The meeting was called to order by Mr. Larry Earman, Chair.

Roll Call –
- Mr. Larry Earman, Chair - Present
- Mr. Jim Rice, Trustee - Present
- Mr. Chuck Buck, Trustee – Present

Also Present -
- Dave Long, Fire Chief
- Bob Kaufman, Asst. Fire Chief
- Dick McDermitt, Construction Manager

**JOINT SAFETY BUILDING – BID OPENING REPORT & DISCUSSION**

Jim Mitchell of Meacham & Apel provided the following summary related to the bid openings:

- Total project construction bids came in at $9.7 million, approximately more than projected $8.5 million cost.
- Masonry and steel prices did not match up due to vast fluctuation in the market
- Plumbing bids came in high because of fluctuation in copper prices. There are a lot of sanitary lines causing escalated costs
- Need to review potential cost savings items
- Eliminate items that are not cost essential

Mr. Mitchell provided a listing by contract type of potential cost savings. In reviewing this list, Norwich Township Trustees identified the following as change items, however, all potential cost savings would be further reviewed for discussion:

1. Electrical - make previous E-1 Alternate DECS system (Metroplex) base bid. Potential cost savings of $39,140
2. Electrical - allow “MC” flexible conduit for all non-life safety branch circuits. Potential cost savings of $65,000
3. Electrical – allow plenum rated open wiring instead of conduit wiring for the fire alarm system. Potential cost savings of $6,500
4. Electrical – allow aluminum conductors for all 150 amp or larger feeders and service entrance conductors. Potential cost savings of $83,000

Hilliard City Mayor, Don Schoenhadt requested an opportunity to review the situation with Hilliard City Council. Norwich Township Trustees will further review all potential cost savings.

**RES. 07-61 Approval of Special Meeting on August 28, 2007**

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Rice, to approve a special, public session meeting for August 28, 2007 at 1:00 pm for the purpose of reviewing architectural costs for the Joint Safety Building. Motion passed.

**Meeting of August 23, 2007 adjourned at approximately 9:17 a.m.**