

## Minutes of Regular Meeting: March 4, 2015

**6:05 pm Meeting called to order by Robert Mack**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Mr. Britten, Mr. Mack, Mr. LaHote Mrs. Haar, Mr. Celley, Chief Hetrick  
Chief Brice, Kraig Gottfried, Kelly Hemminger and Robert Warnimont

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

**Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2015  
6:00pm evening meeting. All Yes Motion Approved**

**Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2015  
6:00pm Special meeting. All Yes Motion Approved**

**Mack** said he would like to bring up an item of old business. He said it had to do with the elimination of the former Deputy Police Chief position which then resulted in the termination of Deputy Chief Gilmore. There have been some questions why this was necessary and how it happened. Mack said he thought it was appropriate time to clear the air. Mack suggested they rescind the motions that were passed at the February 18, 2015 involving the termination and elimination of the position and Mr. Gilmore's employment. Then we can discuss the situation and reconsider the matter. **Mack then made a motion to rescind the prior two motions involving the elimination of the position as well as the termination of Mr. Gilmore. Britten then seconded the motion. All Yes Motion Approved**

Mack then opened the discussion. He discussed the impact the failed levy had. He stated that the position was largely administrative and did not impact public safety and that is why they voted to eliminate the position was eliminated. He said the decision was something quite viable that the Trustees should still look at. Mr. LaHote said he agreed with Mack and that the position was an experiment to help reduce overtime. He discussed the fact the saving on overtime wasn't realized and that the elimination of the position doesn't impact the safety of the Department. LaHote stated that we can operate the department without that position in a more cost effective way.

Britten said he agreed with both Mack and LaHote. G=Her said the voters said no on a new levy and that is why cutbacks in the Police department needed to be made. He said that the decision to eliminate the position of Deputy Chief which of course resulted in the termination of Mr. Gilmore employment is something we had to do. Regardless of any morale issues Britten stated the position was eliminated for purely financial reasons. Mack said people are concerned about the amount of Administrative fat and that is why he wanted to support eliminating the position. He said he thought the Trustees need to probably take action. He said he was convinced it is the right thing to do to show the voters we are making changes. Mack then discussed the ballot issues at the last election and ones he thought will be on this ballot. He said he thought they were a little crowded. **Mack then said he would like to make a motion (seconded by Britten) that after this discussion or the rational discourse that has ensued that we do in fact eliminate the position of Deputy Police Chief which will necessarily and or unfortunately mean that Mr. Gilmore's employment at the Township will then terminate. All Yes Motion Approved**

Mack then said the motion passed and asked if there was any public comment on this issue. Hearing none Mack said are all the Trustees concur that what we just said was that we also terminated the position of Mr. Gilmore. They all agreed.

**Maintenance:** Kraig Gottfried asked the Trustees to approve a PO to Feller Finch in the amount of \$5,746.00 for the engineering on White Rd and Hufford Rd. He said this will be a Then & Now PO  
**LaHote made a motion (seconded by Britten) to approve the PO. All Yes Motion Approved**  
Gottfried asked the Trustees to approve a PO to Feller Finch in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the remaining engineering and inspections on White Rd, Ford Rd and Hufford Rd. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to approve the PO. All Yes Motion Approved**

**EMS / Fire:** Chief Brice gave the Trustees the February 2015 statistics (copy in folder).  
Brice told the Trustees the Tahoe is ready to go so he would like to sell the 2003 Ford Expedition. It was decided he will sell it through ABC Auto Auction.

Brice asked the Trustees to approve a PO to the Finley Fire Equipment in the amount of \$11,100.00 for six sets of turnout gear. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to approve the PO. All Yes Motion Approved**

Brice asked the Trustees to approve six volunteers borrowing two Township vehicles so they can attend the Rescue class in West Virginia March 27 to March 29, 2015. They will cover the own expenses.

**Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to allow the Volunteers the use of two Township vehicles to attend class in West Virginia. All Yes Motion Approved**

Brice asked the Trustees to approve the resignation of Mr. Barret Dorner because he moved out of the Township. This will be effective February 1, 2015. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to approve Mr. Dorner's resignation. All Yes Motion Approved**

Brice asked the Trustees to approve the resignation of Mr. Andrew Vasick who was part time and has found full time work elsewhere. This will be effective February 13, 2015. **LaHote made a motion (seconded by Britten) to approve Mr. Vasick's resignation. All Yes Motion Approved**

Bob Warnimont said that he wanted to let the Trustees know he will be stepping down as a volunteer fireman after 51 years with the department. Starting April 1, 2015 he will no longer be responding to calls. He did say that he would still continue to participate to in the other Fire activities Britten said the department was lucky to have Warnimont.

