

Minutes of Department Head February 23, 2009

8:00am Meeting called to order by: Bob Mack

Roll call: Mr. Britten, Mr. Mack, Mr. Hrosko, Chief Stribrny, Chief Dimick, Deputy Chief Brice, Kraig Gottfried, and Robert Warnimont Mr. LaHote and Mrs. Haar absent. Grant Garn arrived five minutes late.

Maintenance: Kraig Gottfried told the Trustees he thought the City was not going to enter in the salt consortium this year. The form must be in to the state by March 25, 2009. Britten asked Gottfried if he had talked to anyone at the state because he was wondering about where it says “estimated tons required” how firm they were going to be on that. Gottfried said he had not talked to anyone but would try to find out. Gottfried will fill out the required paperwork but the Trustees will need to pass a Salt Contract Resolution. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to authorize Hrosko to get a Resolution made for the Salt Contract with ODOT. Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved**

Gottfried told the Trustees they would be seeing a bill from Triad for \$800 to \$900.00 for hydraulic hoses and fittings he needed to replace.

Next Gottfried told the Trustees that last Friday (2-20) in the Oakmont subdivision one of the salt trucks was hit. He was going around a curve and a lady in a mini van hit the truck. There was a couple of hundred dollars worth of damage but the truck is now fixed and back in service. She did admit it was her fault. Mack asked if our insurance carrier was notified and Hrosko said he was going to do it today (2-23).

Hrosko asked if there was an accident report and Gottfried replied there was.

Gottfried then told the Trustees that the Mandell Rd. project he has put in for issue 2 money the last couple of years, has been submitted to that stimulus bill. He said Hrosko sent him an email on the issues and he went ahead on it. Gottfried said the criteria changes every week on the stimulus bill. Mack said that he thought he noticed that as of right now, you need to need the money for the project and that could work against us. Several other projects were brought up that possibly we could submit. Gottfried brought up the intersection at Cedar Creek Business Center and 795. He said it has been posted for right turn only already, although ODOT has not yet shut down the cut through. This was discussed at a meeting 2 or 3 months ago and Mike Stormer from ODOT said it was going to be closed in 2 or 3 weeks. It was discussed that maybe the bad weather has played a part in this not being closed yet.

Gottfried then brought up the issue of “J” & Third Sts. He said he is going with the same plan as before but wondered about the street lights. At one time a traffic signal was in the plans. Hrosko said he had a letter that said the traffic lights could be foregone because it was known; we did not want them there. The lights could result in traffic backup and not be a benefit. Gottfried then asked if when he submits his plans to “Tim” to do the estimated cost on the project, he should submit it without the lights. He was told yes. Garn said the traffic study says that intersection was a failure and is still a failure but we can go without the light and see what happens. But if the intersection does what the traffic study says it is going to do, we would have to put in a traffic light. Britten asked when that traffic study was done and was it before Penta County moved. Garn said he thought it was. Britten said that would make a big difference with the high school kids gone. Britten said the traffic study may need to be redone now that Penta has moved.

Britten asked Garn to get that date of the study and let the Trustees know when it was.

Police: Chief Stribrny said he wanted to make them aware that he received another check from PropertyRoom.com for \$68.55. He said they are still going through the process of seeing what all can be purged.

Stribrny told the Trustees he received an email concerning funding for 3 years for Police officer(s) that he believes is through the Federal Government. Years ago they had a program called the Cops Grant and this is like that but with a different name. Stribrny said he hasn't had the time yet to go review the paperwork but will make copies of it for the Trustees. At a future meeting this can then be discussed but Stribrny said he thought he saw a deadline of the end of March.

Stribrny then informed the Trustees that last weekend he had military and now has his orders for this year. He will be gone on military duty from April 13th thru the 17th, May 13th thru the 15th and May 18th thru the 22nd. He will also be gone for Chief in Service Sunday April 19th thru the 21st. Then he may be gone on vacation at the end of April but will let the Trustees know.

Fire: Chief Dimick told the Trustees Fox TV Station contacted him about doing a live remote on 2-27 (Friday) for free smoke alarm give aways. He said he did give them permission to do this.

Dimick then brought up the issue of the air compressor system he wants to purchase and asked if it was broken up into three separate parts, could they just get competitive prices on it. Britten asked what the estimated cost of the system was and Dimick said between \$33,000.00 and \$34,000.00. Britten said he thought it would look like we were trying to get around bidding process and it should be bid out. Brice said he heard from a salesman that the bidding limit had been raised to \$50,000.00. No one else has heard this but Hrosko will call Auditor and check. An ad will be put in the Sentinel and on our web site (for at least 14 days) asking for bids on the system.

Dimick said that he and Brice are going down on the first of next month for the final inspection of the new truck so he will be asking for approval of a couple of POs Monday night for miscellaneous equipment.

EMS: Deputy Chief Brice asked if the Trustees had had a chance to review the sample Code Red Agreement he gave them and was told they had not. They will review it and get back with Brice.

Brice reminded the Trustees that he is using the meeting room on April 26 starting at 1pm for a grant workshop.

Next Brice talked about going down to South Carolina on the new truck. He said the original delivery date was November 9, 2007 making 485 days (this includes weekends and holidays) late. Based on that delivery date, we are owed \$48,500.00 in penalties. This could change because we did give them some changes and adjustments on the truck and at that time they extended the delivery date by 30 days.

Brice told the Trustees they were in the process of cleaning out some of the old EMS bays and took down the old cots stored there. These cots were given to the Township after the blizzard. They are so old they are dry rotted and Brice would like to get rid of them. Brice suggested that possibly the aluminum frames could be recycled and just the cloth junked. Mack asked if they make replacement cloth for the cots and Brice said he did not know. It was suggested Brice check with the

Red Cross and see if they can be re-covered. Brice will check and get back to the Trustees.

Brice then told the Trustees Rossford's Deputy Fire Chief contacted him about setting up an Automatic Aid agreement, similar to what we have with Perrysburg City, between Rossford and Perrysburg Township. Two weeks ago Chief Dimick and Brice met with Rossford over lunch to discuss this. Brice said he and the Chief are in favor of doing this as it would be mutually beneficial to both entities and because what is important to remember it would be right for the public's safety. Brice said this is still in the talking stages but would probably be jurisdiction wide and just for structure fires. Britten said he had no problem with doing this and that it has worked out well with Perrysburg City. Chief Dimick and Brice will continue to pursue this.

Recreation: Bob Warnimont – no report

Zoning: Grant Garn told the Trustees he has a new proposed office building (see map in file) on Kensington Lane but there could be some possible issues with the fire trucks getting to the back of the parking lot. Garn said he left a message with the architect to get in touch with the Fire Inspector.

Garn then said the Sunoco station is coming back. On one side of the paper (copy in file) it shows how it is now, that is their site demolition plan and the other side shows how the new site would look. Currently they have 4 ways of getting in and out of the station (2 ingress and 2 egresses). They are proposing closing off the one closest to the corner. They want to tear down the building and build it way in the back. There are going to be some possible issues with that. They had a meeting with the Board of Zoning Appeals and Suemar Realty approved letting them have their building right up against their property, which is a parking lot. Garn said ODOT wanted them to do something with the entrance and exit on Route 20 and evidently they do not have any absolute authority to make them change that. Garn said he has to talk to ODOT about what they wanted done and why because ODOT is going to push this off on the Zoning Commission. Britten suggested they probably want them to change their curb cuts. Discussion was held on the curb cuts, station location and the parking lot.

Next Garn brought up the different companies on the scanners and record retention software and said he asked them to get some prices together. Garn said he thought the prices might come in high enough that we would have to put it out to bid. The guys coming in mostly sell the hardware and join up with people who sell the software.

