

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting, held at the Township Hall Jacksontown, OH at 8:00pm on May 3, 2004.

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order with the following members present: Dave Miller, Ron Acord, Joe Cooper and Jill Linn.

Others present: Joe Walker, Richard Cash, Mike Wilson, Mike Briggs, Charlie Prince, and Charlie Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attached is a copy of all expenditures totaling \$35,151.44.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the Trustees.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Acord that the attached list of bills be approved as the lawful obligation of Licking Township and the Clerk be directed to issue warrants of the Township in payment of the same. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Received Grassroots Clippings for May.
2. Received a letter from the LCPC regarding a replat application for Lots 572-577 of the Avondale Park Addition.
3. Received the LCPC Staff Report regarding the Wellington Mills - Phase 1.
4. Received a notice from the LCHD regarding property declared a public health nuisance.
5. We will be receiving \$17414.24 in estate tax from Claire Robinson.

Mike Wilson gave the Fire Co. report. Mr. Wilson thanked the Newark Eagles for a \$1000 donation for heart monitor equipment. The Fire Co. will also be receiving a \$2100 grant from the Ohio Department of EMS for airway equipment. Mr. Wilson mentioned that Rhonda Harris passed the fire test and had the highest score in her class. The Fire Co. received and is reviewing the Buckeye Lake Fire contract. Mr. Wilson mentioned that the Easter egg hunt went well and that eight people attended the Fire Expo in Indiana. Mr. Wilson also mentioned that the Fire Co. made 60 runs in the month of April.

Mr. Miller made a motion to have the Sheriffs' Department give a handgun safety class for the volunteers at the fire station on June 16th at 7:00pm. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Acord informed Mr. Wilson that the Buckeye Lake Eagles are accepting applications for donations.

Joe Walker turned in 7 permits totaling \$905. He received the Licking County Planning Commission map regarding Wellington Mills Phase I in which they have met all township set backs. In regards to the replat of Lots 572-577 of the Avondale Park Addition, Mr. Walker said that it will make it easier for the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve their variance request. Mr. Walker told Mr. Acord that the sign on Ridgely Tract Road, located at the Trailer Park, is legal and will have a permit done. Mr. Walker told Mr. Miller that he is looking into the dog odor problem on Pierce Street. Mr. Walkertold Mr. Cooper that he still needs to follow up on the property maintenance problem in Misty Meadows.

Mr. Walker informed the Trustees that the Zoning Commission Board will be meeting on Thursday nights this month.

Mr. Miller mentioned that many people called thanking the Trustees and volunteers who cleaned up their roads. He also advised them that this might be done in the fall. Mr. Cooper mentioned that the Litter Control Department would work with us again but also mentioned that the Trustees should go through the pros and cons in the summer before deciding whether to have a fall clean up.

In regards to National Gas and Oil Cooperative installing a gas line along McMillen Lane, the Trustees decided that since McMillen Lane has not been dedicated to the township and is not the townships responsibility that the permit should not be signed.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to amend the Property Maintenance Procedure and give the land owner 14 days to take care of their property effective as of May 3, 2004. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes: Cooper, yes.

Mr. Cooper mentioned that he went through the list of where the larvicide was placed last year and will try to make sure that those places and any other places where stagnant water is receive larvicide. A discussion followed.

Mr. Miller talked with Assistant Prosecutor Tony Stucco and went over the Liability Rule for Rural Trees: As long as it is not in immediate danger or is in defective condition it is not a liability to the Township - Notice of Fact - Reasonable, foreseeable cause of injury; does the tree constitute a nuisance or an obstruction, is it safe to travel the road, is it in the right of way. If it is defective,

more than 50%, it could be the Township responsibility if it is in the right of way. Tony Stucco will send this in written form for documentation.

Mr. Miller mentioned that the county still has not surveyed Zanesville Avenue regarding trees that may be in the township right of way. Mr. Miller said that they may need to use the rule regarding the trees.

Mr. Cooper asked how the tree, which fell on White Chapel, was removed. Mr. Miller said that Steve and Charlie did what they could do and then they called the county to remove the rest since it fell on the bridge.

Mr. Miller mentioned that they are getting prices for a new tractor, mower, and ditcher. A discussion followed.

Mr. Miller mentioned that they are working on the 1 to 10 road program. A discussion followed.

Mr. Miller made a motion to request that the County Auditor certify valuation and revenue information pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B). Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes. The complete resolution is on file with the Township Clerk.

Mike Briggs asked the Trustees if a gun carry law class could be held at the Township Hall which would be done by a certified instructor. Mr. Miller said that he didn't think it should be held at the Township Hall. Mr. Cooper thought that it was not an appropriate use of the Township Hall.

Mr. Acord made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Miller. Roll call: Miller, yes; Acord, yes; Cooper, yes.