

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Organizational Meeting held at the Fire Co., Station 3, Jacksontown, OH at 7:00pm on January 3, 2008.

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

Others Present: Larry Gerlach, Raymond Pitzer, Joe Walker, Richard Cash

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Linn took charge of the meeting and opened the nominations for President of The Board of Trustees for the year 2008. Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Hart. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Ms. Linn asked for nominations for Vice President of The Board of Trustees for the year 2008. Mr. Cooper nominated Mr. Miller. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Cooper moved the adoption of the following: Be it resolved that the regular meetings of The Board of Licking Township Trustees for the fiscal year 2008 be held at the Fire Co., Station 3, Jacksontown, Ohio. Township meetings will be held on the first and third Monday of each month, except when this falls on a legal holiday then it shall be held the following evening, unless otherwise published or posted on the door of the Fire Station. Regular meetings will be noted on the township website. Meeting times will be at 7:00pm. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Hart moved the adoption of the following: To have the above listed resolution published in The Advocate. If anyone requests copies of the minutes of the meeting, and other township documents, a charge of \$.10 per page will be charged and copies will be made at the convenience of the Fiscal Officer as it is not a full time job. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes. Cooper, yes.

Mr. Miller moved the adoption of the following: To pay all expenses for the Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector to attend township conventions including mileage at the current IRS allowance, also, to pay membership dues for the county and state association to be paid for the Trustees, Fiscal Officer and the associate membership for the Zoning Inspector. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Cooper moved the adoption of the following: To reimburse the Fire Chiefs mileage at the current IRS allowance for fire department related mileage. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Cooper moved the adoption of the following: To reimburse the Zoning Inspector mileage at the current IRS allowance for zoning department related mileage. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Miller moved the adoption of the following: That the hired road crew be caretakers of the Township Hall and lot. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Cooper moved the adoption of the following: To pay all bills incurred by the Township on an estimated appropriation until the Amended Official Certificate is received and approved. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Hart moved the adoption of the following: To request an advance, if needed, from the Licking County Auditors Office. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Miller moved the adoption of the following: To delay the employee pay raise for paid personnel of the Township until a budgetary review of available funds is complete. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Cooper moved the adoption of the following: That any department buying equipment or supplies over \$200 must have the approval of at least one Trustee; for amounts of \$500-\$1500 approval must come from two Trustees; all purchases over \$1500 must be approved at a regular or emergency meeting of The Board of Licking Township Trustees. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Miller moved the adoption of the following: That the Fire Co., **in an emergency only**, may contact one Trustee for medical and emergency expenses over \$500. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

After a discussion, in which Mr. Hart indicated that we have a statutory requirement under the ORC to authorize by resolution of how we maintain and repair the roads and that there is one of three ways to do it. He mentioned that the way it has been done has been quasi covered and thinks that we need a separate resolution that designates a particular Trustee to have charge of all maintenance and repair of roads within the township and to supervise all township roads and road employees with another individual as a backup. Mr. Cooper said that he would be in favor to part of that but feels that we covered ourselves under the ORC with the motions that were made in previous years and it was not a quasi. Mr. Cooper does not see the value of a separate resolution.

Mr. Hart said that he sees a significant difference in 'will work with' and the board designating a trustee with the responsibility.

Mr. Hart moved the adoption of the following: That the Licking Township Trustees designate Mr. Miller to have charge of all maintenance and repair of the roads within the township and supervise all township road employees with Mr. Hart as a backup. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, no.

Mr. Cooper discussed with Mr. Hart regarding supporting and working with the Licking Township Commission Board and the Licking Township Board of Appeals and asked Mr. Hart if he would like to lead in this area. Mr. Hart mentioned that he not interested in being appointed participate with the zoning commission as Mr. Cooper has chosen to do. Mr. Hart will discharge his duties as a trustee with regard to responsibilities with the zoning commission. He mentioned that he thinks that the Board of Trustees has separate duties. The duty of the trustees to the zoning commission is to appoint them and not participate with them actively were it could be misconstrued that their participation is a position of the board. Mr. Hart said that he will support Mr. Cooper if he would like to continue to work with them because Mr. Hart knows that he put a lot of effort in it, but, along with Mr. Harts' vote to have him continue he would make it very clear that he would not want him to speak or participate on the zoning commission with the power of the entire board unless he did get the power of the entire board. Mr. Cooper said that he and Mr. Hart have some differences in how things should and could be done. Mr. Cooper said it is his belief that the boards do need a lot of support.

Mr. Cooper moved the adoption of the following: That Mr. Cooper will work with the zoning. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Miller moved the adoption of the following: That Mr. Hart will be the Fire Co. coordinator with Mr. Miller as a back up. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Cooper moved that adoption of the following: That the Fiscal Officer be permitted to adjust money within a fund as needed. Mr. Hart seconded that motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

The Fiscal Officer informed each department that the inventory sheets will be going out and that they need to back as soon as possible.

The Fiscal Officer reminded the Trustees that the Annual Bridge and Culvert Inventory report needs to be done by January 15.

The Fiscal Officer mentioned that the motion made at the previous meeting regarding having COBRA insurance for Ron Acord would need to be rescinded

because our insurance does not offer COBRA since we have less than 20 employees. Mr. Cooper made a motion to rescind the resolution for COBRA coverage for Ron Acord. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, abstain; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Miller received a letter from the Licking County Health Department regarding a vote that will be taking place at the Township Association Meeting on Saturday, January 5. The vote is regarding the Combined General Health District. Mr. Hart made a motion that the board support the recommendation of the Licking County Health Department Combined and that our position will be if support of that. Mr. Cooper seconded that motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Hart thanked the Trustees for their vote of confidence in placing him as the President.

Mr. Miller will have the culvert reports at the next meeting and will turn them in to the engineer's office.

Joe Walker had a conversation with Eric Fox about the junk cars and Mr. Walker will compile a list of properties with junk cars. Mr. Walker asked Mr. Miller to pick up some information at Saturday's meeting for him.

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