



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*

5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO

Held **November 20, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice-Chairman Tim Roberts.

Roll Call - **Larry Earman, Chairman – Absent**
Timothy Roberts, Vice-Chairman – Present
Charles Wm. Buck, Trustee – Present

Also Present - **Jamie Fisher, Township Administrator**
Jeff Warren, Fire Chief
Greg Young, Assistant Fire Chief
Robbie Thomas, Cemetery Sexton/Road Superintendent
Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer

AGENDA ADDITIONS - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Guy Tucker, Columbus Firefighter and cousin of Brian Davis, addressed the Board. According to him, if a police officer was shot in the line of duty benefits would be paid to him. Brian Davis was a 25-year firefighter and he would hope that his service to Norwich would warrant benefits being paid and not denied. Mr. Tucker thinks that what Norwich Township is doing is pretty disgusting. Brian gave a lot of his life to the Township and he is baffled and doesn't get what Norwich Township is doing. He hopes the Trustees think about what they are doing and asked them to pray about it.

Mrs. Marney Davis, wife of Brian Davis, addressed the Board. According to Mrs. Davis, for 23 years Brian served this Township. To the trustee who is a retired fireman, Mrs. Davis cannot believe that he is turning his back on fellow firefighters. And to Mr. Chuck Buck, Mrs. Davis stated that Brian told her that Chuck had his back. And now look at what you have done. According to Mrs. Davis, the Township has sued her 3 times and 2 of those times the court ruled in her favor. As it relates to the press release issued by the Township it is full of lies and she can't believe that the Trustees would print something like that. She is disgusted by the Township and its actions.

Mr. Jeffrey Gergal, 30-year resident of Norwich Township, addressed the Board regarding the case of Marney Davis v. Norwich Township. According to Mr. Gergal, Senate Bill 27 Ohio Firefighter Presumptive Law was signed into law on January 4, 2017 with an effective date of April 6, 2017. Based upon Mr. Davis' passing date, it appears that it is outside of the effective dates of Senate Bill 27. As a taxpayer and constituent, Mr. Gergal expects the Board to be fiduciary representatives for the Townships' money and properties. Mr. Gergal has compassion for Brian and his family. But he asked the Board to follow the process and procedures deemed necessary to ensure that assets are managed. If the Board does not do this, they would possibly face nonfeasance charge. Ultimately there is no retroactivity of the law (Senate Bill 27) and until such time that the law is amended the Trustees must follow through with the process.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 11/6/2018

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on November 6, 2018.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Absent Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #181120.01



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Approval of Special Trustee Meeting Minutes for 11/7/2018

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the special meeting on November 7, 2018.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Absent Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #1811120.02

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Fisher reported that on October 9th there was an incident on 270 where a driver was driving the wrong way within the construction zone. Thankfully, Hilliard officers were able to box the driver in and take him into custody without harming him or anyone else. The driver was sent for psychiatric treatment. All other activity for the month was consistent.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Warren thanked the Executive Board of Local 1723 for their spirit of cooperation in formalizing a contract for 2019-2021. He reported that employees covered under the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) will receive a two percent pay increase for the next three years. In addition, there was no change in health coverage or employee premium contributions. There were some small wording changes. He asked the Board to approve the CBA as presented. Firefighter Mike Armstrong will be presented the Fire Chiefs Accommodation Award at the December 18th meeting. Lastly, Pulsepoint Verified Responder is up and running.

Approval of Local 1723 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 1723. The work agreement is for January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Absent Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #181120.03

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Thomas requested approval of two grave buy bucks. He reported that thirteen ton of salt was trucked into the salt barn. The crew is completing normal maintenance at this time.

Approval of Entler Grave Buy Back

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for approval of a grave buy back requested by Gregory Entler. The graves were originally purchased on August 16, 1996 for \$2,500.00 (Block C, Lot 43, Grave 1; Lot 44 Graves 1 & 2; Lot 45, Graves 1 & 2).

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Absent Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #181120.04

Approval of McCafferty Grave Buy Back

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for approval of a grave buy back requested by Robert L. and Jennifer M. McCafferty. The grave was originally purchased on September 3, 2003 for \$500.00 (Block E, Lot 131, Grave 4).

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Absent Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #181120.05

FISCAL OFFICE – nothing to report.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Fisher requested approval to hire Morgan Gierman II for the full-time position of Laborer. The Board moved to table the Norwich Pavilion Project.



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Approval to Hire Gierman

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval to hire Morgan Gierman II for the full-time position of Laborer effective November 26, 2018 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen, physical exam, and background check.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Absent Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #181120.06

Approval to Table Norwich Pavilion Project

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval to table the Norwich Pavilion Project.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Absent Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #181120.07

TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS - None

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts to adjourn from the regular meeting at 6.21 PM.

Vote: Buck- Yes Earman- Absent Roberts- Yes



Timothy Roberts, Vice-Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer