

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting, held at the Fire Co. Station 3, Jacksontown, OH at 7:00pm on April 16, 2007.

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

Others present: Joe Hart, Joe Walker, Bill Ours, Larry Gerlach, Mike Wilson, Mike Payne, Rusty Payne, Steve Patterson and Charlie Davis.

Joe Hart asked for a moment of silence for the 32 lives lost at Virginia Tech University.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Total expenditures of \$42,203.56 were approved and paid by the signatures of the Trustees.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Fiscal Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Mike Wilson gave the Fire Co. report. The final inspection will be done on April 25th on the new fire truck and hopefully it will be here at the May 7th meeting. On April 30th Licking Memorial Hospital will deliver the thermal imaging cameras. Mr. Miller made a motion to spend \$2000 on a site plan for the Fire Co. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes. Mike mentioned purchasing a plow for the pick up truck.

Joe Walker turned in 7 permits totaling \$422. Mr. Cooper mentioned that Tony Stucco took the injunction on the Stratford property to Judge Marcelains' office.

A Public Hearing took place regarding a zoning map amendment to rezone 4.42 (+/-) acres from residential to business/commercial. Michael Payne brought with him the preliminary plans for a campground. He mentioned that the Licking County Planning staff recommendation to the Licking County Planning Commission make a recommendation to Licking Township to deny the rezoning request and that the basis for the recommendation is that the proposed zoning doesn't comply with the existing future land use map. He mentioned that they didn't have the comprehensive plan for the township and that he gave them a copy of it and hi-lighted page 78 in which he is trying to bring in more commercial property. He said that a lady at the meeting said that it is spot zoning, in which he believes it is not spot zoning since everything across the street is commercial

and Buckeye Lake is a recreational area and only has one camp ground. Michael Payne asked the Trustees to approve his request. Mr. Cooper said that in regards to the comprehensive plan, the Planning Commission should have copies since they are the ones that print them for us and will check with Brad Mercer. Mr. Walker said that he that he has no objections with this being developed and that it will take a lot of work. A discussion took place regarding the drainage. Rusty Payne believes that free enterprise is being stopped and that it all begins at the township level. Joe Hart mentioned that generally when you hold a public meeting the Trustees are either acting on, in favor of or denying the zoning commission recommendation or amending the zoning commission recommendations and that he hasn't heard the zoning commission recommendations. Mr. Cooper said that he will. Michael Payne asked if the request is denied what is his next step. Mr. Cooper said that he will need to reapply. Mr. Miller asked him where the tents and where the motor homes will be. Mr. Cooper mentioned that the Licking Township Zoning Commission made a recommendation that this request for the amendment to the zoning map be denied. The primary reason is they felt that the roadway area does not allow for adequate traffic movement to increase additional commercial development in that area. Secondly was the drainage. Mr. Cooper commented to Rusty Payne that he believes firmly in the process of the Board of Trustees taking serious consideration of the input of the people that they appoint to look into these matters and he feels that he would have to go along way to not seriously consider and take the recommendation of the zoning commission since this is what they do. Mr. Miller read the staff report from the Licking County Planning Commission and doesn't see a problem with the rezone since the corner area is mostly commercial. He would rather see a campground than a giant parking lot. Mr. Acord feels that the Licking County Planning Commission didn't have all the information when these decisions were made. He thinks that if it is turned down and he reapplies that it may be different when they learn about the area. Mr. Cooper made a motion that the Licking Township Board of Trustees deny the application of Michael Payne proposed amendment to the Licking Township zoning map to rezone 4.62 (+/-) acres from residential to business commercial. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, no.

Mr. Cooper gave the Trustees a copy of the proposed zoning fee changes. The Trustees need to find fair and equitable fees to cover the cost of the township zoning. Mr. Cooper went over the zoning cost.

The Fiscal Officer gave Mr. Acord the PNB credit card to be used for the road department.

The Township received one bid for the pick up truck. Coughlin Chevrolet turned in a bid for \$20839.88. Mr. Wilson reviewed the specs. He was originally given an amount of \$20829.38 and the difference of \$10.50 was for tags which are not needed. Mr. Miller made a motion to purchase the truck for \$20829.38. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Acord mentioned that the Rutledges' would sell a piece of land to the township. The width is 221.19ft and Mr. Acord was not sure of the length. The engineers' office will survey the property. An amount has not been determined.

Mr. Acord mentioned that either on April 20th or 21st there will be a service at Sanford Cemetery. The service will be held over, Edward Lightles' parents grave.

Mr. Miller checked on the t-shirts for the road crew and told them to order a dozen per person from Cintas.

Mr. Miller mentioned that the Ohio Township Association and the County Township Association are contacting the state legislature to run a campaign that the state do away with or reduce the recording and audit fees.

Mr. Miller mentioned that there will be a full pool breakfast at the yacht Club on April 27th at 7:00.

Joe Hart mentioned that Mike Wilson and Ron Walsh have done an excellent job on working hard to benefit the taxpayers.

Joe Hart asked if tonight is the night for public comment regarding Section 27. Mr. Cooper said sure. Joe Hart asked about the earlier proposal that Mr. Acord and Mr. Miller did and believed that they were different and stated that it was their administrative duty to change them. Mr. Miller went over the proposal from the fall and went over some changes. Mr. Hart mentioned that many times when someone applies for a map change they may also need a corresponding text change and asked the Trustees to consider adding an and/or under the Zoning Commission - Request for a Zoning Change unless they are planning on charging \$350 per map change and \$350 per text change. Joe Hart asked them to consider a change to the square footage. He mentioned that the square footage for 1201 - 1800 is \$100 then the next should be 1801 - 2800 at \$150 and then everything over 2800 should be \$150 plus \$5 per 100 square foot.

Rusty Payne mentioned that a wording change may be needed on the proposed zoning fee schedule. He said that the word over should be replaced with thereafter.

Mr. Acord made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss personal matters. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

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

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

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

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