# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2006

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Medina Township Hall on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, to conduct the business of the Township. President Todd called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Dianna Huffman, Michael D. Todd and Mead Wilkins. Also in attendance were the Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Road Foreman, Assistant Zoning Inspector and the general public.

## Roll Call

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Scott Jaenke (4064 N. Huntington St.) presented the Trustees with traffic calming information that he would like implemented in Forestview Estates.

Ed Morel (3597 Foskett Rd.) stated he would not be in favor of spending public money on speed bumps for a specific neighborhood.

Dan Cozano (5021 Grande Blvd.) feels traffic calming devices are needed on Grande Blvd and N. Huntington.

Sarah Gardner (3333 Foskett Rd.) said the County designed the roads to be interconnecting.

Matthew Galla (3503 Hamilton Rd.) asked for a speed study on Hamilton Road a year ago. He has contacted the County Engineer since then and was told that Granger and Montville Township were ahead of Medina Township on the county agenda.

John Yatzen (?) (4033 Nichols Rd.) feels his property value has been decreased because of the motocross track on Nichols Road.

Kim Ward, representative of Medina County Auditor Kovack's office, said property taxes are due February 15, 2006. Also, senior or totally disabled persons can sign up for Homestead now and if anyone has a discrepancy with their property value they can contact the Auditor's office.

Emerson Bennett (4233 Nichols Rd.) asked when they were going to get water on Nichols Road.

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

# Blakslee Park

Kerry Illes explained the situation regarding the Blakslee Park project. The State of Ohio is denying access to Route 3 for the park. They will allow access to Route 3 for the maintenance facility only. The State wants the road next to the cemetery to be used but Mr. Illes feels that would be dangerous due to the sight line. Mr. Illes has not been able to get a response or a reason from ODOT. The access road on Route 3 would be 1500 feet from the intersection which meets the State requirement. Also, the Township has to enter into an agreement with the Atlas America Oil Company to move the gas lines which can only be moved by them. Mr. Eastwood has prepared the avenue of change so the gas lines could be moved minimizing any discomfort to their customers. The Trustees need to contact Sanford Nisly, Coordinator at Atlas America Oil Company for a prepaid agreement.

### Blakslee Park Con't

Doug Eastwood of Medina Excavating said they have completed the sanitary sewer on the project and have done as much earth work as possible until the gas lines are relocated. Mr. Todd asked about the drainage runoff going into the Greens of Weymouth. Mr. Illes said that the tile and reactivation of the ditches, by the county, were not lined with anything and any help the county can give would be appreciated. Mr. Wilkins asked about the sand. Mr. Eastwood said with proper drainage the sand problem can be stabilized. Mr. Todd asked what the change order for \$30,000 was for. Mr. Illes said the county changed the drainage patterns and the Township had to install 10 catch basins and supporting lines that were entirely different than the original drainage plan. Mrs. Huffinan said Trustees should contact the county regarding the ditches.

# Medina Excavating Payment

Mr. Todd asked for a motion from the floor for a resolution. Mrs. Huffman motioned for a resolution. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# Resolution Number 02132006-009

Mr. Wilkins motioned for a resolution to approve the changing by Medina Excavating pursuant to the analysis given by the Architect and Medina Excavating to an inclusive price of \$107,467.27, purchase order requisition number 1000-1699, as pursuant to the documentation as attached. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# Traffic Calming Strategies for Grande Blvd, N. Huntington and Gateway

Mr. Wilkins talked about painting 25 mph in large numerals on the road surface and adding fluorescent strips to the base of the speed limit signs on Grande Blvd., N. Huntington and Gateway. Mrs. Huffman motioned to table the traffic calming techniques for Grande Blvd, N. Huntington and Gateway. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

### Cost of Audio Cassette Tapes

Mr. Wilkins motioned to adopt as our cost for tapes of meetings: \$1.40 for a 120 minute tape, \$.75 cents for a 90 minute tape, \$1.43 for a 60 minute tape and \$1.15 for a 30 minute tape. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

