

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at the Fire Co., Station 3, Jacksontown, OH at 7:30pm on April 2, 2012.

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order with the following members present: Joseph Hart, David Miller, and Andrea Lynch. Ron Acord was absent.

Others Present: Bob Quayle, John Holman, Mike Wilson, Mike Harris, Charles Prince, Jill Linn, and Steve Patterson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Prior to the official start of the meeting, Mr. Hart commended and thanked outgoing Fiscal Officer, Jill Linn, for her dedication to the township and its residents. Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Linn on behalf of himself, the Ohio Township Association, and the Licking County Commissioners. Mr. Miller presented Ms. Linn with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Licking County Board of Commissioners for the past 13 years of dedicated service to Licking County and to Licking Township as Fiscal Officer. Mr. Miller also presented Ms. Linn with a token of appreciation from the board. Ms. Linn thanked the board. Mr. Hart welcomed and thanked Andrea Lynch for stepping forward to serve the residents of Licking Township as Fiscal Officer.

Meeting minutes were read at the end of the meeting and approved as presented for the following:
6/06/11; 7/05/11; 7/18/11; 8/01/11; 8/15/11; 9/06/11;
9/19/11; 10/03/11; 10/17/11; 11/07/11; 11/21/11; 12/05/11;
12/27/11 (Records Commission); 12/27/11; 1/13/12; 1/17/12;
2/06/12; 2/21/12; 3/05/12; 3/19/12.

The financial reports were given to the Trustees.

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the expenditures totaling \$35,261.35. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes.

A discussion took place regarding the OTARMA renewal for 2012. Mr. Hart reminded the board that last year they were down to the wire on getting the assets insured and indicated Mrs. Lynch has been working with Steve Patterson and Mike Wilson regarding the schedule of property. Mrs. Lynch shared with the board the current schedule of property and recommended changes. Mrs. Lynch indicated there are several new assets that need added to the schedule, some assets that need deleted, and some assets that need changed. Mr. Miller inquired about the scheduled limits for the John Deere 5425 and 6320 tractors. Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Lynch stated that the John Deere 6320 would need increased to \$40,000.00 which reflects the cost to replace the item in today's market. Mr. Hart inquired about 3 scheduled items which are listed as excluded for comp and collision deductibles. Mrs. Lynch explained that these items are insured as liability only. Mr. Hart inquired about the coverage available for the 1990 Chevy Dump Truck; 1994 Chevy Dump Truck; 2002 Chevy Dump Truck; 2007 Chevy Silverado; and 1990 Ford E350 Pick-up. Mrs. Lynch will verify the coverage on these items but that it should be at replacement cost. Mrs. Lynch indicated that she will be applying for a MVR and CDL Drug and Alcohol premium credit reimbursement for this year to help reduce premium expense and recommended that the board consider requesting a comparative quote for a \$500.00 deductible versus the current \$250.00 deductible in effort to reduce overall premium expenses. The board requested that Mrs. Lynch proceed with obtaining an updated quote based on the recommended changes discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Follow-up Letter from Mr. Hart to Licking County Auditor, Cindy Haas citing new Fiscal Officer Andrea Lynch effective 4/01/12.
2. Memorandum from Ken Oswalt, Licking County Prosecutor, regarding deadline for levy certification issues for the November 6, 2012 General Election. Deadline to certify a resolution to place a levy on the ballot is 8/08/12 at 4:00 p.m.
3. Letter from Robert Quayle, originally sent to the Board of Zoning Appeals, regarding potential of legal action to appeal the zoning board's ruling.
4. Copy of resolution passed on 3/19/12 regarding annexation of 822 acres on May 25, 1972.

Mike Wilson gave the Fire Co. report. There were 93 runs in March with a total year to date of 226 runs (69 EMS, 11 Fire, 13 Dive Rescue). Mike mentioned that they were busy assisting Hebron on 3/15/12 due to flooding. Mike mentioned that Thornville had catastrophic failures on 2 medics and were without an emergency squad. At Chief Moore's request, Mike agreed to loan a medic to their community for a few days. Mike inquired about the lawn mowing contracts for this year including the lawn at both firehouses. Mike requested \$5000.00 to buy miscellaneous hand tools, lights, and equipment including a New Adventure Force positive pressure fan for the new tanker.

Mr. Miller made a motion to spend \$5000.00 for miscellaneous equipment for the new tanker. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yes; Hart, yes.

Mike expressed gratitude to Ms. Linn for her assistance with the Fire Department and that he has met with Mrs. Lynch on several occasions and feels that it will be a smooth transition. Mike stated that we will have a fire levy scheduled for replacement and requested to meet with Mrs. Lynch to review the verbiage. Mr. Hart indicated that the prosecutor's office may have the verbiage and both Mr. Miller and Mr. Hart suggested that Cindy Haas may be a point of contact as well.