**Mack** said there was a special guest in attendance and introduced Joe Schaller. Mack said Schaller retired on February 28, 2015 after 30 years of service in the maintenance department. Mack thanked him for his service. LaHote said he will be sorely missed and thanked him. Britten said that Schaller was a great operator and will definitely be missed. He also thanked him for his service..

**Police:** Chief Hetrick – no report

**Recreation:** Bob Warnimont told the Girl Scouts cookie drop on Friday February 27, 2015 went well. They delivered 4800 or 4800 cases of cookies.

Warnimont said the paperwork for the solid waste grant was already sent out.

Warnimont told the Trustees he put in their mailboxes a copy of the satellite recycling cancellation policy (copy in file).

**Zoning:** Kelly Hemminger said the Zoning Commission will be meeting on March 9, 2015 for three issues. Bayer Park LLC on Fremont Pike submitted an application to rezone two parcels from A-1 Agricultural and R-6 Manufactured Home Park to C-2 Community Business. Application states that the owner desires to use the property for commercial purposes in the future. On March 3, 2015 the Wood County Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval. On March 9, 2015 the Perrysburg Township Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the application and recommendation of the Wood County Planning Commission. She said FAE Glenwood Properties LLC also submitted an application to rezone two parcels from C-2 Community Business to I-2 General Industrial. Application states the owner and owner's tenants wish to operate as a general contractor out of the facility. On

March 3, 2015 the Wood County Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval. On March 9, 2015 the Perrysburg Township Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the application and recommendation of the Wood County Planning Commission. There also will be a site plan review for Sayer Quarry Nature Preserve off Lime City Rd. This land was donated to the Wood County Park District the expressed purpose of preserving the natural areas encompassing the preserve. The property, zoned A-1 Agricultural and R-2 Suburban Residential, contains approximately 60.93 acres of land. The Park District intends to utilize the property to further its mission "To conserve, enhance and protect the natural and cultural resources of Wood County, while providing quality outdoor recreational and educational opportunities for Wood County citizens." There are two existing homes which will remain and be repurposed by the Wood County Park District for office space, meeting space, and storage. It is expected that there will be 4 full-time staff on site. A new two lane drive is proposed in place of the existing drive and 20 proposed parking spaces. The Wood County Park District proposes parking, walks, and a bus drop-off to provide access to the site as well as the trails on the property. Hemminger said the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on March 17, 2015 to consider a variance on River Road for a single family home set back.

**Administrator:** Walt Celley told the Trustees the Bond Council who handled the bonds issued by the Rossford Transportation Improvement District retired. He said the Township needs to appoint a new Bond Council. Celley said our Law Director Tim Greenwood recommended Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL. Celley said if the Trustees approve hiring them as Bond Council he has an Engagement Letter from them to sign. **LaHote made a motion (seconded by Britten) to engage Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL as Bond Council. All Yes Motion Approved**

**Office:** Shirley Haar asked the Trustees to approve the use of the buildings for the special election May 5, 2015. The Rossford School has a levy on the ballot. **Britten made a motion (seconded by Mack) to approve the use of the buildings for the special election May 5, 2015. All Yes Motion Approved** Brice said he hadn't been contacted about Station II but if he was were they also approving that building being used. Mack said yes. Haar asked the Trustees to sign the cash position, bank and check reports. The Trustees signed the reports.

**Trustees:** **Mack** read a letter (copy in file) from Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank stating a donation was made to the Food Bank on behalf of Perrysburg Township by Poggemeyer Design Group. LaHote said he met with Perry Pro Tech on the backup solution proposal. He said that the Township's backup system is very outdated. He presented an updated proposal (copy in file). There is a \$750.00 set up fee and there is a monthly fee of \$1,090.00. LaHote said he would recommend proceeding with it. **Mack said he reviewed it made a motion (seconded by Britten) to approve the new backup system. All Yes Motion Approved** Mack said the Township was lucky to have a Trustee like LaHote who understands all the technology issues.

Mack asked for any Public Comments;

**Jackie Huffman** who is on the Rossford School Board and as a Township resident is the Liaison spoke about the upcoming May 5, 2015 election. She said that Rossford Schools are asking for a new operating levy. This will be the first new operating Levy in 12 years. Mrs. Huffman discussed why the levy is needed.

**Dan Creps** who lives on Ducksbury Lane and is the Supervisor of Rossford Schools spoke about all the academic awards Rossford accomplishments the students have earned. He said the School has reduced cost where it could and really needs this operating levy.

Mack asked for further Public Comments and hearing none ;

**Britten made a motion (seconded by LaHote) to enter into executive session for Employee compensation and purchase of real estate.. All Yes Motion Approved No further business will be conducted.**

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

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Shirley A Haar –Fiscal Officer

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Robert Mack –Chairman