### Township Secretary Vacation

Mr. Wilkins motioned to amend the minutes of the organizational meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, to include vacation time for the secretary of Medina Township at the rate of 2 weeks for 1 year served, 3 weeks for 5 years served and 4 weeks for 15 years served. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# Barnes Request for Use of the Townhall Parking Lot

Mr. Todd read a letter from Cathy and Dennis Barnes requesting the use of the Townhall parking lot for overflow parking for a wedding reception on June 10, 2006. Chief Crumley and Chief Arbogast asked that restrictions be put on the use stating Police and Fire overhead doors cannot be blocked and the west parking lot be reserved for emergency vehicles. Mr. Wilkins motioned to approve Cathy and Dennis Barnes request with limitations as expressed by Chief Crumley and Chief Arbogast. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

## Accounts Payable and Payroll Check Signing Procedure

Mr. Wilkins motioned to table the discussion on the accounts payable and payroll check signing procedures. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

### Lawn Care Bids

Mr. Wilkins motioned to table the discussion on lawn care bids. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# Road Department Doing Oil Changes for Township Vehicles

Mr. Wilkins motioned to permit the Road Department to do oil changes. Voting nay thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

### Road Salt Bids 2006-2007 Season

Mrs. Huffman motioned to put out a notice of bid. Bids are requested for road salt, 2000 tons more or less, delivered and dumped at the Medina Township Complex 3799 Huffman Road Medina, Ohio 44256. All bids will be accepted no later than April 3, 2006, at 4:00pm. All bids must be submitted in person or received by Michael Stagar, Fiscal Officer, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "2006-2007 Road Salt Bid". Bids can be mailed to the Medina Township Fiscal Officer 3799 Huffman Road Medina, Ohio 44256. The bid will be awarded to the lowest bidder. The Medina Township Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids. The bids will be opened on April 10, 2006. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# Time and a Half for Firefighters on Approved Holidays

Mrs. Huffman motioned to amend the organizational meeting of January 4, 2006, to permit firefighters to be paid time and a half when called in on approved holidays. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# False Alarm ORC Number 505.391

Mr. Todd read into the record ORC 505.391 False fire alarm at commercial establishment; charges assessed.

If, after the fire department of a township, township fire district, or joint fire district, or a private fire company with which the fire department of a township, township fire district, or joint fire district contracts for fire protection, responds to a false alarm from an automatic fire alarm system at a commercial establishment, the board of township trustees gives written notice by certified mail to the owner and the lessee, if any, of the building in which the system is installed that the board may assess a charge of up to three hundred dollars for each subsequent false alarm within a period of thirty days after any false alarm by that system, the board of township trustees may assess such a charge. After the board gives written notice by certified mail once to an owner and lessee, if any, the board need not give any additional written notices before assessing a charge for a false alarm as provided by this section. If not paid within sixty days after the owner receives written notice by certified mail that a charge has been assessed, such charges shall be entered upon the real property tax list and tax duplicate and shall be a lien upon the property served, and shall be collected as other taxes. Charges collected under this section shall be returned to the township general fund.

As used in this section, "commercial establishment" means a building or buildings in an area used primarily for nonresidential, commercial purposes.

Mr. Wilkins motioned to amend the organizational meeting of January 4, 2006, to make charges assessed to property owners for commercial false fire alarms to read as the Ohio Revised Code 505.391.

Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# Traffic Light at Remsen and Route 3

Mr. Wilkins said a traffic light is needed at Remsen and Route 3 because traffic is very heavy at that intersection. Mrs. Huffman motioned to open the floor for public comment. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Various residents commented on the traffic situation at Remsen and Route 3.

Mrs. Huffman motioned to close public comment on this issue. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion.

# Traffic Light at Remsen and Route 3 Con't

### Resolution Number 02132006-010

Mr. Wilkins motioned to make a resolution to apply to ODOT for consideration and study of a traffic light at Remsen Road and Route 3. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# Adopt a Road Program

Mr. Todd would like to organize a task force to look into the idea of implementing an Adopt a Road Program to work with the Road and Fire Departments in keeping our roads clean.

