RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23rd, 2009

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Medina Township Hall on July 23rd, 2009, to conduct the business of the Township. President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Mead Wilkins and Michael D. Todd. Also in attendance were the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Asst. Road Foreman, Sports Field Director, Zoning Inspector and the general public.

Roll Call

Mr. Wilkins asked for a roll call of all members present. Trustees present were Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Todd.

Mr. Wilkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for Rita M. Holt, Trustee

Mr. Wilkins asked all in attendance to join him in a moment of silence for Trustee Rita M. Holt who passed away July 10, 2009.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Wilkins motioned to approve accounts payable warrants number #20001 to #20021 totaling $14,171.39. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Todd.

Approval of Payroll

Mr. Wilkins motioned to approve payroll checks #13204 to #13224 totaling $25,303.95 with $3,873.74 in deductions. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Todd.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Multi-Use Bike Path

Mr. Wilkins spoke with Mr. Tony Ratajczak regarding the multi-use bike path. He and Mr. Ratajczak are going to walk the proposed bike path. The purpose of the bike path is to allow access to the new school on Reagan Parkway from Stonegate.

Cook Road Damages

Mr. Wilkins said the Trustees met with legal counsel from the Prosecutors Office during the special meeting regarding the Cook Road damages. Litigation proceedings will begin shortly.

Wildflower Nature Preserve (Siman Property)

Mr. Wilkins stated that the 33 acres on Weymouth Road across from Hamlin Road will be turned into a nature preserve. The high ground will still belong to the Township and the Township will be able to build whatever they want. The Nature Conservancy will put an easement in the flood plain of that property and they will give the township the 6 acres behind TSC, the wetlands corridor, to enable the township to connect it to the natural wildlife preserve on Watkins Road. The township will then be able to create a hiking/biking path. The attorneys are trying to agree on the language of the easement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wilkins motioned to open the floor for public comment. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Todd.

Dale Kocik (3645 Remsen Road) asked if the Township Police will be enforcing the issue of landscaping vehicles parking on township roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT CON'T

Sally Gardner (3333 Foskett Road) asked what would be done about the trees in distress at Blakslee Park. She also commented on the bad publicity about the ballfields in the Gazette, and stated that the war memorial article in the Gazette was good but the picture sucked. She complained about money being spent on the fence around the pond at Blakslee Park because the new school has a pond without a fenced.

Jeff Kessler, Sports Field Director, stated that all the information regarding use of the ballfields is on the website. He prepares the fields for scheduled games and when they are used without permission he has to come back and redo them at time and a half pay.

Laurie Shoemaker, Police Department, said the ballfield rules and regulations can be put in the newsletter.

Sally Gardner (3333 Foskett Road) said the Gazette should be informed about the insurance rules.

Jeff Kessler stated that there were signs at all the entrances that read "No field use without permission" and the website address.

Ed Unaitis (4985 Fenn Road) asked if all three fields are being used at the same time.

Mr. Wilkins motioned to close the floor for public comment. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Todd.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Discussion of LST Meeting

Mr. Todd discussed the LST meeting and stated that in the budget process, we are about 13.8% below budget due to our "first responder" response and the reduction in the call volume. The response times for Medina Township went from 6.2 minutes in 2007 to 5.18 minutes in 2009. There was discussion about the impact of the new Montville Township station on staffing and budget. The LST Advisory Board approved the staffing of Medina City station #3 for the first quarter to be sure it will be serving a greater district in Montville. Mr. Todd asked if Cleveland Clinic was planning on keeping the LST service and was told it is currently in their budget to maintain LST services. Mr. Todd wanted an answer regarding long term planning for the township and felt because the Cleveland Clinic is in the middle of management negotiations an answer could not be given. Mr. Todd will speak with Mr. Stall, MGH President, for the answer because the Trustees do not want residents to be without service if it is decided not to continue the LST service. There was discussion regarding the billing for the LST services. Carol Unaitis asked if York Township is now Medicare Certified and was told nothing has changed in York Township.

Approval of Department Purchase Order Requests

Mr. Todd motioned to appropriate $50.00 for Scott Vargo to attend the Wayne County Fire & Rescue Facility Oil Well/Gas Line Emergency and Training on November 7 and 8, 2009. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. Todd motioned to appropriate $50.00 for Paul Cugini to attend the exact same training as Mr. Vargo. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS CON'T

Approval of Department Purchase Order Requests Con't

Mr. Todd motioned to appropriate $1,605.00 for Firefighters Bernie Smith, Parker Browne, Jim Erne, Andy Pesorda and Rick Bromley to attend the Annual Educational Conference and Ohio State Firefighters Association Educational Conference located in Mason, Ohio from August 13 to August 16, 2009. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins

Chief Crumley said that on the last day of the conference, Captain Mark Roberts will be sworn in as the President of the Ohio State Firefighters Association. Congratulations to Captain Roberts.

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the appropriation of $1,800.00 for turn-out gear repair. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the expenditure of $1,400.00 for tables and chairs for the fire station. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

Residential Sprinkling Systems

Mr. Wilkins said he reviewed the residential sprinkling system video and he said it was very impressive. He feels it will add value to homes. He is not sure how it will work with wells and ponds but that is another issue.

Medina County Sanitary Engineer

Mr. Wilkins said the Medina County Sanitary Engineer is offering 0% tap in fees for County water. The deadline is 12/31/09.

Hometown Heroes Memorial Dedication Ceremony

Mr. Todd thanked Laurie Shoemaker, Pete Zeigler, Ed Kerr, Denny Miller and Celia Goe for their help in making the Hometown Heroes Memorial dedication a Class A event.

Letters of Intent for Open Trustee Position

Mr. Todd said the deadline for Letters of Intent for Rita Holt's open Trustee seat is Friday, July 24, 2009. Mr. Todd asked the applicants in attendance to introduce themselves to the audience.

Split Rail Fence

Mr. Todd asked Denny Miller to look into the cost of a split rail fence for the driveway of the maintenance building.

Debbie Drive Repair

Asst. Road Foreman, Denny Miller, said the Debbie Drive repair will start Monday (July 27).

Accounts Payable Questions

Sally Gardner asked what the traffic light service call was for and was told it was to replace the Grande Blvd traffic light bulbs. She asked about cost for lawnmower parts and was told it is for the lawnmower at Fire Station #2. The Duty Crew cuts the grass at Fire Station #2 at a savings to the Township.

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Mr. Wilkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Todd.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Medina Township Fiscal Officer

Medina Township Board of Trustees