

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

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order with the following members present: Joseph Hart, David Miller, Joseph Cooper and Jill Linn.

Others present: Bill Ours, Joe Walker, Raymond Pitzer, Larry Gerlach, Richard Cash, Doug Price, Charles Prince, Cindy Fields, Robert Snedden, Robert Mills and Steve Patterson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hart went over the agenda of how he would like to run the meetings. He mentioned the fiscal information he would like to see. He discussed the proper way to handle motions.

There were no minutes.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from the Buckeye Lake Civic Association.

Mike Wilson was absent. He was attending the Franklin Township meeting to take care of the fire contract.

Joe Walker had no permits. He issued 64 permits in 2007: 21 new homes, 9 detached garages, 12 room additions, 6 pole barns, 13 decks or patios, 2 temporary offices and 1 in ground swimming pool. He thanked the county and state officials who were helpful to him.

Mr. Miller informed Joe Walker that Ken Oswalt will be contacting him regarding junk car issues. Mr. Miller received a call regarding a line fence. Mr. Hart asked Joe Walker to take a written complaint from the resident which describes her position as to what she says took place or didn't take place and they will take that and do some research with the prosecutor or look at the ORC.

Steve Patterson mentioned that the truck is hard to start and in at McDonald being looked at and they will call with the status.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Doug Price, chairman for the Licking Township Board of Appeals recommended keeping Jerry Brems on the Licking Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Cooper made a motion to reappoint Jerry Brems to the Licking Township Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Cooper spoke with Frank Davis, chairman for the Licking Township Commission Board, indicated that it is his preference to have Dale Ours on the board. Mr. Cooper made a motion to reappoint Dale Ours to the Licking Township Commission Board for a five-year term. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes; Cooper, yes.

Mr. Miller will have a price for salt at the next meeting.

Mr. Miller explained the issue regarding the bid from The Shelly Co. The road in question was White Chapel Road with the original bid of \$107,748.05 and the section that Mr. Miller said wasn't done was reduced to \$104,982.47. Mr. Miller researched the issue and the fiscal officer was asked to send the checks.

Mr. Miller mentioned that there is a lot of information for the signs regarding The Woods parking. He talked with Craig Smith from the engineers' office who mentioned that we should check with the prosecuting attorney to simplify the wording for the signs. Mr. Hart mentioned that they received information from the residents and that the resolution had the specific times and information that it would need to be changed. Mr. Cooper will email Eric Fox at the prosecutors' office and let him know the situation and will carbon copy Captain Lee at the sheriffs' office for their input.

Mr. Cooper informed Robert Snedden that the date of the meeting that the trustees voted to move ahead with the True Line Petition was November 5, 2007. The Fiscal Officer also mentioned that she had the information he requested.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cooper received an email from George O'Donnel, who lives in the Hunts Landing Road area, forwarded a letter he sent to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission. George O'Donnel also had a request to use the township hall for a BLRPRX meeting on Monday, January 21 from 6:45pm to 8:30pm. The trustees gave their permission.

Mr. Cooper met with Brad Mercer at the Planning Commission and discussed a proposed tracking form process. On the January 22 meeting he would like to go through and discuss the process with the people involved in the process. Mr. Hart mentioned that each entity has separate responsibilities and that once a zoning change or amendment is approved by the Board of Township Trustees then it's the Fiscal Officers responsibility to have it recorded at the Records Office. Joe Cooper said that this is to help address the zoning process.

Mr. Miller would like to discuss at the next meeting tree problems and would like to review and update driveway culverts.

Mr. Hart attended the Township Association meeting and gave information from the prosecutors' office. He also received information from the County Planning Commission regarding Licking Township, 2008 Ohio Sunshine Law and 2007 Crime Report. He went over other items that were discussed at the meeting.

Mr. Hart thanked Jerry Brems for his service and Doug Price for his comments.

Ray Pitzer mentioned that he read an article by Howard Secret regarding fence laws and maybe Joe Walker should start with him.

Robert Snedden asked if the Board recognized the Sunshine Law and try to follow it. Mr. Hart said that this board will make a conscious effort to follow it.

Bill Ours asked about the cemetery fence. Mr. Miller said that the fence materials are in and will be put up when the weather changes. Bill Ours was given the OK to move the old boards put to leave up the post.

Bill Ours, on behalf of the Harbor Hills Association, gave a formal complaint of a zoning violation in Harbor Hills to the trustees. The homeowners association can not spend the money if they need to sue and are asking for the township trustees' assistance. There is a shed which does not meet their zoning or the township zoning. Mr. Hart asked Joe Walker to evaluate the situation. A discussion followed.

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