



NORWICH

T O W N S H I P

Trustees Forum

2015 was a successful year on many fronts for Norwich Township. In light of 2015 being the first year that no estate tax was received since it was eliminated in 2013, the Township experienced a slight increase in total revenues. On another front, deficit spending within the Fire fund was reduced thanks to our residents' generous support for the passage of a 2014 fire levy. In addition, total expenses were down approximately 2% from 2014. Over the last five years, the Township has faced many financial challenges that included the elimination of Tangible Personal Property Tax Reimbursement, the repeal of the Estate Tax, a reduction in Local Government Funds, and an increase in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreements and Tax abatements. Due to the fiscal forethought of the Board of Trustees, the Township has weathered through these challenges. However, the loss of revenue due to Tax Incentive Finance (TIF) agreements and tax abatements still continues to present a financial challenge to the Township. For 2016, according to the Franklin County Auditor's Office, the estimated loss of revenue to the Township due to TIF agreements authorized by the City of Hilliard is \$917,000. This is an increase from the \$868,000 loss of revenue due to TIF agreements in 2014.

In continued efforts to provide quality services to our residents, the Board of Trustees are committed to provide our staff with the most up-to-date fire equipment. The Township purchased a fully equipped emergency squad in 2015 for \$260,000 and is now in the planning stages of replacing the department's 15 year old fire ladder truck in 2017 for an estimated cost of 1.1 million dollars.

Residents can continue to expect that Norwich Township will carefully manage finances and exercise good fiscal practices with these important expenditures that maintain our quality of services.

New Faces within Norwich Township

Please join us in welcoming our recent new hires for staff replacement:

- Pam Brannon - Administration
- Travis Burleson - Firefighter
- Daniel Cain - Road/Cemetery
- Jake Caito - Firefighter
- Jonathan Jensen - Firefighter
- Kyle Nutter - Road/Cemetery
- Rick Zimmerman - Firefighter

2016 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

MARCH 15, 6:00 PM
APRIL 5, 12:00 PM
APRIL 19, 6:00 PM
MAY 3, 12:00 PM
MAY 17, 6:00 PM
JUNE 7, 12:00 PM
JUNE 21, 6:00 PM
JULY 5, 12:00 PM
JULY 19, 6:00 PM
AUGUST 2, 12:00 PM
AUGUST 16, 6:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 6, 12:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 20, 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 4, 12:00 PM
OCTOBER 18, 6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 1, 12:00 PM
NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 PM
DECEMBER 6, 12:00 PM
DECEMBER 20, 6:00 PM

The public is always
welcome to attend.

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township
Safety Services Building
5181 Northwest Parkway

Issues, Questions, Concerns, Compliments, and Complaints

Do you have issues, questions, concerns, compliments, or complaints that you want to bring to the attention of Norwich Township? Visit our website at www.norwichtownship.org and click on the Contact tab.



Yard Waste Only!



As spring approaches, it is often time to begin preparing gardens and landscaping. Local Waste Services (LWS), our refuse and recycling provider, has supplied us with “Yard Waste Only” stickers that you can pick up at the Norwich Township Administration offices. If you prefer to use containers for pickup of your yard waste rather than the biodegradable paper bags, these stickers may be perfect for you!

For those who are new to home ownership and/or yard waste collection, you may be asking “what is yard waste?”. Yard waste does not include items such as rocks, dirt, sod, or food waste. It includes any organic waste that is generated from household gardening or landscaping, such as:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Twigs
- Branches
- Shrubbery

LWS guidelines (www.localwasteservices.com) are as follows:

- Please have your materials out by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled pick up day.
- Please place materials in bags or containers – do not exceed 50 lbs. containers or bundles.
- Bulk items and additional material will be collected at the same time as all other items.
- Brush must be tied in bundles at 4ft. or less in length by 2ft. or less in diameter.
- Please have yard waste in biodegradable brown paper bags or in containers that are marked clearly ‘Yard Waste Only’ - stickers are available at the Joint Safety Service Building (5181 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, Ohio 43026).
- Place yard waste a few feet away from other materials to identify easier as it will be collected separately on the same day.

We wish you a happy spring and a beautiful yard!

Decades of Service

After spending the last 30 years in the Township’s Road and Cemetery Department’s, Micheal Johnson announced his retirement. We wish him and his wife a happy and relaxing retirement.



Empowering Equipment



The Norwich Township Fire Department has added new equipment to better serve our community. With success in receiving the Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Intervention Grant, the Township secured \$39,360.00 to purchase five stair chair lifts and three CPR chest compression systems.

Within seconds, this amazing piece of CPR equipment can be set up to deliver high-quality chest compressions, allowing our EMS personnel to focus on other life-saving tasks when responding to cardiac arrest patients.

In addition, the stair chair lifts provide our responders with the latest equipment for lifting and carrying patients up and down stairs.



Spotlight on NTFD's New Assistant Fire Chief

Greg Young's ability to develop deep levels of rapport with others has led him to the success where he stands today. As a young man Greg's relationship with Mr. Robert Tucker, City of Hilliard's Service Director (at the time), motivated him to make changes. It is in that relationship with Mr. Tucker that Greg began to understand the values of public service and Greg received advice which he still speaks about today. "You could have a great future in public service, but you cannot take the civil service test without a diploma." Greg took this advice, received his diploma and went on to take the civil service test in 1982. He was selected as one of the top three out of a class of 50 people as a maintenance tech with Hilliard, and then started in the fire academy in 1987. He began his career with Norwich Township in 1987 as a part-time firefighter and then was hired as a full-time firefighter in 1990. In his career with Norwich Township, he served as a Lieutenant from 2001 to 2012, as a Captain for one year, and then promoted in 2013 to Battalion Chief.

What do you love about your job?

"It is a true honor to get to serve the community where I grew up. From working at the Thomas IGA (where I met my wife) stocking and ordering, to part time work with the City of Hilliard and becoming a full time firefighter with Norwich Township, I have so many roots in this town."

What has each level of promotion provided you and what do you cherish most about these opportunities?

"I have gained so much respect for each individual and each level of this department. For 11 years, I served as a Lieutenant with Norwich and the camaraderie within our unit was some of my most cherished experiences within my career."

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Greg Young, *Assistant Fire Chief*

What do you find fulfilling about your new position as Assistant Fire Chief?

"This promotion brings my career to the position where I get to see full swing what our services provide for our residents. I am now a part of planning and executing decisions that shape the future of our department."

What advice would you give to the department's new firefighters?

"Train hard, be professional, clean before told, shake hands, and offer coffee to retirees when they visit the stations." In addition Chief Young stated, "Serve our residents as you would serve your own families."

On February 16, 2016 the Board of Trustees swore Greg Young in as Norwich Township Fire Department's Assistant Chief. "I work with a guy who is in his sweet spot. If you speak to the guys who work with him, you know that because when he crosses the threshold of any door he is whistling and is just enjoying himself", said Chief Jeffery Warren.



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See Something, Say Something – DIAL 911

In addition to Homeland Security, several communities are promoting a See Something – Say Something public awareness campaign. Reporting suspicious activity is extremely important to our community. In a fire situation, the occupants of a dwelling often do not realize there is a fire in the building. Many callers who have taken the time (just a minute or two) to dial 911 on seeing something out of the ordinary have saved lives.

Calls to 911 can be anonymous. You do not have to share your identity or information. If you are unsure whether something is suspicious, a false alarm is a better outcome than a fire or a crime that could have been prevented. When your call results in a saved life, what could be more important?



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