

## REGULAR DSESSION

January 12, 2010

Mr. Ferrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Michael Printy, Timothy Coleman, and Jeffrey Ferrell answered the roll call.

The next scheduled meeting is the Regular Session on January 26, 2010.

Mr. Coleman moved to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the Financial Statements for the year ending 2009 and for the period ending January 12, 2010. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Fire Department**

Chief Myosky said he had nothing to report. All is operational.

#### **Highway Department**

Superintendent Sternberg reported they had started to pick up Christmas trees and have collected 150 so far.

#### **Police Department**

Chief Klamar said that there was nothing to report. All activities were routine.

#### **Zoning Department**

Ms. Schaefer presented the 2009 Annual Zoning report prepared by Zoning Inspector James Lamb. A copy was provided for each Trustee. There were only 4 single family homes constructed in 2009. Mr. Coleman said that hopefully this was the bottom and we will start to come out of it.

Ms. Schaefer reported that all the inventories were turned in. She would have them available for signing.

### **TRUSTEE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Coleman said that his selection for the Curbside Recycling committee was Wally Ziegler. Mr. Printy said that his was Dale Coffman. They will join Kathy Mueller, Lisa Beursken, Breann Hohman, and Sharon Barnes. They want to have a meeting as soon as possible to start forming a program for informing the residents.

Mr. Printy said that he was delighted to be here. Mr. Printy thanked Mr. Dwelle for helping him understand his role as a Trustee.

Mr. Ferrell suggested that the Board establish an Investment Committee to review how Township money is invested. He suggested getting a local CPA, banker, someone from the County who invests money, someone from the School, and the Fiscal Officer to review the various avenues that can be used to invest Township money to be sure that we are getting the best return available. Mr. Coleman agreed. Cheryl Best-Wilke asked who invests the money currently. Mr. Ferrell said the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Ferrell said that Ms. Schaefer has explained the investments to them. Ms. Wilke wanted to know if there was a vote taken on where to invest money. Mr. Ferrell said that if the committee comes up with a better place to invest funds then we should follow their suggestions. He said that there was a lot of experience out there, more than what we have. Ms. Wilke wanted to know if the committee would then make the investments. Mr. Ferrell said they would only make recommendations. Mr. Printy said that he had asked our legal counsel that

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very question and would share the information once he receives it. Mr. Ferrell said that when Ms. Schaefer invests money she has provided the Board with a report.

Ms. Schaefer said that routinely when there are funds to be invested she calls the local banks to obtain the best rate at the time for the period of time of the investment. There are guidelines established by the State. The maximum period of length of time per Township policy is two years. The funds are insured by the FDIC or backed by collateral pledges. Another criteria to be considered is fluidity of the investments and the cash flow needed. The average cost to operate the Township per month is \$500,000-600,000. Usually extra money is available to invest after we get the second half settlement in October. Of the banks usually Citizens Banking quotes the highest rates for CDs. Usually the funds are invested with an investment firm, currently UBS. A previous Fiscal Office started this program with Smith Barney. When the original agent went with UBS we transferred with him. They in turn invest the money in CDs. Unlike the bank's CDs, these are recallable at any time with no penalties. In addition the interest rate is usually greater than that offered by the banks. Ms. Schaefer said that she welcomed the committee. They could do the research for her.

Mr. Ferrell said is just another way to have more people involved. Mr. Coleman agreed that it is another way to add transparency to the operations of the Township. Mr. Ferrell asked that each Board member have their recommendations ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Printy said that he had had an inquiry regarding the light at Bob Evans. He wanted to know how these matters were addressed. Mr. Ferrell said that he was having a meeting soon with members of ODOT and would relay the concern. Since this is not a Township road, we have no control. Mr. Printy asked Chief Klamar if this had been reported as a problem. Chief Klamar explained that with this road because of the width, it might be a weight issue that controls the lights. He will look into it. Ms. Wilke wanted to know about the status of the light on Milan Road by Aldi's. Both Mr. Coleman and Mr. Ferrell said that they had noticed some work in that area.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Walt Kapiskosky, Walt's Towing, wanted an update of the towing policy. Chief Klamar said that he had a meeting tomorrow with the County Prosecutor to review this issue. Mr. Printy noted that there was some process on the situation. Chief Klamar has reviewed the cases with Sandusky Municipal Court. The problem is with the cases with the County. The cars that are the problems are those originally at Hasenmeier's.

Mr. Coleman asked what the procedure was for new forfeitures. Chief Klamar said that new forfeiture cases were being taken to the Sheriffs office. All of tows will remain with the towing company. Mr. Ferrell asked if the Chief though he could be finished by the end of January. Chief Klamar said that might be pushing it. When asked if it would be finished by the end of February, the Chief said that he hoped so. Ms. Schaefer noted that he had just submitted a requisition through the end of February. Mr. Kapiskosky again offered to take all the cars now and deal with the title work that will be needed. Chief Klamar said that he had requested an opinion from our legal counsel as to whether we could do that. Mr. Printy said that he remembered that Mr. Galloway had express strong feelings that he did not want the vehicles moved.

Jim Edwards, address unknown, suggested that the Township needs to communicate to its residents, especially those that do not get the Sandusky Register. He said that he gets the Morning Journal and would like meetings posted in the community news section. Mr. Ferrell said that we post as much as possible on our website. Mr. Coleman noted that the Journal did send a reporter when things in the Township were controversial. But now that there is not as much controversy, that reporter does not come to the meetings. Mr.

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Printy said that the Township needs to improve on this issue. He will try to figure out some ways to improve.

Cheryl Best-Wilke, Pennsylvania Avenue, asked if the residents would vote on the recycling. Mr. Ferrell said that he was not certain how this would be handled. They need to come up with a plan first. Mr. Ferrell said we want to be part of the 70% of the compliance. It would be better to come up with our own plan. Otherwise the State will place it into effect under their guidelines. Ms. Wilke said this was another one the government unfunded mandates. Mr. Coleman agreed with Ms. Wilke's comment. He sees it as putting the small business owner out of business. Mr. Ferrell said that if we can come up with a workable program then it speaks well for the Township.

Mr. Printy said that he came from a community that had curbside recycling. He said that he has talked to people from Huron and they are proud of that fact. He said that if we do it right, it would be a very positive experience for the Township. Mr. Coleman said that he sees recycling as part of the big picture to protect our environment.

The Board set a Budget meeting for January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

Mr. Printy moved to return to regular session. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

With no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Jeffrey Ferrell, Chairman

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Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer