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The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in Regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on February 28, 2011. Those present were trustees Mrs. Lorrie Sass Benza and Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Cherianne H. Measures. Trustee Mr. Jeffrey Markley was absent. Mrs. Benza presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Benza made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the collective bargaining strategy, per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4).

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 6:01 P.M. in order to go into executive session to discuss the collective bargaining strategy.

The trustees returned from executive session, after discussing the collective bargaining strategy, reconvening their regular meeting at 7:06 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Lynch was asked if he had an opportunity to listen to the recordings, and review the minutes as presented by the Fiscal Officer. He stated that he had, and was prepared to approve the said minutes. The minutes of the trustees' February 14, 2011 regular meeting were approved as prepared.

PRESENTATION BY GUEST GEAUGA GROWTH PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Frank Samuel, president of the Geauga Growth Partnership, Inc., introduced his organization to the public and explained their purpose to promote growth within the county. This is a great organization for leaders of local government, communities and businesses. Geauga Growth Partnership is searching for major prospects for entire community benefit to maximize the effects for the betterment of the community.

Mrs. Benza asked Mr. Samuel for a legal opinion from the Geauga County Prosecutor regarding the legality of townships joining this organization.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jon Bokovitz presented the monthly report for the Police Department for the month of January, 2011. Chief Bokovitz wanted to remind the residents that valuables should be removed from cars parked in their driveways, especially over night, and the cars should be locked. Also, the residents should not hesitate to call the Police Department if they suspect something unusual happening, and to call when it happens, not several hours later. Remember, there are patrol officers on duty around the clock.

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ZONING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Shane Wrench, Zoning Inspector, presented the monthly report for the Zoning Department for the month of January, 2011. In addition to his monthly report, Mr. Wrench announced that the township has received a grant from NOPEC to improve the lighting efficiencies at the Town Hall and the Road Department. Mr. Wrench has a meeting later this week to maximize the value of the grant dollars that will be received.

Mr. Wrench is still working with Fredebaugh and the Police Department well, and gathering information for the March 19th planning meeting.

Mr. Wrench went on to inform the board that the construction costs for Rocker Road Extension have been certified and that Mr. Riehl is investigating the PILOT for South Franklin Circle and will report that information back to the board and the Fiscal Officer.

Finally, Mr. Wrench will be applying for a County grant for more demolitions. Currently there are twelve to fifteen homes on the list, however there are several that do not meet the requirements of the grant. The board has asked for a list prioritizing the structures to be removed. Mrs. Benza suggested moving forward with the necessary title searches and notifications. Mr. Wrench reminded the board of trustees of the additional aspesthos inspections and testing requirements when more that one structure is removed at the same time. Mr. Lynch asked that Mr. Wrench present the costs to the board for the removals. Mr. Lynch asked the Fiscal Officer to let the board know of the amount for said project set aside from the investment funds project list established in 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gil Meyers wanted to know how the pending legislation could affect the township's collective bargaining strategies. Mrs. Benza asked him to ask this question during the public question and answer session at the end of the meeting.

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FISCAL OFFICE–NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the entire list as prepared by the Fiscal Officer, with the exception of the EDP Consulting Purchase Order approval pending until contract approval.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The list as presented is as follows:

Purchase Order Requests

Little Mendelson for legal services to be rendered	\$15,000.00
Walter & Haverfield for legal services already and to be rendered	\$20,000.00
EDP Consultants for soil borings to be conducted at the Fire Station and Town Hall, per the recommendation of Mr. Ciciretto	\$ 3,950.00
Vision Pro for a new video projector for the Police Department	\$ 1,208.00

Blanket Certificate Requests

The following Blanket Certificates were requested for the Road Department:

Napa	\$ 10,000.00
Lawsons	\$ 5,000.00
MAT Cleaning	\$ 3,000.00
Ullman Oil	\$ 35,000.00
Sunrise Springs	\$ 2,000.00
Kaufman Tire Service	\$ 7,500.00
Concord Road Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
Liberty Ford	\$ 6,500.00
Chagrin Pet and Garden Supply	\$ 3,000.00
Cintas	\$ 12,000.00
Auburn Pipe and Plumbing Supply	\$ 12,500.00
Sagamore Soils	\$ 2,000.00
McMaster Carr Supply Company	\$ 5,000.00
AirGas	\$ 2,000.00
Patton Pest Control	\$ 1,000.00
Universal Disposal	\$ 2,000.00

Professional Training Requests

Fiscal Officer Measures–Local Government Officials Conference in Columbus, Ohio from April 6 -7, 2011	\$ 566.51
Bookkeeper Roberta Nichols–Local Government Officials Conference in Columbus, Ohio from April 6 -7, 2011	\$ 245.00
Bookkeeper Tammy Most–Local Government Officials Conference in Columbus, Ohio from April 6 -7, 2011	\$ 245.00

