The meeting was called to order by Mr. Larry Earman, Chair
Roll Call -  Larry Earman, Chair – Present
            Chuck Buck, Trustee – Present
            Mike Cope, Trustee – Absent

Also Present - Dave Long, Fire Chief
                Wayne Warner, Township Administrator
                Dick McDermitt, Construction Manager
                Steve Montgomery, Roads/Cemetery Dept.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
SWACO’s CFO, Paul Koehler, provided a presentation and discussion of the proposed 2009 $2 per ton tipping fee increase. According to Mr. Koehler, there was no fee increase in 2008 and the current Generation Fee has not been increased since 1994. Therefore, revenue streams continue to be flat or are decreasing while other costs including diesel fuel have steadily increased. SWACO has looked at other ways to offset the deficit spending. Tipping fees are paid by users of the landfills. SWACO estimates that the average residential household has approximately one ton of trash per year. Based upon the information provided, the pass-through cost to our residents would be approximately a $2 increase per year. Mr. Buck raised concerns about governments continuing to tax the residents especially during a difficult economic time that our nation is facing.

POLICE REPORT
Chief Garnett provided the June and July reports and summarized the data. Chief Garnett noted that parking complaints were down significantly in June and reported thefts were down significantly in July.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief Long reported that the intersection of Davidson Road and Britton Parkway is expected to be opened on Monday. Chief Long provided the Board with magnet samples of the joint safety services building (JSSB) ceremony. As a follow up to the JSSB phone system proposal that Chief Long had given to the Board, he made a recommendation that the Township utilize AT&T as the provider of phone, internet, and cable services for the JSSB. The phone system currently being used will be obsolete upon moving to the new facility. In addition AT&T can provide the fiber optic cabling that will allow the other satellite locations to be networked. The bid, totaling $37,978.95, is at state term pricing. The new system is computerized and would allow for an automated attendant, as well as, multiple direct dial phone lines. The Board strongly opposed using an automated attendant. Chief Long indicated that multiple discussions between Township administration, AT&T, and Netwave have taken place in an effort to effectively coordinate the implementation of the new system.
CEMETARY & ROAD DEPARTMENT
Mr. Montgomery stated that two repairs need to be completed from the paving project which he expected to be done soon. In addition, there appears to be positive drainage for all driveways on Danford Square. Mr. Buck noted that we are losing more and more of Schirtzinger Road.

FISCAL OFFICE
Mrs. Miles requested the 2008 Permanent Appropriations be amended for the approved fire engine purchase and for cemetery related expenses within the two Cemetery Bequest Funds. Mr. Earman noted that we have two minor cemetery funds that have been there for years and in essence we are going to spend them and then be done with them.

JOINT SAFETY BUILDING
Mr. McDermitt reviewed JSSB change orders #04-01 and #04-02 and requested approval. In addition, the Board discussed the installation of a waterline running from the JSSB to Weaver Park. According to Mr. Buck, this will restore the bathrooms and the City of Hilliard has agreed to do all of the wiring, lightening, and painting in order to open the building back up. The Board also reviewed the installation of the new driveway entrance off of Northwest Parkway. Mr. Earman noted that this was part of the original land purchase contract with the Franklin County Agricultural Society.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION
Mr. Warner advised the Trustees that the ballot for SWACO’s proposed $2 per ton increase in their tipping fees was due today. The Board further discussed the need for the increase given the additional information provided by Mr. Koehler and decided that while it is not what they wanted, the increase is necessary and moved to vote for the increase.

TRUSTEE - NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Earman requested that the Local Waste Services contract be put on the agenda due to the fact that it is set to expire at the end of November 2008. Mr. Earman asked Mr. Warner to contact Local Waste to request a two year proposal which the current contract allows for. Mr. Earman noted that he has not heard any substantial complaints related to the trash service. Mr. Buck indicated that he has heard from a couple of residents who are not satisfied with the service being provided.

Approval of Accept AT&T JSSB Phone System Proposal
Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve the appropriation and expenditure to AT&T for the JSSB phone system upgrade at a total cost of $37,978.95 which includes installation, training, and one year warranty. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #080804.01

Approval of JSSB Driveway Installation
Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve the appropriation and expenditure of $41,054.89 to Franklin County Engineer for the installation of the driveway entrance at the Joint Safety Services Building off of Northwest Parkway per the land purchase agreement with the Franklin County Agricultural Society. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #080804.02
Approval of Weaver Park Waterline Installation
Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve the appropriation and expenditure of $3,750 to DLC Equipment Co. for the installation of a waterline from the JSSB to Weaver Park to restore the bathrooms. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.  #080804.03

Approval of JSSB Change Orders #04-01 and #04-02
Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve the JSSB change orders #04-01 for $1,060.55 and #04-02 for $3,112.53. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.  #080804.04

Approval to Amend Permanent Appropriations for 2008
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to amend the permanent appropriations for 2008 by increasing the Fire Fund amount from $10,910,600 to $11,421,600, increasing the Merris Weiler Fund from $0 to $459, and increasing the Cemetery Bequest Fund from $0 to $1,575. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.  #080804.05

Motion For the Proposed SWACO Tipping Increase
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to vote for the $2 per ton tipping rate increase as proposed by SWACO given the additional information provided. This motion supersedes the previous motion of July 21, 2008. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.  #080804.06

Approval of Norwest Franklin County Historical Society Donation
Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Earman, to approve donating $150 to the Northwest Franklin County Historical Society for the sponsorship of a souvenir playing card depicting the Hilliards Emergency Squad. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.  #080804.07

Special Meeting
The Board of Trustees has called a special, executive session meeting scheduled for Friday, August 10th at 10 am for purposes of discuss personnel matters.

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to adjourn the regular meeting of August 4th at 12:50 pm.

Larry Earman, Chairman

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer
SOLID WASTE RATE ADVISORY BOARD

BALLOT

Proposed Rate Increase Effective January 1, 2009

Name: NORWICH TOWNSHIP

Telephone No.: 614/876-7685  Fax: 614/227-9847

E-mail address: WAYNE-WARNER@NORWICHTOWNSHIP.ORG

Representing: 

VOTE:

$2.00/ton increase effective January 1, 2009

For  Against  Abstain

Signed:  8/4/08

Date

Please return ballot to SWACO on or before August 4, 2008

Via fax:  614- 871-5103
Leah Niswonger Solid Waste Rate Advisory Board

Via mail:  SWACO
Attention: Leah Niswonger - Solid Waste Rate Advisory Board
4239 London Groveport Rd.
Grove City, Ohio 43123

July 18, 2008