Mr. Hart stated that he received a phone call from Joe Walker in which Mr. Walker indicated that in the next few months, he intends to step down as the Zoning Inspector due to health reasons. Mr. Hart stated that Mr. Walker will remain with us until the board has had the opportunity to advertise for the position and make a decision regarding his replacement.

Mr. Miller mentioned that he has quotes for limestone from United Aggregates of Mount Vernon and Redskin Transport. Mr. Miller stated that if they back haul, we can save up to \$2.00 per ton. Mr. Miller stated that due to anticipated cost increases, he will review how many tons are needed to purchase and will bring a prepared list to the next meeting.

Mr. Miller obtained a bid from Muskingum Tractor; Fenton Tractor; and JD Equipment for a batwing mower to replace the woods mower. Mr. Hart inquired as to trade-in. Mr. Miller was uncertain if the bids took into account a trade-in.

A discussion took place regarding renewing the mowing contract for 2012 with Lakewood Lawn Service. Mr. Hart indicated that Rob Miller of Lakewood Lawn Service agreed to maintain the same contract rates as last year.

Mr. Miller made a motion to renew the mowing contract with Lakewood Lawn Service for 2012 at the same cost as last year. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Hart, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Hart asked Mrs. Lynch to contact Rob Miller directly regarding the Lakewood Lawn Services contract.

Mr. Hart and Mr. Miller agreed to table discussion on the radios.

Mr. Miller indicated the remaining balance of salt has been obtained at this year's price and has been received and tarped. Mr. Miller indicated that he has not heard from John Fields from Lakewood Schools regarding salt.

Mr. Miller stated that he met with Mr. Patterson and they are putting together a list of roads to take to Bill Lozier's office. Mr. Miller stated that once he receives the estimated cost from Bill Lozier's office, he will present for budget consideration and bidding for the summer.

Bob Quayle expressed his concern regarding his variance hearing and stated that he feels that he met all the requirements to obtain his variance. Mr. Quayle stated that the hearing was unfair as he received 2 out of 3 votes. Mr. Quayle stated that it is supposed to be a 5 member board and if he needs to have 3 votes, then there should be 5 people in attendance to vote on it. Mr. Quayle said that he submitted his paperwork in time to be put on the February agenda but was put on the March agenda and was told at the meeting that he would be better off to table it in hopes that more of the board would show up next month. Mr. Quayle indicated that he has been in the construction business for most of his life, has experience in variances,

and worked with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and does not feel like he got a fair hearing. Mr. Hart stated that the board has no jurisdiction over that board other than appointing its members. Mr. Hart stated that they establish their own operational rules and it is his understanding that they require 3 positive votes for a variance to be passed. Mr. Hart stated that Mr. Quayle's options are to take it to court and notify them accordingly and that based on what he heard Mr. Quayle say, he was given an option to wait but chose not to. Mr. Quayle stated that he was told to wait and hope that more of their board showed up which he questioned as an option. Mr. Quayle stated that he was told that there is a vacancy in one of the seats and that the other guy was on vacation and was unsure when he would be back. Mr. Hart indicated that the one individual is back from vacation and confirmed there is a vacancy on the board. Mr. Quayle stated that he is trying to do things right, wants to fix-up his property at Avondale to retire at Buckeye Lake and whether or not this board has any control over them or not, he wants to know how it is fair. Mr. Hart indicated that, in addition to the vacancy created by the individual who moved out of the township, there are 2 alternate openings on that board. Mr. Hart stated that we have tried and will continue to try to fill the opening on the zoning board of appeals but it is a voluntary board and is difficult to find volunteers to fill the position. Mr. Hart stated that the zoning board of appeals has the authority under the Ohio Revised Code to decide whether or not to grant the variance but it is not our board's decision. Mr. Hart stated that if they rejected Mr. Quayle's variance, then he may have the option to re-hear it when there are more members present and possibly ask for the fees to be waived. Mr. Hart said that it is up to their chairman, Doug Price, and not us. Mr. Quayle asked who is on the zoning commission board. Mr. Hart stated that the zoning commission board does not rule on this issue. Mr. Hart said that it was his understanding that Mr. Quayle spoke with Joe Walker and that he needed a variance because there is not enough offset. Mr. Miller, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Quayle discussed the location of Mr. Quayle's property and that a variance had been approved for him to build a deck. Mr. Quayle said he spoke with Mr. Miller and he was told to come to the township meeting and express his opinion. Mr. Quayle stated that when he has applied for variances at other locations throughout the city of Columbus, he turned in a plot plan a month prior to the meeting. Mr. Quayle stated that most boards review your

plot plan and contact you if there are any issues. Mr. Quayle said that he was not informed that he needed another variance to build the deck to his pool until the night of the meeting. Mr. Miller stated that he did advise Mr. Quayle to come to this meeting and in his personal opinion, Mr. Quayle should get a second hearing and the \$225 should be waived. Mr. Hart suggested that Mr. Miller contact Doug Price and express his opinion on the matter.

Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.
Roll call: Miller, yes; Hart, yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Attest

April 2, 2012 minutes