Administrator: John Hrosko told the trustees that Bob had some issues with the apron in front of the building at station 2 and the depreciation of the property value there once the land is taken for the road widening project on Ft. Meigs. Mack said we received a letter, as the property owner, advising us of the Ft. Meigs Rd. improvement and it says that ODOT might want some of our property for the project they are trying to do. Mack said he told Hrosko since he had some comments on it, he would check into it. His concern is that we have a fire station maintenance garage facility and if we chop off part of the apron we are decreasing part of the function ability of the building. Mack said if you cannot pull outside what is inside, in terms of length, the building becomes somewhat obsolescent. If we were a private property owner, whoever is doing this would have to pay, and as such, we also should be compensated. They are harming the value of our building. Britten said that the 15 foot they are going to take is really going to make a

difference and is critical. Mack said this is something we need to review. He also said that he presumed the people doing this would hire a commercial appraiser to address this situation. Brice said at some point a discussion has to be held to talk about what our thoughts are about that property in general. Mack said he agreed and that we have all the ball diamonds out there that are essentially removed from our township as well as the building.

Mack said in Shirley Haar's absence he was asking for a motion to appoint John Hrosko as Deputy Fiscal Officer so he can sign checks, POs and perform Haar's duties while she is gone. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to approve this request. Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved**

Hrosko said that at the last open meeting we talked about the Wood County Economical dinner at the Hilton Garden on March 18th and were undecided if we were going to attend. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to have the Township attend the dinner and to purchase 10 tickets at a cost of \$400.00. Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved** Hrosko asked the Trustees to sign the check in the amount of \$400.00 so he could send in the reservation.

Hrosko said at the last meeting Chairman Mack suggested some changes to the Comprehensive plan. Hrosko along with Garn ran the changes by Feller & Finch and Mr. Feller was in total agreement. Mr. Feller said to just strike them from the document and initial it. Garn said he was not sure we have a time frame set up with Beckett Raeder as to when it will get finished. Mack said as he recalled that in the agreement they have milestones and if they do achieve the mile stones they do not get paid. Mack said he thought this worked for results. Garn then said that as long as you are happy with the milestone that was fine. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to direct the Administrator and/or Chairman of the Trustees to actually do the documents as necessary. Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved**

Hrosko asked if we were ready to appoint a solicitor yet and was told the Trustees still needed time to discuss who they would want to appoint. Mack said that no matter who we hire, we would still want the Prosecutors office to keep working on the Neiderhouse. Britten asked if we need to pass some type of motion to continue to retain them at their rate of \$75.00 per hour to work on at least Neiderhouse. Mack said it would be a good idea. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to retain the prosecutor at a rate of \$75.00 to continue working for the Township. Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved**

Mack said they can go over the resumes and talk more at the next meeting.

Hrosko sent a paper around for everyone to fill out with their names and addresses so Fed Ex can send out invitations for the ribbon cutting and grand opening on July 28th.

Hrosko then told the Trustees Goodremont's will be coming in March 9th @ 10:30 to do a presentation.

Hrosko said he received a call from a resident who said the police responded to a call for a possible entry to a house and the resident said that Sergeant Joe Christie was probably the politest police officer he ever ran into.

Then Hrosko said he had some sad news, that Rick Kovach a city councilman and ex police officer from Rossford passed away from a massive heart attack over the weekend.

Hrosko said he will be on vacation from the 10th until the 17th of March.

Mack asked if Hrosko had an update on the HAS. Hrosko said he has not heard anything back from Marilyn from the Fire division, nor from the Police divisions.

Tim Ayers said we should start signing up the people who want to sign up.

Gottfried said his people are in favor of it

Office: Shirley Haar - vacation

Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to adjourn into executive session for pending litigation. Further business will be conducted.

Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved

Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to re-enter regular session. Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved

Mack said that the Trustees had decided to amend their motion regarding utilizing the Prosecutor's office into a Resolution format. Mack went on to say "at this time the chair is asking for a motion from the board to resolve through Resolution, Resolution what ever is next (2009-07) – 09 that we shall use the Prosecutors office for our ongoing litigation at their requested rate of \$75.00 per hour conditional upon approval from the County Commissioners and we will be utilizing the legal team including and limited to Paul Dobson, Linda Homes and Carey. We will continue our practice of not utilizing Molly Mack due to the conflict with Bob Mack." Mack asked if there was a motion. **Britten so moved (seconded by Mack). Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved**

Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to adjourn regular session. Mack & Britten - yes Motion Approved

Shirley a. Haar –Fiscal Officer

Bob Mack – Chairman