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The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in Regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on April 22, 2013. Those present were trustees Mr. Christopher Horn, Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Mrs. Lorrie Sass Benza, and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Cherianne H. Measures. Mr. Horn presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Horn made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of public employees, per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1).

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The trustees returned from executive session, after discussing the employment and compensation of public employees, reconvening their regular meeting at 7:06 P.M.

MINUTES

The minutes from the trustees' April 8, 2013 regular meeting were approved as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jon Bokovitz presented the monthly report for the Police Department for the month of March, 2013.

Mr. Horn made a motion to appoint Mr. Stephen J. Tuma to the position of full time Patrolman Probationary Grade E with a salary of \$46,700.80 per year effective April 22, 2013, per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Fiscal Officer administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Tuma, per ORC 507.06, issuing his commission this twenty second day of April, 2013.

Chief Bokovitz gave a brief recap of Patrolman Tuma's background. Patrolman Tuma was welcomed by all to the department.

The members and guests of the Police Department were excused to attend a reception at the Police Department.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Brian Phan presented the monthly report for the Fire Department for the month of March, 2013. Chief Phan stated that the station renovation is progressing nicely and the old section of the station is changing rapidly.

Chief Phan announced that Assistant Chief Wayne Burge received an award for Excellence in Education from the Cleveland Clinic at a ceremony held on April 10, 2013.

The public was reminded to watch out for motorcyclists as the weather continues to warm up. Chief Phan went on to advise the public to be careful as they get outside and activity levels increase whether it be for work or play, as the department typically sees an increase in injury related calls during the warmer months.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Roger Weiss, of Country Lane, expressed his concerns regarding the proposed Joint Recreation District and the representation on the board not being equal to our population/contributions. Mr. Weiss is also concerned about the success rate of rec centers.

FISCAL OFFICE – NEW BUSINESSPurchase Order Approval

Mr. Horn made a motion to approve the purchase order for Desatnik Electric in the amount of \$14,300.00 for the electrical service for cold storage, per the recommendation of the Service Director and the Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Horn, aye; Mr. Markley, aye; Mrs. Benza, nay.

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the purchase order for Buckeye Pump in the amount of \$16,870.00 for repair/improvement of the sanitary sewer lift station, per the recommendation of the Service Director and the Property Superintendent.

Mr. Horn seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the purchase order for Buckeye Excavating in the amount of \$6,400.00 for topsoil for beds and plow repairs, per the recommendation of the Service Director.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Horn, abstain; Mr. Markley, aye; Mrs. Benza, aye.

Mrs. Benza made a motion to approve the purchase order for Cable Communications in the amount of \$1,360.33 for the Fire Station Addition/Renovation Phase II East Stairwell Access Control Unit, and the purchase order for Cable Communications in the amount of \$2,424.09 for the Phase II Access Control Units, per the recommendation of the project consultant, Mr. Thomas Payne.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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Invoice Approval

Mr. Horn made a motion to approve the invoice list as prepared by the Fiscal Officer.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The list as presented is as follows:

Invoice Approval Requests

1. John G. Johnson – Monthly Invoice for Fire Station Addition/Renovation Project – \$63,212.27 (Capital Improvement Fund)
2. Walter & Haverfield – Legal Services for Bainbridge Aurora JEDD – \$224.00 (General)
3. Gutoskey & Associates – Engineering & Surveying for Town Hall Campus – \$4,893.75 (General)

FIRE DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESSFire Station Addition/Renovation Update

Mr. Markley reviewed the various change orders for the project and the additional costs that were anticipated but not part of the original contract. The increases from the net change orders are approximately 1.5% of the original contract, which is extremely low on a job of this magnitude.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESSLandscape Plan and Improvements

The topsoil was approved this evening and the Service Department will pick up and deliver the topsoil to the job site. They will then final grade the job site in order that John G. Johnson can seed and straw the site. The various proposals for landscape design and stock will be obtained before the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESSTREX Agreement for Giant Eagle

The Board of Trustees were in general agreement not to object to the TREX transfer of a liquor permit from an establishment in Bellefontaine, Ohio for the establishment doing business as Giant Eagle and were in general agreement to have the Chairman execute the necessary letter.

Authorization to Advertise

Mr. Horn made a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to place the necessary advertisement to dispose of evidence, per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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SERVICE DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESSPlayground at Heritage Park and Settlers Park

Mr. Markley stated that the Park Board affirmed a motion that was made to recommend the replacement of the playground at Settlers Park. The Park Board also affirmed a recommendation to install a heritage type playground, swings and slide, at Heritage Park. The Park Board should submit quotes and a recommendation back to the Board of Trustees.

