The meeting was called to order by Chairman Buck

Roll Call - Charles Wm. Buck, Chair – Present
Michael D. Cope, Trustee – Present
Larry Earman, Trustee – Present

Also Present - Dave Long, Fire Chief
Bob Kaufman, Asst. Fire Chief

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief Long presented a three-year collective bargaining agreement for approval by the Board. Mr. Cope extended a thank you to the Local 1723 board members for the team effort in getting the agreement settled.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT
On behalf of Mr. Montgomery, Mrs. Miles reported the estimate for the remaining work along Meadow Wood Lane had not been received from the Franklin County Engineer’s office. The Board tabled the item until for further review.

FISCAL OFFICE
Nothing to report.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION
The Board approved the compensation for elected officials for 2010. The Board authorized payment in the amount of $250 to the fiscal office for 2010 cemetery deed preparations. The Board elected Mr. Buck as the Board Chairman and Mr. Cope as the Board Vice-Chairman for 2010. The Board approved a pay increase of one percent for full and part-time non-union Township employees effective with the pay period to begin January 3, 2010. Lastly, the Board approved retaining Loveland & Brosius, LLC to provide legal services to the Township in 2010.

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS
Nothing to report.

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS
The Board approved a resolution to authorize the Township to join and become a member of the Hilliard Community Foundation, Inc.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 12/07/09
Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of December 7, 2009. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. #091221.01
Minutes of NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO  
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Approval of Local 1723 Collective Bargaining Agreement
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval of the new three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 1723. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Approval of Pay Elected Officials in 2010
Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval to pay the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer on a monthly basis in accordance with compensation established by Ohio Revised Code sections 505.24 and 507.09 for townships with a budget greater than $10 million. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Approval to Pay Fiscal Office for Cemetery Deed Preparation
Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, for the approval to pay the Fiscal Officer $250 for the preparation of cemetery deeds in 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Election of 2010 Chairman
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, to nominate Mr. Chuck Buck as Chairman of the Norwich Township Board of Trustees for 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Election of 2010 Vice-Chairman
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to nominate Mr. Michael D. Cope as Vice-Chairman of the Norwich Township Board of Trustees for 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Approval of Non-Union Pay Increases
Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, for approval to a pay increase of one percent for full and part-time non-union Township employees effective with the pay period that begins January 3, 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Approval to Retain Loveland & Brosius, LLC
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, for the approval to retain Loveland & Brosius, LLC to provide legal services to the Township in 2010. Unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Authorization of the Hilliard Community Foundation, Inc.
Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, authorizing Norwich Township to join and become a member of the Hilliard Community Foundation, Inc. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. See detail attached.

Executive Session
Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the discipline of a public employee. Roll call vote taken. Unanimously approved. Motion passed. No action taken during executive session. Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman to adjourn from executive session and the regular meeting of December 21st at 7:13 pm.

Charles Wm. Buck, Chairman

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer
RESOLUTION EMPLOYING TOWNSHIP'S ATTORNEYS
ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE YEAR 2010

WHEREAS, the Norwich Township Board of Township Trustees (“Board”) is authorized by Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code to employ attorneys on an annual basis other than the prosecuting attorney to represent the Township and its officers, boards and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them on legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code provides that no such attorney may be employed except on the order of the Board, duly entered upon its Journal, in which the compensation to be paid for the attorney’s legal services shall be fixed; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to appoint attorneys to counsel and represent the Township on an annual basis for calendar year 2010 in such matters as the Board or its designee may refer to them; and

WHEREAS, the Board has appropriated the sum of $57,600 for legal services for 2010;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Donald F. Brosius of Loveland & Brosius, LLC, and the law firm of Loveland & Brosius, LLC, 50 West Broad Street, Suite 3300, Columbus, Ohio 43215, are hereby employed on an annual basis for calendar year 2010 as the Township’s legal counsel to represent the Township and its officers, boards and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them in connection with such matters as may be referred to said Counsel by or on behalf of the Board or its designee.

SECTION 2. The compensation for such counsel during 2010 shall be paid as follows: $185.00 per hour partner attorney time; $165.00 per hour senior associate time; $140.00 per hour associate time; $80.00 per hour law clerk time; and $65.00 per hour legal assistant time; plus out-of-pocket expense reimbursements; provided that the total compensation shall not exceed $57,600 without further action by this Board.

SECTION 3. The attorneys may be discharged at any time by majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 4. The Township Fiscal Officer is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the law firm.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including, without limitation, Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.
SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted: December 21, 2009

ATTEST:

JAMIE L. MILES, Fiscal Officer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORWICH TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

CHARLES L.M. BUCK, Trustee
MICHAEL C. COPE, Trustee
LARRY L. EARMAN, Trustee
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NORWICH TOWNSHIP TO JOIN AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE HILLIARD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the “Board”), has the authority to participate in and donate to, not-for-profit corporations, including, but not limited to, those organizations that serve a community purpose and that are exempt from federal taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Hilliard Community Foundation, Inc., (the “Foundation”) is a not-for-profit corporation, with a purpose to inspire and enrich the lives of the residents of Hilliard and Norwich Township and surrounding communities in Central Ohio by providing and operating a community center and related facilities designed to offer educational and community opportunities as well as foster an appreciation of the arts and culture by providing lifelong learning opportunities through education, exposure and participation;

WHEREAS, the Foundation is intended to operate exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Foundation serves a valuable community purpose and it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to join and become a member of the Foundation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the “Board”) that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes Norwich Township to join and become a member of the Hilliard Community Foundation, Inc. (the “Foundation”).

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes, empowers and appoints, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Chuck Buck to sign and execute any documents reasonably necessary to effectuate Norwich Township’s membership in the Foundation.

Section 3. All formal actions of this Board, concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution, were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

NORWICH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Adopted: December 21, 2009

Chuck Buck, Trustee

Larry Earnman, Trustee

Mike Cope, Trustee

Attest and Certified

Janene Miles, Township Fiscal Officer