

Tuesday, April 5,

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The Bainbridge Township Trustees met in special session on April 5, 2016 to discuss the issue of a long-standing Ground Water Monitoring Program. Specifically, a proposed contract renewal was submitted by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in the fall of 2015. The Geauga County Planning Commission, following a presentation by USGS in September, 2015 recommended to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that they accept and approve the service contract. No action has been taken to date, and representatives of several Geauga townships have become concerned about the underlying impact of this inaction on their respective land use plans. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lorrie Benza at 6:30 PM. Those in attendance were Mrs. Lorrie Benza, Mrs. Kristina O'Brien, and Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Kathleen Staudenbaur. Mr. Jeff Markley was absent.

Mrs. Benza stated that the ground water monitoring program has been in place since 1978, and the monitoring has been conducted by the USGS. The contract for this service by the USGS has been processed through the Geauga County Board of Commissioners. This monitoring program is to keep track of the quantity, and periodically the quality, of the aquifers in Geauga County.

The contract is an annual contract and was submitted for renewal in October, 2015. Mrs. Benza learned in November of 2015 that the contract had been submitted to the County Commissioners, but had not been acted upon. In February 2016, there was a discussion meeting held in Russell Township. The current special meeting held in Bainbridge served as a follow up to that initial discussion, wherein several trustees indicated their intention to educate themselves, for the benefit of township residents, about various options in the continued face of County Commissioner action.

Those in attendance at this meeting discussed how to encourage the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to act upon the proposed USGS contract. There was a general agreement that Mrs. Benza would compose a letter which can be used as a template and would be submitted to all Geauga County townships, asking the respective Boards of Trustees to consider support for a call to action by the County Commissioners.

Those in Attendance

1. Auburn Trustees – P.J. Cavanaugh, Mike Troyan
2. Bainbridge Trustees– Lorrie Benza, Kristina O'Brien,
3. Fiscal Officer – Kathleen Staudenbaur
4. Burton Trustee – Jim Dvorak
5. Chester Trustees – Mike Petruziello, Ken Radtke
6. Newbury Trustee – Jan Blair & husband Ken
7. Russell Trustee – Jim Mueller
8. Thompson Trustee – Erwin Leffel
9. Geauga County Commissioner – Blake Rear
10. Geauga County Planning Commission Member – Thomas Jones & wife Diane
11. Terry Carson
12. Ron Wiech
13. Almast Finn
14. Ted Seliga
15. Joan Demirjian
16. Joan Cooper
17. Diane Ryder

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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 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen C. Staudenbaur,
Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Township

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Minutes Read: _____

Minutes Approved: _____