

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on October 19, 2009. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch, Ms. Linda W. White and Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Cherianne H. Measures. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lynch made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the collective bargaining strategy.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 6:31 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 meeting at 7:20 P.M.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Superintendent, Mr. Wally Rudyk, presented the monthly report for the department for September of this year. The pile of soil reserved for Hawksmoor Way has been used for that project. The Salt Storage Building has been started and Mr. Rudyk is taking pictures of the progress being made.

Tangelwood Guardrail

Ms. White asked what the status of this project and he stated that he gave the chairman copies of three quotes as well as photographs and it was on the agenda for this evening.

The board was in general agreement to have Mr. Rudyk contact the Tanglewood Homeowners Association to discuss the quotes and the differences in prices and determine where the Homeowners Association stands and if they are willing to pay for the difference between a steel guardrail versus a wooden guardrail.

New Furnace

Mr. Lynch asked if anything changed since this was approved last Thursday during the Special Meeting. Mr. Rudyk stated that the new furnace has been installed and is functioning optimally.

List of Proposed Roads for 2010

Mr. Rudyk presented the board with a list of streets proposed for asphalt and chip and seal for next year. The list is as follows:

Asphalt Resurfacing:

Box Culvert on Cedar Street
Long Meadow Trail Reconstruction
Lake in The Woods Trail (Stafford to Haskins and all side streets)
Crackel Road
Kingswood Drive
English Drive
Scotland Drive
Kenston Lake Drive
Chagrin River Road

Chip and Seal:

Geauga Lake Road (from Bainbridge Road to Pettibone Road)
Geauga Lake Road (from Pettibone Road to Depot Road)
Cope Drive
Root Road
Jackson Road

Pay Rate for Skilled Part Time Employees

The board discussed where the current benchmarks are to determine the appropriate pay rate and asked Mr. Rudyk to come back with a pay rate before a prospective employee has been selected.

Cartegraph Software

Mr. Joyce was researching the availability of a comparable program with the county that we could integrate into our IT upgrade. The board was in general agreement to have the Township Administrator and the Road Superintendent continue to research this project. Mr. Markley reminded the Road Superintendent that another question was the five-user license and determining if this is a one to five users, not just five users.

LED LIGHTS

Mr. Vito Pasquale from Spec Tec Logistics, demonstrated a single lighting unit with a die cast housing to be used throughout the township properties. The LED lights operate for 50,000 hours, which should last for just over 11 years based on 12 hours on and 12 hours off.

The board members were in general agreement to research this possibility and to have the Administrator continue to look into this.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Phan presented the department's monthly report for the month of September of this year. Chief Phan then elaborated on previous questions that have been asked at earlier meetings. Chief began with a brief overview of the levies when they were passed and what amounts. He then reviewed the budget.

The Chief then explained the history of the Fire Company which was originally established in 1942 and became a part time department in 1979. He then described the station that was built in 1969 and expanded in 1997. In 2000, Chief Phan began budgeting for a satellite station. In 2005, an independent consultant recommended expanding the current station. He explained the amount and length of research that has been going into determining the needs. Chief Phan then went into the improvements that have been made under the current leadership since 1998.

The Fire Company Officers will be presenting to the trustees within the near future to further explain the significance and purpose for their organization.

Mr. Lynch thanked Chief Phan for all of his information this evening and stated that he looks forward to the Fire Company report.

Mr. Markley would like to determine what the needs of the department are long term, and asked the Chief to plan out ten, twenty, to thirty years into the future. Will the department be part time in twenty years, or is there a possibility that the township that would require a full time fire department.

Ms. White wanted to know how many Fire Companies are in Geauga County. Mr. Vasko thought that there were 8 Fire Companies within the county. Ms. White would like to know how long the transition would take to move from a Fire Company and Part Time Fire Department to only a Full Time Fire Department.

Mr. Lynch stated that this board needs to do a better job of obtaining the financial accountability of the Fire Company to the township. The new contract may include a clause that requires a financial report at a set frequency whether it be monthly, quarterly, semi annually or annually.

TRUSTEES CORNER

Future of 31 Acres from Canyon Lakes Judgement Entry

Mr. Joyce stated that an attorney has contacted him to purchase the 31 acres from this judgement entry. Mr. Joyce recommended that the board acknowledge the purchase offer and that the board change the zoning of this property to passive park. Mr. Markley thought the entry stated that it only reverted back to the Homeowners Association of Canyon Lakes if the zoning use changed. Mr. Lynch would like to have the prosecutor review the judgement entry to determine the appropriate action of this board.

The board recessed their meeting for a comfort break at 9:09 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:16 P.M.

TOWN HALL -- NEW BUSINESS

Dial Electric

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the application and certification for payment from Dial Electric dated September 15, 2009 in the amount of \$981.97 per the recommendation of Mr. Stephen Ciciretto.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

JC Communications

Mr. Joyce clarified that this company has done the work that was originally contracted with Cable Communications, who was not able to perform the work in a timely manner.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the purchase order request for JC Communications dated October 19, 2009 in the amount of \$5,605.00 per the recommendation of Mr. Joyce and County IT Coordinator Steve Decatur.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Awarding of Bid for the Pavilion for Veterans' Memorial Park

Mr. Lynch moved to award the bid for the Veterans' Memorial Park Pavilion to the lowest and best bidder, ATEC Construction of Boardman, OH for a total base bid cost of \$82,600.00 per the recommendation of Mr. Ciciretto.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, aye; Mr. Markley, nay.

