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The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in Special session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on September 2, 2011. Those present were trustees Mrs. Lorrie Sass Benza, Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Cherianne H. Measures. Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch, trustee, was absent. Mrs. Benza presided and called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.

Mrs. Benza explained that the reason for today's meeting was to review the results of the Resident Survey, which will be presented by the Impact Group. However, the representative has contacted our office and he is stuck in traffic and will be here very soon. While we are waiting, the board will address the other business of the township.

Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District Invoice

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve an invoice for Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District in the amount of \$1,800.00 for plan review of the Town Hall Grading, Drainage and Pavement Improvement project, per the recommendation of Mr. Gutoskey.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Federal Grant Opportunity

Mr. Markley explained an email that had been received from Amy Brennan, with Chagrin River Watershed Partners, regarding a federal grant opportunity. A telephone conference this past Monday included the two planners for the City of Aurora. The township's Request for Qualification for a planner to revamp our zoning regulations would qualify for the 80-20 match of this opportunity. The application is due by September 9th and Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District, and the City of Aurora have each pledged \$5,000.00, and Bainbridge Township would also need to commit the same amount. Mr. Markley went on to recommend that the township also commit \$15,000.00 for the zoning rewrite as contributions in addition to the staff in kind. He went on to remind the board that should the Township not receive the grant, then the pledged amounts would not be spent.

Mr. Benza made a motion to commit \$5,000.00 of staff in kind contributions to apply for the federal grant opportunity with surrounding communities sponsored by the Lake Erie Commission.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Markley made a motion to authorize Bainbridge Township to pledge \$15,000.00 above the in-kind contribution for services contributing to the work.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Printing of Materials for Bicentennial Celebration

The board suggested that Property Superintendent, Mr. Mitchell, gather quotes for the printing and mailing of the invitations and flyers for the Bicentennial Celebration and inform the board of where the items will be sent.

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Survey Update

Mr. Martin Moleski, with the Impact Group, handed out the survey with results to the board. He went on to explain that the survey ran from August 21 through 23, which was very quick to achieve the desired number of responses. The number of responses was 320 with 40% of the respondents being male and 60% female, with representation of each precinct between 5.6% and 11.5%. The phone calls were made from 11:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. The confidence level of the results is 95%.

One of the major obstacles that the board needs to overcome is the communication gap between the board and the residents.

The message received from the responses regarding the Fire Department questions was that services from Fire & EMS should be maintained.

The Impact Group will provide the scope-of-work for the printers. The board members were in general agreement to run the vendor costs through the Impact Group up to the predetermined amount of \$35,000.00.

Field Road Pipe Maintenance

The trustees were in general agreement to perform the necessary pipe replacement on personal property located at 7487 Fields Road for the best interest of the Township, per the recommendation of the Road Superintendent.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherianne H. Measures,
Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Township

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Minutes Read: _____

Minutes Approved: _____