

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL, 15th, 2010**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Medina Township Hall on April 15th, 2010, to conduct the business of the Township. President Todd called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Michel D. Todd and Sarah (Sally) Gardner. Also in attendance were the Fiscal Officer, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Road Foreman, Asst. Road Foreman, Zoning Inspector and the general public.

Roll Call

Mr. Todd asked for a roll call of all members present. Trustees present were Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner. Mr. Jarrett was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Todd asked for a moment of silence for our military personnel at home and overseas.

OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation of Award to Chorey Howell

Mr. Todd said Wal-Mart has been a good partner of the community due to Chorey Howell and his leadership and support of our Township. A Certificate of Appreciation was then presented to Mr. Howell. Chief Arbogast said a grant from Wal-Mart helped pay for an AED for the Police Department to have in their Police car. They contribute water and other items to our township events. Mr. Howell said it is nice to be recognized and that Medina Township has been a great community for Wal-Mart. The store has gotten a lot of community support and that is what makes it so easy to give back to the community.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Mr. Todd motioned to approve warrant #20771 to #20819 totaling \$39,654.37. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

Approval of Payroll

Mr. Todd motioned to approve payroll check #13920 to #13972 in the amount of \$47,375.57 with total deductions of \$3,289.04. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

Approval of January and February 2010, Bank Reconciliations

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the two primary bank reconciliations. The first is a 2-page document dated "As of January 31, 2010," dated March 31, 2010, and the second is a 2-page document dated "As of February 28, 2010", dated March 31, 2010. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

Approval of Fiscal Officer Purchase Orders

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the purchase orders as contained in the document stated at the top "Meeting Date April 15, 2010", it has a purchase order for March 30, 2010, copier, and the last purchase order is "Repairs and Maintenance for \$2,500.00". Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

Department Purchase Orders/Training Requests

Mrs. Gardner motioned to appropriate \$3,825.00 to send Andy Pesorda, Steve Schmitt, Tony Riggs and Shawn Kasson to attend State Fire School at Bowling Green State University. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Todd.

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OTHER BUSINESS CON'T

Thank You to Zoning

Mrs. Gardner attended a meeting where a comment was made on the different lengths of time it takes to get zoning approval for businesses when they come into a new area. In Texas you can get approval one day and break ground the next. In Cleveland it takes upwards to 18 months. She thanked the zoning people for doing so much upfront work so things don't have to be tabled at the meetings.

Purchase Orders for Tree Trimming Along Roadsides

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the appropriation of \$20,000.00 for Purchase Order Number 2031-1531 in the amount of \$20,000.00 for wood trimming. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

REPORT

Fire Department

Chief Crumley said the State Fire School awards scholarships and the 5 firefighters going for training will apply for the scholarships. For the month of March 2010, the department responded to 35 calls as follows (see attached):

2 alarm drops	17 EMS assists
9 fire calls (2 were structure fires)	6 Motor Vehicle Accidents

There were 68 Inspections conducted. The duty crew went to Western Reserve Masonic Home and played bingo with the seniors. They also did a tour of the fire station for a child's birthday. Due to family responsibilities Ed Szoke resigned from the department effective 3/1/09. Chief Crumley said there was a question regarding using the money collected from the EMS Levy to purchase AED's for the Police Department. He contacted Tom Karris of the Prosecutor's Office asking that question. He read a letter with the response from Mr. Karris. Chief Crumley said he attended a Fire Chief's meeting and was told other communities purchase AED's and then give them to the Police Department. Mrs. George, Fiscal Officer, said specifically, "this cannot be done". She said she is not comfortable with doing this. Chief Crumley said his AED's are 2 years old and he may upgrade them and then give the old ones to the Townhall, Road Department and Police Department. Mr. Todd said to make sure it is a legitimate necessity because we have nice clean books and he wants them kept that way. Chief said yes he agrees 100%.

State Audit

Mrs. George, Fiscal Officer, said the auditors are coming Monday to audit 2009. They will prepare all documents and then we will have an audit conference in executive session in the next several months.

