



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of ***NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES*** *Meeting*
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO
Held **November 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Larry Earman.

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

Also Present - **Jeff Warren, Fire Chief**
Greg Young, Assistant Fire Chief
Lamar Sweigart, Bureau Chief
Robbie Thomas, Cemetery Sexton/Road Superintendent
Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer

AGENDA ADDITIONS - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Brittany Vega, resident of 1761 Shady Brook Lane, addressed the Board about her concerns for the safety of her children and other children residing in her court. According to Mrs. Vega, her 6th grader leaves at 7:05 am to walk to his bus stop which is approximately 1/10th of a mile walk to the corner of Valley Crest Drive and Shady Brook Lane. By the end of November, sunrise will not be until 7:33 am and in January it will be 7:53 am. Mrs. Vega thanked the Board and Jamie Fisher for their efforts in moving forward with placing a street light at the intersection of Valley Crest Drive and Shady Brook Lane. However, that is not enough to ensure the safety of the children walking up the street who also have to navigate the uneven sidewalks in the dark. And this is not a right now issue, as there are ten children residing on the court who will be walking to the bus stop for the next twelve years. Mrs. Vega has obtained signatures from her neighbors agreeing to having a street light placed on the court. Mrs. Vega has agreed to place the street light on her property and she has spoken with AEP and understands that they will install the light. Mr. Earman thanked Mrs. Vega for her due diligence and further explained that the current street lighting policy is for intersections only, we are not going to light up the Township. Mr. Buck stated that safety is a concern and has always been a priority. Mr. Buck believes that people are telling you yes to your face but are not willing to participate in signing the petition. Mrs. Vega confirmed that she has received signatures from all four of her neighbors a few weeks ago. Mr. Buck stated that uneven sidewalks are the residents' responsibility to address. Mr. Thomas confirmed that Franklin County Zoning is responsible for sidewalk safety. Mr. Roberts is open to further discussion with fellow trustees. Mr. Buck agreed. Mrs. Vega asked what does this look like moving forward given that Mr. Buck and Mr. Roberts are willing to have further discussions on the matter. Mr. Earman stated that we will continue to discuss it, his concern is opening up pandora's box. He thinks that the Township needs to consider a lighting levy to pay for the initial install of lights, then possibly a smaller levy for operating costs. Mr. Earman confirmed that there is nothing to prevent residents from putting their own light poles in their yards.

Approval of Trustee Meeting Minutes for 10/15/19

Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 15, 2019.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #191105.01



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Motion by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Roberts, for the approval of the Norwich Township Trustee meeting minutes for the special meeting on October 22, 2019.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes

Motion passed - #191105.02

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Fisher reported that there have been very few calls for service; the picture is very bright. Mr. Earman said the Township agreed to go halves on the cost to place AEDs in all police cruisers. Chief Fisher reported that he does not have it in his 2020 budget but this is certainly a useful tool for our community; maybe there is a grant option out there.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Warren reported that Dr. Lowe has been the Township’s medical director since 2012. Dr. Lowe has taken the medical director position with the City of Columbus which is a full-time position. Focus Hilliard is a major piece of this. Chief Warren will bring a formal request to the Board once the new medical director is decided. With the recent resignation of Pastor Kochis from his church and his move out of the community, Chief Warren reported that he is actively looking to fill the chaplain position but not desperate as we have department personnel who can fulfill the faith-based duties. As a follow up to the previous mutual aid discussion, Chief Warren reported that we make the scene twenty-five percent of the time, seventy-five percent of the time we are canceled.

CEMETERY & ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Thomas reported that 121 plantings have been completed. Contract Sweepers has completed the curb sweeping. Operations have been switched from summer mode to winter mode and all systems tested. Mr. Thomas is awaiting the salt prices from the County. The salt barn has about 60 ton of salt currently. As soon as prices are received, Mr. Thomas will haul in another close to 60 ton. According to Mr. Buck there should be no shortage of salt this year and the price will be about \$66-\$67 per ton.

FISCAL OFFICE

Mrs. Miles requested approval of the 2020 contracted police costs totaling \$497,357, which is a 3.52 percent increase, as outlined in Exhibit A. Mrs. Miles requested approval of the 2020 contracted dispatching costs totaling \$411,589, an increase of 4.7 percent. Mr. Buck requested to table the approval of the dispatching contract until the next meeting when Director Somerville would be in attendance. The Board agreed to table the item.

Approval of 2020 Police Costs Outlined in Exhibit A

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Earman, for approval of the updated costs outlined in Exhibit A totaling \$497,356.29 for contracted police services with the City of Hilliard for 2020.

Vote: Buck-Yes Earman-Yes Roberts-Yes

Motion passed - #191105.03

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION - None



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TRUSTEE-OLD BUSINESS - None

TRUSTEE-NEW BUSINESS - None

Motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Buck to adjourn from the regular meeting at 6:25 PM.
Vote: Buck- Yes Earman- Yes Roberts- Yes



Larry Earman, Chairman



Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer