

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on June 1, 2009. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Cherianne H. Measures. Trustee Markley arrived at 9:26 P.M. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lynch moved that the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees go into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, aye.

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 6:31 P.M. in order to go into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee.

The trustees returned from executive session after discussing the employment of a public employee and reconvened their meeting at 7:05 P.M.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Property Superintendent, Mr. David Mitchell presented the monthly report for April 2009.

Mr. Mitchell conveyed to the trustees a request from the Montessori School to be exempt from rental fees for the use of the River Road Park pavilion for this Wednesday. After a brief discussion the trustees were in general agreement not to grant the exemption.

Mr. Mitchell has been contacted by a resident wishing to donate a swing set to the township. Mr. Mitchell will schedule an appointment to inspect the unit and will report back to the board.

Part-Time Seasonal Employment

Mr. Mitchell asked the board to consider hiring two part-time seasonal employees to assist with field maintenance as well as other tasks as needed.

Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for two part time seasonal positions at \$12 per hour for up to 30 hours per week.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Over Usage of Bainbridge Fields

Mr. Marty Sfiligoj, Park Board Chairman, read a letter from the Park Board to the Board of Trustees regarding the over usage of our fields by Kenston School teams and goes on to ask that the school teams no longer use the township's fields since the school construction has been completed for several years. Not only have the number of participants in each sport increased, also the number of sports have increased.

Mr. Sfiligoj stated the Park Board would like the Board of Trustees to send a letter to the school reminding the school of the original agreement. The Park Board would like to have the school teams off of township fields by the fall sports and work on the scheduling from there.

The trustees were in general agreement to have Mr. Sfiligoj draft a letter and send it to the Township Administrator for trustee approval at the next meeting.

LAKE IN THE WOODS

Mr. David Strauck, president of the Lake In The Woods Home Owners Association, proposed the idea of changing the intersection of Haskins Road and Lake In the Woods Trail from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop.

The police department supports the 4-way stop as well as a reduction in the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph. Since Haskins Road is a county road, the request must be made to the Geauga County Engineer's Office as well as the County Commissioners. Mr. Lynch asked Mr. Joyce to write a request to the county engineer and copied to the county commissioners.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING AMENDMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT Z-2007-9

Mr. Lynch recessed the trustees' regular meeting and opened the public hearing for proposed zoning amendment Z-2009-1 at 7:41 P.M.

Mr. Lynch noted that the legal notice for this public hearing was duly published in the News Herald on May 22, 2009. This amendment proposes to amend Chapter 101 - Purpose and Conflict.

This amendment was initiated by the zoning commission on February 24, 2009; and the Geauga County Planning Commission on April 15, 2009 voted to recommend approval of Z-2009-1, with comments as listed. The Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission held a public hearing for proposed amendment on March 31, 2009 and April 28, 2009 and subsequently recommended approval of the amendment.

Mr. Lynch solicited comments for and comments against the proposed amendment.

Comments for the proposed amendment: None

Comments against the proposed amendment: None

Mr. Lynch moved to close the public hearing at 7:47 P.M.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Zoning Amendment - Z-2009-1

Mr. Lynch made a motion to adopt Z-2009-1.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL - NEW BUSINESS

June Meeting Schedule

The June meeting schedule for the Board of Trustees will be June 1, 8, 15th, 22nd and 29th, with Mr. Charles Riehl scheduled to appear June 15th at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed JEDD.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrolman Promotion

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the pay grade promotion of Patrolman Ryan Patete from probationary Grade D to Grade D patrolman effective June 20, 2009, per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mileage Reimbursement

The trustees were in general agreement to discuss this issue during Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. on June 8, 2009.

Outfitting of New Cruisers

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the purchase order request dated May 29, 2009 to Communications Services in the amount of \$7,500 for light bars for the four new cruisers, per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the purchase order request dated May 26, 2009 to Communications Services in the amount of \$13,454.96 for the removal and installation of equipment from old cruisers to new cruisers per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the purchase order request dated May 27, 2009 to Doran Signs & Graphics, Inc. in the amount of \$1,680 for lettering/stripping of four new cruisers per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

CHAGRIN FALLS PARK

If improvements are made to this neighborhood, Chief Jimison was asked if more lighting or wider streets would be more beneficial. Chief Jimison feels that more lighting would be the better improvement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Blanket Certificate Renewal

Mr. Lynch made a motion to renew BC-50 for EMS Contracts from 2281-230-360-0000 for \$10,000 per the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer's Office.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Grade Level Promotions and New Hire

The board was in general agreement to defer this discussion to an executive session at the Fire Chief's availability.

Bruce Haas

Mr. Haas asked the board if the poor leadership of the Fire Department will be looked at. Mr. Lynch stated that the board cannot comment on anything related to his incident. Mr. Haas stated that he waited seven months for the report and it was all a lie. Mr. Lynch encouraged Mr. Haas to send a written request on the issues that Mr. Haas would like to be addressed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Skilled Part-Time Employee

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the hiring of Rick Thomas as skilled part-time personnel this summer to assist with roadside mowing per the recommendation of the Road Superintendent.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Blanket Certificate Renewals

Mr. Lynch made a motion to renew BC-32 for Road Supplies from 2031-330-490-0000 for \$10,000 per the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer's Office.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to renew BC-29 for Road Repairs from 2031-330-323-0000 for \$10,000 per the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer's Office.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Crack Sealing

The board was in general agreement to determine if this project requires public bidding or not.

Proclamations

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the proclamation dated May 29, 2009 recognizing the years of service that Mr. Alan Halko dedicated to the township.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the proclamation dated May 29, 2009 recognizing the years of service that Mr. Donald Mitchell dedicated to the township.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL - NEW BUSINESS

Legal Invoices

Mr. Lynch moved to approve four invoices dated May 19, 2009 from Littler Mendelson for a total amount of \$3,283.50.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve invoice 200187 dated May 8, 2009 for Walter & Haverfield regarding the proposed JEDD in the amount of \$3,315.60.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve invoice 200185 dated May 8, 2009 for Walter & Haverfield regarding the Thomas Vokas Property in the amount of \$5,019.05.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve invoice 200186 dated May 8, 2009 for Walter & Haverfield regarding emergency medical services in the amount of \$168.00.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TRUSTEES CORNER

ENGLISH DRIVE GAS WELL

Mr. Lynch moved to accept the English Drive agreement for confidentiality among other plaintiffs per the recommendation of the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

RECYCLING CENTER

Mr. Sam Desiderio sent an email to the trustees stating that he visited the recycling center on two different Sundays when the dumpsters should have been emptied on Saturday and the containers were overflowing. Mr. Lynch asked the Township Administrator to reconfirm the pickup schedule and verify that the containers are being emptied as scheduled.

OLD BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL

Mr. Lynch recently opened the Bainbridge School to Mr. Dale Anderson, a consultant for Kenston Community Education, and spent two hours walking through the building. Mr. Anderson will provide feedback to Kenston Community Education with a realistic approach on their possible uses for this facility.

Mr. Lynch and Ms. White expressed their concerns regarding the full page ad that was paid for by KCE. Apparently Mr. Markley provided the photo, and therefore he had knowledge of the ad, but the Board of Trustees were unaware.

KENSTON STADIUM PROJECT

Dr. Scott Shell, with the Kenston Stadium Project, restated that the project still needs approximately \$300,000 to complete the turf portion. The committee has secured \$350,000 to be collected over the next ten years. He asked the township to loan the Stadium Project \$300,000 with repayment over the next ten years. Dr. Shell feels this money could come from the township's investment funds and the money would be coming back to the township over time.

Mr. Lynch feels it could be possible to consider under the same circumstances as before.

Mr. Markley arrived at 9:26 P.M.

Mr. Markley made a motion to make public the opinions of the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office regarding the matter of financially supporting this project or any other school projects.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, abstain; Mr. Markley, aye.

Mr. Markley made a motion to seek a legal opinion from the prosecutor's office regarding granting a loan to this group.

No second of the motion.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 P.M.