Mr. Todd motioned to accept the Medina Township March 2010, Fire Report. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

Resignation of Ed Szoke

Mr. Todd motioned to accept the resignation of Ed Szoke effective March 1, 2009. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

OLD BUSINESS

Nettleton Road Culvert

Mr. Todd tabled the Nettleton Road Culvert.

Township Limit Signs

Mr. Todd motioned to approve the expenditure of \$1,600.00 to purchase Medina Township signs. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

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OLD BUSINESS CON'T

Electric Aggregation

Mrs. Gardner said this will be on the May ballot she said there was information regarding Electric Aggregation on the desk in the foyer. Mr. Todd tabled Electric Aggregation.

Community Pick-it-up-Day

Mr. Todd said Community Pick-it-up Day will be May 1, 2010. Laurie Shoemaker said to please spread the word. The information is on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Electronic Records

Mr. Todd said a memo was received from the Prosecutors Office on how to deal with electronic mail record retention. Mrs. George will review it. Mr. Todd said e-mails that are not township business can be disposed of but if it is township business it is to be kept.

Storage Shed for Parks

Mr. Todd said there was a discussion regarding purchasing a storage shed instead of renting it. The cost of rental last year was \$800.00. The price of the shed Jeff was looking at was \$2,600.00. Mr. Todd said the cost of the shed would be approximately 3 years rental. Mrs. Gardner asked what was kept in the shed and who has access to it. Mr. Kessler said bases, lime, tools. Township employees have access to the shed and sometimes the managers of the ball teams need to have access if someone has disturbed the fields and they need to be relined. Mrs. Gardner wants to wait until Mr. Jarrett returns.

Medina County Commissioners CDBG Grant Application

Mr. Todd gave the Commissioners CDBG Grant to Chief Arbogast. Mrs. George asked if it could be used specifically for handicapped paths even if they won't fund the handicapped restrooms. Mr. Todd said Mr. Wilkins spoke to the Commissioners regarding the grant last year and was told the Township had too much money.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Todd motioned to open the floor for public comment. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion.

Linda DeHoff (4591 Marks Road) asked the Trustees if they could stay after the meeting because she needs specific information from them regarding what types of grants to look for. She said that the Wal-Mart Foundation may be able to help with the handicapped walkways. Mr. Todd said Jeff Kessler can give her 90% of the information she needs regarding walkways etc.

Brian Schollaert, Student, (4153 Fox Meadow Drive) asked where the restrooms would be placed. Mr. Todd said they would be behind the fields where the three fields are located. Brian asked just for safety reasons in case a foul ball would be hit.

Mr. Todd closed the floor for public comment. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Impounded Car

Mr. Todd said a car was impounded and sat in storage for approximately 8 months before the case was finished. The storage fees are \$10,000.00 plus and the vehicle is worth about \$4,000.00. The storage company wants the township to pay the fees and the township said no. An agreement was reached with the storage company that the Township would give title to the storage company and that would be it. The only thing the Township wants is to be sure this is legal.


Mr. Todd motioned to transfer title of the 2005 Equinox that was seized and stored at C&M Towing at 595 Lake Road Medina, Ohio, in exchange for all the fees that were accumulated for storage to be forgiven and also on the condition that the Prosecutors Office says that this is a legitimate way to resolve the dispute between us and them. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. Todd and Chief Arbogast explained what forfeiture was and the reason the vehicle was impounded.

Matt Galla (3503 Hamilton Road) said the Sheriff's Office busted a drug dealer and used the vehicle right away.

Mr. Todd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mrs. Gardner.

Therese George, Fiscal Officer



Michael D. Todd, Chairman



Sarah (Sally) Gardner



Ray Jarrett

Medina Township Fire Department

March 2010 Activity Report

Type of Alarms		Count	Percentage
A	Alarm Drop	2	5.71%
	2- Commercial		
	2- 4931 Nettleton WRMC - caused by resident cooking		
E	Assist EMS (LST)	17	48.57%
	3- difficulty breathing		
	1- unconscious but breathing		
	3- falls		
	1- elevated temperature		
	3- Chest pain		
	2- sudden illness		
	1- Seizure		
	1- lift assist		
	1- Altered mental state		
	1- hip injury		
F	Fire Call	9	25.71%
	1- Natual gas leaks		
	2- structure fires		
	1- Medina City mutual aid - cancelled		
	1- Vehicle Fire		
	1- smoke investigation		
	1- Steam mistaken for smoke		
	3- Open burn complaints		
M	Motor Vehicle Accident	6	17.14%
Total Incident Count		35	
Breakdown of Location of Calls			
	Medina Twp	34	
	Mutual Aid Given	1	
	1- Medina City		
Total Calls for Month		35	
Total Calls During Staffing Hours		27	
	Mon. Thru Fri. 7am-3pm		
Inspections conducted			
	Annual Fire Safety Inspections	46	
	Re-Inspections	16	
	Annual Fire Alarm Tests	2	
	Annual Sprinkler Tests	1	
	Semi Annual Hood Tests	3	
Total Inspections		68	
Public Relation Activities			
	Station tour for child's birthday		
	Installed address signs for township residents		



EXPLAINING THE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION ISSUE FOR MEDINA COUNTY

Ohio law allows for communities – such as townships, cities and counties – to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electric generation on behalf of their citizens.

The question on the May 4th ballot is,

DO YOU WANT YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO HELP YOU SHOP FOR THE BEST PRICE?

On May 4th, voters in 15 Townships (Brunswick Hills, Chatham, Granger, Guilford, Harrisville, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Sharon, Wadsworth, Westfield, and York) will get the opportunity to decide if they want to authorize the county to aggregate the retail electrical loads in their respective townships and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity. Aggregating the townships for group purchasing of electric power will provide greater buying power for every resident and business in a competitive market.

**SAMPLE BALLOT LANGUAGE
OFFICAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT
PRIMARY ELECTION – MAY 4, 2010
PROPOSED ELECTRIC AGGREGATION
_____ TOWNSHIP**

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage

Shall the Board of Medina County Commissioners have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the Township of _____, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

YES NO

But the final choice will still be yours.

WHAT DOES YOUR VOTE MEAN?

VOTING YES FOR THE ISSUE

- Means that you agree to allow the Board of Medina County Commissioners in cooperation with your Township Trustees to serve as your buying agent and go out on the open market to try and get the best price for electricity for your home or business.
- Means that you will still have the ability to choose not to participate in the county program if you want to stay or go with another electric supplier.

VOTING NO ON THE ISSUE

- Means that you don't want the county government to serve as your buying agent.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE ISSUE IS PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF VOTERS?

After approval of the ballot issue, the County Commissioners along with a countywide task force composed of township officials will:

- implement a detailed plan for the aggregation program that includes:
 - a 6% discount on the Price to Compare (i.e. generation rate) for residential customers,
 - 4% discount on the Price to Compare for small business (up to 199 KWd), and a
 - a one-time community grant payment to Medina County and your township in 2010 that is equal to \$30 per customer enrolled in the program.
- hold two public hearings before adopting the plan.
- notify every Ohio Edison/ First Energy power customer about the program and allow them to choose not to participate in the county program, without any penalty or charge. Every three years, thereafter, First Energy customers will be given the chance to opt-out of the county program without charge.

ARE ALL TOWNSHIP ELECTRIC COSTUMERS AFFECTED BY THIS ISSUE?

No. Only those electric power customers being served by Ohio Edison/ First Energy will be aggregated into the County-Township program. Under Ohio law, those currently being served by either Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Authority or one the municipal power facilities of Wadsworth City, Seville Village or Lodi Village are not eligible for this program.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS ISSUE OR DEREGULATION?

For more information about this ballot issue or about electric deregulation in the First Energy/ Ohio Edison service area please visit the Medina County Website at www.co.medina.oh.us or contact us at:

Medina County Commissioners,
144 North Broadway Street, Medina, OH 44256. (330-722-9208)