

Minutes of Department Head May 26, 2009

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: Mr. Britten, Mr. Mack, Mr. LaHote, Mr. Hrosko, Mrs. Haar, Chief Stribny, Chief Dimick, Deputy Chief Brice (arrived @ 8:15), Kraig Gottfried, Grant Garn, Robert Warnimont (arrived @ 8:10) and Attorney Walt Celley.

LaHote made a motion (seconded by Britten) to approve the amended agenda. All Yes Motion Approved

Maintenance: Kraig Gottfried told the Trustees that he received a letter from ODOT on our contract for the winter salt for 2009-2010 and the cost will be \$55.75 per ton (down from \$72.50 we paid a year ago).

Police: Chief Stribny asked the Trustees to approve a PO for the normal yearly maintenance contract for the Verizon 911 @ a cost of \$3,846.60. **Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to approve the PO. All Yes Motion Approved** Stribny told the Trustees the canine program is coming to a close. Bodo, the dog, is coming of an age where he is not as productive. Stribny asked to be allowed to talk about this issue in executive session.

Next Stribny said the in the dispatch office the main recorder is starting to act up. It has been there for years and is way over in hours. It needs to be updated to a digital system and the ballpark price is around \$2,000.00. Torrence Sound will get him a price.

Fire: Chief Dimick gave an update on the new truck and said the hoses have all been tested, the radio is in but we are still waiting for some additional equipment to be installed.

Dimick said they are thinking about getting rid of the 1972 Ford. It rarely gets used and it will not go into pump gear. If it is going to cost very much to repair he will sell it. Dimick will get back to the Trustees on this.

Zoning: Grant Garn talked about a number of nuisance properties in the Heights (see pictures in file). He said he has some discussions with the Health Department about them going along with helping to fund the demolition of some of these properties. Garn said that he has not received any written complaints on the properties but have been asked by neighbors when they will be cleaned up. It will cost some money to clean up or demolish the structures. Britten said it is a shame it has to come to this but us taking care of them is probably the only way they will be taken care of. Attorney Celley said there is a statutory process we can use to remove these and we can start working on them. Britten said he would have no problem with getting these cleaned up and it is important to do so. Garn said that maybe some of them just need to come in here and be put on notice to clean up their properties. He said he would see if he can handle it first.

Recreation: Bob Warnimont told the Trustees recycling is very busy and some times he needs to use 2 groups due to heavy hitting months. He said he wants to stay with once a month collecting but might need to go to a third trailer.

On the ball team update, Warnimont said the 40 and over ball team took a year off and this is the first time in 30 years they have had no team. OI is starting to play this week. Warnimont also said he is going to talk to the coaches about not turning on the ball lights until they are needed. The last thing Warnimont mentioned was due to the widening project the 4 foot fence near Fort Meigs Rd. has to be taken down. Jon Eckel from Perrysburg City guaranteed that it will be reinstalled.

EMS: Deputy Chief Brice told the Trustees he has been checking on the extended warranty for Life Squad 1. In seven months they put almost 18,000 miles on it and had 924 hours on it. Based on those numbers it works out to 1600 hours and 31,000 per year average. Based on those calculations, they have a 60 month (1800 hours @ \$1520.00) or 72 months (1800 hours @ \$1,720.00) or 96 months (1800 hours @ \$2,250.00) extended warranty. Britten questioned if the number of hours was adequate. Brice said he thought it was 1800 hours per year. Brice will check into this and bring it back up at a later meeting.

Brice told the Trustees he has some grant money to spend and will be buying some replacement training equipment.

Administrator: John Hrosko asked the Trustees to pass, deem an emergency and forgo a second reading, **Resolution #2009-15** (copy in file) the Resolution to Abate, Control or Remove Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other debris from Land in Township. This property is located at 28060 Glenwood Rd. and owned by Lee A. Stewart and Terri A. Stewart. **LaHote made a motion (seconded by Britten) to pass Resolution #2009-15. All Yes Motion Approved**

Hrosko asked the Trustees to pass, deem an emergency and forgo a second reading, **Resolution #2009-16** (copy in file) the Resolution to Remove Junk Motor Vehicles from 8709 Avenue Rd. This property is owned by William K. Miller and Kristine A. Miller. **Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to pass Resolution #2009-16. All Yes Motion Approved**

Hrosko asked the Trustees to pass, deem an emergency and forgo a second reading, **Resolution #2009-17** (copy in file) the Resolution to Abate, Control or Remove Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other debris from 8709 Avenue Rd. This property is owned by William K. Miller and Kristine A. Miller. **LaHote made a motion (seconded by Britten) to pass Resolution #2009-17. All Yes Motion Approved**

Hrosko then brought up new signs for the new building. He asked the Trustees to look over the wording (copy in file) recommended by Vetter and the prices quoted and get back with him.