Hawksmoor Way – Road Repair & Mitigation

Mr. Markley announced that meetings have been held with the Hawksmoor Home Owners Association and Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Mr. Markley has drafted a letter of understanding that should be forwarded to legal counsel for review. Upon approval, the letter will be forwarded to the Home Owners Association and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Facilities Plan – Service Building and Yard

Mr. Markley listed the items in progress at the Road Garage/Service Yard such as surveying, brine station and the sanitary sewer. He cautioned the board that an addition may be inevitable for this facility if the Parks Department should be relocated with the Road Department to create a true Service Department.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESSEmployment of a Public Employee

Mr. Horn made a motion to rehire Mr. Darryl Sotera as a seasonal Road Worker at a rate of \$18.00 per hour effective immediately, per the recommendation of the Service Director.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Advertise for Seasonal Employee

Mr. Markley made a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for seasonal Road Worker, per the recommendation of the Service Director.

Mr. Horn seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Cemetery Deeds

The trustees signed a cemetery deed record, for Section 13E, Lot 45, and Grave 4. Henri Preuss and Charles Nichols attested to their signatures.

The trustees signed a cemetery deed record, for Section 7, Lot 21, and Graves 1 & 2. Henri Preuss and Charles Nichols attested to their signatures.

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TOWN HALL – NEW BUSINESS208 Plan Revisions

The trustees discussed the various areas of the township that the board has received requests to be made sewer-capable properties. Those properties are located on Savage Road and on Haskins Road. Mrs. Benza will draft a letter to the Geauga County Commissioners requesting to amend the township's 208 Plan.

Rec Center Expansion

Mr. Horn gave a brief recap of the information that has transpired back and forth to date. He went on to say that the board may not be ready to make a decision, but that the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees should give some direction to the committee.

Originally, there were four communities approached by the Chagrin Valley Rec Center Expansion Committee to create a Joint Recreation District (JRD); Bainbridge Township, Bentleyville Village, Chagrin Falls Village and South Russell Village. Bentleyville Village has decided not to participate. The Chagrin Falls Village Mayor was not in favor of participating in the JRD. However, the committee members are moving forward with a petition initiative for the November ballot. The committee was in general agreement that the JRD cannot move forward without Chagrin Falls Village.

The Bainbridge Township Trustees are troubled by the idea that a majority of Bainbridge Township voters could vote against any JRD tax levies, and the tax levy could still pass by a majority within the entire JRD causing our residents to be taxed. The trustees were in general agreement that the JRD should determine whether or not a qualifying clause could be in the ballot language requiring any tax levies to pass by a majority in each municipality in order to be able to tax the residents in the municipalities that the levy passes.

Land Bank Parcels

Mr. Bill O'Donnell sent an email regarding land bank parcels. The board will review the information regarding said parcels.

Snyder Road Streetlight

Discussions ensued regarding the pros and cons of a streetlight at the Kenston High School drive located on Snyder Road. Mr. Pfouts, the owner of the residence directly across from said drive, asked that if a streetlight is installed that it be baffled or shielded from shining directly into his home. The trustees will review the options and obtain a cost estimate.

TOWN HALL – NEW BUSINESSTown Hall Exterior/Interior Repairs/Improvements

Mr. Markley asked the question how to approach the needed improvements to the Town Hall. Mr. Horn stated that he would prefer to finish the parking lot and Fire Station Addition/Renovation before taking on yet another project of this magnitude. Although, there are some safety concerns regarding the HVAC system that will need to be addressed.

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OUPS Notification

The trustees agreed to draft a resolution to request notification of gas and oil drilling within the township. A resolution should be drafted before the next meeting.

ZONING DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESSMoving Ohio Forward Grant

Mr. Markley moved to authorize the Board of Trustees to execute Resolution 04222013 to initiate action abating a blighted, vacant, or abandoned structure located at 16676 Akron Street, per the recommendation of the Zoning Inspector.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Zoning Resolution Rewrite

Mrs. Benza gave an update for the zoning resolution rewrite and reviewed the proposed amendments. Mr. Horn would like to have the Zoning Commission review the proposed amendments. Rather than inviting representatives from Kendig Keast Collaborative to several meeting with various Homeowner groups, the trustees would prefer to invite the presidents of the local homeowner associations to the meeting already scheduled in order to eliminate the need for additional public engagements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mitch Fakadej expressed his concerns about the inequities of the compensation changes being made recently.

CHECKS DATED APRIL 9, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 22, 2013

The trustees examined and signed checks and electronic payments dated April 9, 2013 through April 22, 2013 consisting of warrants 19190 through 19352 for a total amount of \$295,424.87, including payroll for the period of March 23, 2013 through April 5, 2013 in the amount of \$134,413.14.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

NOPEC Invitation to Natural Gas Vehicle Lunch, Learn and Do
Geauga County Engineer Letter regarding the Release of the Load Limit Reduction
Geauga County Public Library Summer 2013 Lines & Links Newsletter
Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission Minutes from March 12, 2013 meeting
Chardon Municipal Court Prosecutors Letter regarding First Offender Program
Chagrin River Watershed Partners Meeting Notice and Agenda
Bainbridge Township Park Board Minutes from March 13, 2013 meeting
Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes from March 14, 2013 meeting

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Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherianne H. Measures,
Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Township

Date

Date

Date

Minutes Read: _____

Minutes Approved: _____