Mr. Markley is opposed to this project, not this element, because of the process and the design. Mr. Markley feels the design is nice, but not necessarily consistent with the architectural style of the historical era of the Bissell House. Mr. Markley feels the process lacked the necessary input from civic organizations and residents.

Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the chairman to execute the contract to begin this project, per the recommendation of Mr. Ciciretto.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, aye; Mr. Markley, nay.

Mrs. Measures asked the chairman for a name for this park in order to establish the necessary funds within the UAN accounting network.

Awarding of Bid for the Relocation of the Bissell House

Mr. Lynch moved to award the bid for the Relocation of the Bissell House to the lowest and best bidder, ATEC Construction of Boardman, OH for a total base bid cost of \$104,000.00 per the recommendation of Mr. Ciciretto.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, aye; Mr. Markley, nay.

Mr. Markley is opposed to this project, not this element, because of the process and the lack of follow up regarding the expenses and future operating costs or management of this facility and there is no plan for the Fire Department that necessitates the move of this house from its historical location.

Ms. White stated that when other parks have been developed in the past this information was not known.

Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the chairman to execute the contract to begin this project, per the recommendation of Mr. Ciciretto.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, aye; Mr. Markley, nay.

Awarding of Bid for the Memorial for Veterans' Memorial Park

Mr. Lynch moved to award the bid for the Veterans' Memorial Park Memorial to the lowest and best bidder, ATEC Construction of Boardman, OH for a total base bid cost of \$28,000.00 per the recommendation of Mr. Ciciretto.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, aye; Mr. Markley, nay.

Mr. Markley is opposed to this project, by no means the element of a Veterans' memorial, because of the lack of input from the veterans organizations from within the township and the fact that it is being rushed to completion and the half dozen veterans that he spoke with were not in favor of this particular memorial.

Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the chairman to execute the contract to begin this project, per the recommendation of Mr. Ciciretto.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote followed: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, aye; Mr. Markley, nay.

Mr. Lynch had a vision of the longed for "Town Center" with these projects to establish a place where people drive past and say "This is Bainbridge Township" with minimal maintenance compared to past proposals.

Ms. White stated that she has talked to many veterans as well as a few members of the Civic Club and all have been in favor of this project, and feels that Mr. Markley's statements that the veterans he has spoken to are not in favor of this project are not valid.

Ms. Carol Lynch asked Mr. Markley if his opposition of the process is due to the fact that it is not his idea, after all he is the planner on this board. Mr. Markley explained that he feels it is necessary to obtain the appropriate input from various civic and veteran organizations as well as residents. Mr. Markley stated the reason he has not acted on a town center during his term as trustee is because he spent the first two years learning how to be a trustee and not forcing projects before the board. Mr. Markley felt the Old Bainbridge School was a great and viable option to begin a Township Recreation Center that could have been built upon as the needs grew and were better understood. Mr. Markley stated that he can use his planning knowledge to help direct various department heads in the direction of planning long term, however, he is not the "Planner" for this board just as Mr. Lynch is not the "legal counsel" for this board. Mr. Preuss, from the Men's Civic Club, supported Mr. Markley's statements that the civic organizations did not have the input with this project, and the limited input they had, was more or less disregarded.

Mr. Lynch clarified that the previous plan he and the board has referred to is one that Mr. Markley helped design for a previous board, based on the elements that he was told to include. This master plan included a rec center, memorial park, town hall, fire, police station -- although the exact location was not known at that time -- and that the proposed master plan from the previous board is no longer valid.

Mr. Lynch clarified to Mr. Seliga that he understands the former plan was not Mr. Markley's plan, but he does not know what Mr. Markley's plan is. Mr. Lynch is not willing to sit on decisions, but rather to move forward, at any cost. When he took office, his intention was to make things happen and move this township forward.

Ms. White asked Mr. Ciciretto if he contacted the organizations. Mr. Ciciretto stated that he met with the Civic Club multiple times, he met with a veterans' group, and he met with the Historical Society.

Mr. Preuss specifically asked the Chairman of the Board to wait for an answer from the Civic Club, since they do not meet in the summer, and their September get together is actually their steak dinner and there fore would take until October for the group to have a formal meeting. Mr. Preuss stated that Mr. Ciciretto did not meet with the original committee responsible for the gazebo, and therefore the process is flawed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Liquor License Permit

Mr. Lynch moved to request a hearing to be held in our County Seat regarding the request for a liquor permit for the Tanglewood Golf Course.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chagrin Falls False Alarm Drops

The board was in general agreement to have the Fiscal Officer look into this issue and bring back more information next week.

Pay Grade Promotion

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the pay grade promotion of Ptl. John Ross from Grade D Patrolman to Grade C Patrolman effective October 24, 2009, per the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the trustees' June 1, 2009, June 8, 2009, and October 12, 2009 regular meetings and the trustees' October 15, 2009 special meeting were approved as read.

CHECKS DATED OCTOBER 13, 2009 TO OCTOBER 19, 2009

The trustees examined the above checks and invoices for same, and Mr. Lynch moved that these checks for outstanding obligations be accepted for payment.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.