Hrosko said he also needed to talk to the Trustees about the street lights Edison is installing. On a couple of them they will need to do a road boring and Hrosko isn't sure we want to go through with that.

Office: Shirley Haar asked the Trustees to sign the Check report and PO report (copy in file). The Trustees signed the reports. Haar reminded the Department Heads the need to get their estimates revenues for 2010 into Hrosko by June 1st.

Trustee Gary Britten said he gave Gottfried a letter (copy in file) from Chris Waterfield (District Traffic Engineer from ODOT) in reference to installing signs for the Reitz Rd. trailer park. Concerning the "Children at Play" signs he said they do not install this type of signage and referred to part 2 of the ODOT Traffic

Engineering Manual, which say the following;

Children at Play Signs

Signs intended to alert drivers that children may be present in an area, such as CHILDREN AT PLAY or WATCH FOR CHILDREN, have not been shown to have a discernible benefit to traffic safety but still remain popular with the public. No factual evidence has been presented to document the success of this type of signing in reducing pedestrian accidents, operating speeds or legal liability. Studies have shown that many types of signs attempting to warn of normal conditions in residential areas, or conditions that are not always present, have failed to achieve the desired safety benefits. Children should not be encouraged to play in the roadway. If signs encourage parents and children to believe they have an added degree of protection, which the signs do not and cannot provide, this can result in a disservice. This type of signing has long been rejected since it is a direct and open suggestion that this behavior is acceptable. For these reasons, ODOT does not provide CHILDREN AT PLAY or similar signing. This type of signing is not recommended for use on any roadway at any time.

Britten said we could try putting up a “School bus stop ahead” sign and see if that helps. Mack said this might not be what the residents want to hear but the person who wrote the letter obviously understands what is going on.

Britten then went on to say that he was under the impression that with home rule we could set speed limits but last week Hrosko informed him that isn't so and we still have to go through ODOT. Attorney Celley said he has been working on that and he has a couple more things to check out. He said he thinks what we are going to find is we do have the authority to establish speed limits, but we are probably going to be left with only civil penalty enforcement of violations. Stribny asked if Celley or the Trustees had any information on the Senate bill that was on the floor a couple of years ago that would allow Townships to set their own speed limits. LaHote said they keep bringing it up and at a CLOUT meeting it was said there is still resistance to pass it for all Townships. They may try to get it changed to just Home Rule Townships and try to get it through that way. It was then discussed how to handle doing traffic surveys in the Township.

Next Britten said before the maintenance department spends all their money, we need to look at a turn lane at Thompson and Route 20. This is something we need to look at hot and heavy and maybe get done yet this year. The County has staked the right away. LaHote said he agreed with Britten. Gottfried asked if Britten thought we could get some help from the state and Britten said he doubted it. Mack asked if we needed some engineering money for it. Britten said we need to talk to Mike Stormer because when he was last here he said that we probably did need the turn lane. Mack said maybe the Rossford Transportation Improvement District would like to help out. LaHote said we should ask the state to add a left turn signal also. Britten said he would talk to Jason Sisco and see if he would map it out.

Bob Warnimont said he forgot a couple of things. He asked the Trustees permission to scrap out the old slide. It was necessary to cut it down because of the new building construction and wouldn't be safe to weld back together. **Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to allow Warnimont to scrap the old slide out. All Yes Motion Approved**

Warnimont then told the Trustees that under his park grant we purchased safety mulch. After doing station 2 and Starlight Park we have a lot of it left over and he would like to ask Neil Munger from the Park District if he knows of anyone who could use it. **Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to allow Warnimont to find someone, through Neil Munger, who could use the safety mulch. All Yes Motion Approved**

Mack asked if any one from Fire Department of Warnimont was notified that an appraiser needs to get through Station 2 today @ 4pm. **Britten** said he had a key and could meet with the appraiser. **Brice** asked why we were getting Station 2 appraised. **Mack** said we were not having Station 2 appraised but OI was. They are having it appraised because they hold a reversionary interest in the property and are having it appraised due to the road expansion project.

Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to adjourn into executive session for personnel discipline and programs, Personnel health issues, real estate and pending litigation. No further business will be conducted. All Yes Motion Approved

Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to adjourn the executive session and adjourn the regular session. All Yes Motion Approved

Shirley a. Haar –Fiscal Officer

Bob Mack – Chairman