Mr. Wilkins motioned to establish a task force to look into beginning an Adopt a Road Program. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

### SPCA Invoice

Mr. Todd motioned to approve invoice #156 in the amount of \$500 for the payment of animal welfare services for the calendar year 2005. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# **Emergency Management Invoice**

Mr. Wilkins motioned to approve \$1980.00 for the Medina County Emergency Management Agency for the 2006 Countywide Emergency Management cost allocation purchase order requisition #1000-175. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

### LST Contract

Mr. Todd spoke with Gary Hallman, President of Medina General Hospital, regarding the LST billing. Mr. Todd and Mr. Stagar will meet with Tim Buit who is in charge of the LST billing to review the billing. Mr. Wilkins said the LST cost has risen to around \$300,000 and it comes out of the general fund.

# Limited Home Rule Government

Mr. Todd discussed limited home rule government. He suggested anyone who wanted more information to read section 504 of the Ohio Revised Code.

# REPORTS

### Road Department

Ed Kerr reported that for the month of January 2006, the road department cleaned and maintained buildings, equipment and vehicles; installed, repaired and replaced signs as needed; plowed and salted roads; received 2 salt deliveries totaling 191.38 tons of salt at a cost of \$6983.45; called ODOT regarding pothole on Route 3 and Bagdad; cleaned leaves from catch basins and the ditch on Cook Rd south of Tompkins Rd; rebuilt communication closet for Police Department; picked up dead deer; worked with TOPA Electric to install back-up generator; cold patched roads; showed properties for mowing bids; shuttled police cars to Goodyear for repairs; responded to 3 daytime fire calls.

# Fire Department

Chief Crumley reported that during the month of January 2006, the department responded to 11 calls as follows: 4 fire, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 5 alarm drops.

### REPORTS CON'T

Zoning Department

Mary Ann Heiss reported that for the month of January 2006, 15 zoning permits were issued as follows:

> Comm. Change of Use 1

Residential

4

Accessory Building

Signs

For a total value of permits issued \$1,851,730.00. Fees collected was \$2,166.65

Mrs. Huffman motioned to approve the reports from the respective departments. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

# Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Huffman motioned to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2005, meeting. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye: Mrs. Huffman. Mr. Todd asked Mr. Stagar if this was a fair and accurate representation of the events that transpired December 30, 2005, in Medina Township. Mr. Stagar said yes. Mr. Todd said he was comfortable in approving the minutes from December 30, 2005. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

### **Executive Session**

Mrs. Huffman motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss positions for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Zoning Board and the interviews accordingly. Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

At 10:04 pm on February 13, 2006, the Medina Township Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session to discuss the vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Zoning and the interviews that accompanied each.

The Board reconvened their meeting at 10:30 pm and no decisions were made at that time.

# Appointments to Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Wilkins motioned to appoint Ray Jarrett as the first alternate to the Zoning Commission. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. Wilkins motioned to appoint Greg Alber as the second alternate to the Zoning Commission. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. Wilkins motioned to appoint William West to the 5 year position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Todd seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. Wilkins motioned to appoint Robert Erickson as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

## Nextel Phones for the Road Department

Mr. Wilkins motioned to approve the road department to pursue the Nextel Phones so they are able to communicate with the Fire and Police. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

Mr. Stagar requested that the contract be reviewed by Mr. Thorne of the Prosecutor's Office before finalizing the purchase.

Mr. Todd motioned to table the vote on radio communications for the Medina Township Road Department. Mrs. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wilkins motioned to open the floor for public comment. Mr. Todd opened the floor for public comment.

Chief Arbogast explained that the Nextel contract is in favor of Nextel and the problem the Fire Department had was with SBC Paging.

Mr. Kerr said he was told that Nextel cannot hold a governmental entity to a contract.

Bill Ostmann asked why it wasn't the same for the SBC pagers. Mr. Stagar said they have to be informed within 30 days or the bill must be paid.

Mr. Wilkins motioned to close public comment. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

Mr. Todd said the applicants that were interviewed were very professional and they will be taken into consideration when other committees are formed.

Mrs. Huffman motioned to adjourn the meeting for the Medina Township Board of Trustees, Mr. Wilkins seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Todd and Mr. Wilkins.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:39pm.

Medina Township Fiscal Officer

Medina Township Board of Trustees