Invoice Approval Requests

Kenston Community Education–for the 2011 Contribution	\$13,500.00
Walter & Haverfield– for legal service rendered in the Investigation of Hawksmoor Way	\$ 836.50
Walter & Haverfield– for legal services rendered in the Vokas Property Zoning Matter	\$ 3,472.68
Walter & Haverfield– for legal services rendered in the Judson investigation	\$ 559.00

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ROAD DEPARTMENT–NEW BUSINESSRequest to Advertise for Public Bid–Columbarium for Cemetery

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer to advertise for public bids for the delivery and installation of a granite columbarium per the specifications provided by the Cemetery Board.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL–OLD BUSINESSSub-Committees–Special Events Committee

Mrs. Benza stated that the Property Superintendent has received the names of two more individuals interested in the Special Events Committee, however, appointments will be held until March 14th when we should have additional representatives from the remaining organizations.

TOWN HALL–NEW BUSINESSHealth Insurance Budget

The Fiscal Officer announced that the board should anticipate an increase of 30% for healthcare premiums for the renewal proposals. Mrs. Benza explained that setting a spending limit of healthcare costs is not an option at this time and that the board will wait for a recommendation from the Healthcare Committee.

Hawksmoor Non-Compliance Letter

Mrs. Benza stated that the township is working with the necessary representatives to become compliant in this situation.

InfoShred

Ms. Heidi Buggele explained the benefits of the InfoShred services and the new requirements that the state will be mandating regarding the destruction of sensitive documents.

The possibility of a joint shred day with other communities was also discussed.

The board was in general agreement to have Ms. Buggele present the board with an estimate for their services.

Proclamation Approval

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Fieldstone Farms Therapeutic Riding Center as read by Mrs. Benza in recognition of their outstanding service to the community, per the recommendation of Leadership Geauga.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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EDP Contract Approval

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the contract for EDP Consultants in the amount of \$3,950.00 for soil borings at the Fire Station and Town Hall, per the recommendation of Mr. Ciciretto, and authorize the Chairman to execute said contract.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NOPEC Grant Acceptance

The board was in general agreement to authorize Fiscal Officer Measures to execute the NOPEC Grant Acceptance form.

The board took a brief recess at 8:09 P.M. Meeting reconvened at 8:19 P.M.

ZONING DEPARTMENT—OLD BUSINESS

Continuation of Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment ZC 2010-1

Mrs. Benza made a motion to close the regular meeting at 8:20 P.M. in order to open the Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment ZC 2010-1 continued from January 24, 2011.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mrs. Benza explained to the public that the options available to the trustees include the following: adopt, deny, or adopt with modifications. She went on to explain the modifications that the trustees were considering from the original amendment language.

Comments by the Board of Trustees:

Mr. Lynch agreed with the deletion of the two sections.

Mrs. Benza stated that this proposal cleans up the existing regulations.

Mr. Lynch is concerned with section 173.08 and the fact that it does not allow for holiday decorations as it is currently written. He then suggested the addition of 173.08(t) nothing herein is intended to limit or restrict holiday signs or decorations.

Mr. Chuck Nichols, member of the Zoning Commission, explained the sign coverage for changeable signs as 75% changeable coverage and 25% non-changeable coverage and the Zoning Commission's posture on this statement and reason for not changing per planning suggestions.

Mrs. Benza asked for comments supporting the amendment and those included Mr. Ted Seliga and Mr. Gil Meyers.

Mrs. Benza asked for comments opposing the amendment and there were none.

Mrs. Benza made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:35 P.M.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to adopt the proposed zoning amendment Z-2010-1 with the stated modifications.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gil Meyers restated his earlier concern regarding the pending state legislation and the affect on the township's collective bargaining strategy. Mr. Lynch explained the collective bargaining units that currently exist and how those contracts are negotiated. Mrs. Benza further explained how the board relies on our labor counsel for recommendations on the effects of Senate Bill 5.

Mr. Ted Seliga commented on the healthcare plan and the suggestion to change to the employee as first payer and the employer as second payer at the time of renewal.

CHECKS DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2011 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2011

The trustees examined and signed checks and invoices for same dated February 15, 2011 through February 28, 2011 consisting of warrants 15691 through 15769 for a total amount of \$452,679.00. Payroll records were examined and signed for January 29, 2011 through February 11, 2011 including payroll checks 6623 through 6728 for a total amount of \$133,278.35.

NOTE: A register of said checks is attached to, and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Walter & Haverfield Letter regarding Legal Case
- South Franklin Circle Dialogues Invitation
- Geauga County Engineer Letter regarding Roadside Sign Compliance Dates
- Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes from November 18, 2010 Meeting
- Tucker Ellis & West Settlement and Letter regarding Legal Case
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy Letter regarding Properties with Easements
- Zoning Commission Minutes from January 25, 2011 Meeting

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherianne H. Measures,
Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Township

_____ Date

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Minutes Read: _____

Minutes Approved: _____