

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on October 13, 2008. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J. D. Lynch and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Sandra M. Cloninger. Trustee Jeffrey S. Markley was absent. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bainbridge resident Chuck Hesse spoke to the question of whether the previous Board of Trustees had made a commitment to providing tax relief for Bainbridge residents in planning the use of the Frohring estate tax revenues. He said that at no time did Trustees Hesse, Desiderio or Horn make such a commitment. He went on to say that the majority of residents had suggested that the funds be used for the betterment of the community and few supported disbursement of money to the residents.

Mr. Lynch said that his recent comment was a reference to a report filed by the prior board with the Budget Commission in which various projects were detailed and possible uses of the money, one of which was citizen tax relief.

Carmella Shale from the Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District spoke about the likely project cost of upwards of \$1.6 million for proposed flood mitigation measures for the Cedar/South Street area of Bainbridge Township. Assessments could be \$50,000 or more per homeowner, resulting in a doubling of their property taxes.

Several residents of the Cedar/South Street area described the flooding problems as they affect their specific property and there was a discussion of various possible partial remedies including more frequent clearing of debris from the culverts and stream channel.

Trustee Lynch said he would be happy to contact the County Prosecutor to see if there is any legal basis on which the township could perform work on private property.

Ms. Shale suggested that affected residents might want to look into having their taxes reduced because of the flooding.

Trustee Lynch asked for a show of hands from the Cedar Street residents of those who would support a tax assessment to pay for the proposed solution to the flooding. Not one resident raised their hand in favor of an assessment. It was the general agreement of the Board of Trustees that no further funds should be expended on the construction drawings for this project.

#### TRUSTEES CORNER

Trustee White stated she had made a change to the reservations policy to reflect a 1988 requirement for Board of Trustees approval for use of Township facilities for fundraisers. Indicated is a recommendation that 15% of funds raised be donated to various civic organizations.

Trustee Lynch said that the trustees had agreed at the last meeting to send an Email to the new Assistant County Prosecutor asking her to examine whether issuing tax rebate checks to residents is an option or whether rollback is the only option.

#### TOWN HALL

#### OLD BUSINESS

The trustees agreed to try to schedule a walk-through for next week with Architect Steve Ciciretto to work out possible changes to be made to office space layout at Town Hall.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve a purchase order request dated October 9, 2008 to Info Shred for the Township's document shredding day, October 18, 2008 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

#### TOWN HALL

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lynch moved to approve payment of \$627 to Littler-Mendelson for Legal Services for the period ending September 30, 2008 with regard to FOP negotiations fact finding.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Lynch moved to approve a Professional Travel & Training Request in the amount of \$115 for Chris Smith to attend Drug Identification Field Testing Training at OPOTA in Richfield on October 25, 2008.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for 4,000 tons of Safety Salt.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

#### ZONING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Lynch moved to approve a Professional Travel & Training Request in the amount of \$149 for Shane Wrench to attend an asbestos inspector refresher course at Training Service International in Eastlake on November 12, 2008.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

CHECKS DATED OCTOBER 10, 2008

The trustees reviewed and Mr. Lynch moved to approve checks dated October 10, 2008, numbered 11960 through 11983 and the payroll dated October 3, 2008 for the period ending September 26, 2008.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District Plan Review - Parkside Church Sanitary Water Main Lines, October 3, 2008.

Geauga County Planning Commission, October 7, 2008.

Chagrin Falls Park Community Center October 9, 2008, regarding Family Fun Night Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.