



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*
Held **5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO**
March 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Cope at 5:30 pm.

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

Also Present - **Dave Long, Fire Chief**
Bob Kaufman, Asst. Fire Chief
Steve Montgomery, Roads/Cemetery Dept.
Wayne Warner, Township Administrator

AGENDA ADDITIONS - None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Long recognized the following personnel for their years of service:

10 Year Service Award: Firefighters Joshua Cox, Nick Lantz, Mike Armstrong, Rick Warren, and Cameron Smith.

In addition, Chief Long recognized Brett Balyeat for five years of perfect attendance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Schmidt spoke about the Family Fit Fun Run scheduled for Saturday, April 30th in the Ridgewood Estates. Residents who are interested can register online at www.TheRoadRunnerRun.info

Timberbrook resident, Mr. Pat Mahoney, informed the Board that years ago the Township signed a long term contract with the County for sewer service. Mr. Mahoney would like a copy of this contract. According to Mr. Warner, there is no record of the contract in the Township files and former Trustee, Jim Rice, does not recall any such agreement.

Mr. Cornell Robertson, of the Franklin County Engineer's Office, provided an update to the Board on the Holcomb Ditch drainage study. In addition, Mr. Robertson presented the Board with a number of options for improvements of Schirtzinger Road. Mr. Robertson cautioned that absent any significant drainage improvement, the life expectancy of any road improvements would be one to two years maybe. In preparation for the next Trustee meeting, the Board directed Mr. Robertson to obtain quotes for the County to complete in-kind storm sewer replacement work along with two inch mill and fill pavement work for Schirtzinger Road. In addition, the Engineer's Office will mark the easement and potential trees that will be impacted with this work. Immediately prior to the April 4th meeting, the Board will plan to survey Schirtzinger Road.



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Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 3/7/11

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting of March 7, 2011.

Vote: Buck-Yes Cope-Yes Earman-Yes Motion passed - #110321.01

HILLIARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Francis provided the February Activity Report and noted that it was a very quiet month for the Township. He reported that four new police officers were sworn in today. He fielded questions from the Board about the recent murders at the VIP Lounge. Chief Francis believes that this was an isolated incident, however, the investigation continues.

Mr. Buck stepped out of the meeting to attend to a personal matter

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Board discussed the AEP easement and decided to table the matter.

Motion by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Earman, to table the approval of the easement for AEP to erect power lines on Wesley Chapel property.

Vote: Buck-Absent Cope-Yes Earman-Yes Motion passed - #110321.02

Mr. Montgomery asked the Board for direction as it relates to fertilizer and weed control at the Cemetery. The Board deferred the matter to Mr. Buck for resolution.

FISCAL OFFICE – nothing to report

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION – nothing to report

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS - None

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

Approval to Appoint Representative to Destination Hilliard

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Cope, to appoint Chuck Buck as the Norwich Township representative and Wayne Warner as the alternate representative to Destination Hilliard.

Vote: Buck-Absent Cope-Yes Earman-Yes Motion passed - #110321.03

Mr. Buck returned to the meeting



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QUARTERLY PLANNING MEETING

1. Part Time Firefighters
 - a. Mr. Earman provided a recap of the 3/17/11 meeting with Local 1723. The Union's biggest concern is job security. Mr. Earman clarified that his position on the matter is not to replace full time positions; only through attrition will part timers be added.
 - b. Mr. Cope wants to continue to move in the direction of implementing the program.

2. Fire Dispatching
 - a. Chief Long provided the Board with a draft contract from the City of Columbus
 - b. Mr. Earman stated that there is not yet enough good information to make a decision on the matter.
 - c. Chief Long and Chief Francis have coordinated a meeting with area agencies to determine the level of interest in forming a regional dispatching center.

The regular Trustee meeting scheduled for April 4, 2011 will be held in the meeting room at Fire Station 83 to begin at 12 pm.

Motion by Mr. Earman, seconded by Mr. Buck, to adjourn the regular meeting of March 21st at 7:37 pm.

Michael D. Cope, Chairman

Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer