answer any questions that residents have pertaining to county issues.

Mrs. Snell explained the County Engineers are very receptive and responsive to the Townships needs. It is important to the Township to watch on the ballot in November to vote to keep the County Engineer as an elected official.

CITIZENS' FORUM

Gary Smith commented on stocking the ponds. When this service is done by Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the pond is then open to public fishing. The pond becomes public domain. Mrs. Snell explained that the Summit County Soil and Water is offering this fish program at a cost to residents. It is private.

Ron Storozuk expressed his concern about the drainage ditch running through the back of his property and his neighbors. It is only a 12 inch pipe and the yards flood during a rainfall. He would like to have someone come out to look at the problem. Mr. Barrett added that he has looked at the property in the past and there is a water line visible in the yard.

Frank Kopas asked about zoning regulations and Mr. Barrett explained that the whole zoning manual is on the Township website under the Zoning tab.

Joan Zak is concerned about the appearance of North Gannett Road. She has lived on the road since 1960. There is a family that has two horses and trailers on the land. She thought the zoning was one horse per acre. Mrs. Zak discussed a number of homes in the area where there are issues with the property. Mr. Barrett agreed that there are problems in the area. The Trustees are aware and following legal procedures in order to get the problems resolved.

Mr. Barrett will meet with the Zoning Administrator to help get the issues corrected.

Mr. Storozuk asked about having business trailers on the property. Some of these trailers have out of state license plates as well as different county stickers. Mr. Barrett explained that the Township has to follow the County ordinances and cannot just walk on private property to investigate. He also explained the Zoning Administrator takes a police officer with her when approaching a problem property.

A question was asked about burning twigs. A resident stacks twigs and burns them like a bonfire right next to an untreated barn. Mrs. Snell suggested to call the police and they will notify the Fire Marshal, Frank Risko, to investigate the fire. Captain Risko explained that he will respond to the burning violation. Once he is on the property and has control of the scene, he will be able to take action for other violations on the property.

There was no further business. Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.