

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on December 15, 2008. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch, Mr. Jeffrey Markley, and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Cherianne Measures. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lynch stated that the legal representative would not be available for executive session until 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Lynch moved that the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees go into executive session to discuss employment of a public employee.

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

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 6:29 P.M. in order to go into executive session to discuss employment of a public employee.

The trustees returned from executive session after discussing the employment of a public employee and reconvened their meeting at 7:05 P.M.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department

Fire Chief Phan presented the November 2008 monthly report.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve Professional Training for Bill German to attend an Advanced Cardiac Life Support Refresher Course upon recommendation of the fire chief.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to rehire Mark E. Lewis as a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic (EMT-P Grade B) per the recommendation of the fire chief.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Phan and Captain Measures requested the purchase of at least one new ambulance. Discussion continued regarding the benefits and drawbacks of re-chassising one of the existing squads versus purchasing a brand new squad. Mr. Lynch made a motion to issue a purchase order to Horton Emergency Vehicles for one 2009 Horton Ambulance under state purchasing in the amount of \$171,436.81 per the recommendation of the fire chief to be paid out of the EMS Billing Fund. (P.O. 279-2008, P.O. 280-2008)

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Centerville Mills

Park Manager Mr. David Mitchell presented the November 2008 monthly report.

Mr. Mitchell has spoken with Steve Ciciretto regarding the restroom upgrade of the dining hall and the lodge. Mr. Ciciretto will send the proposal to design a plan for the restroom renovations.

REACT has contacted Mr. Mitchell requesting the use of the headquarters building. This request will be brought before the Park Board and the Park Board will make their recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Carol Lynch asked if the Township could look at other architectural services. The trustees were open to this suggestion.

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment

Ms. Lorrie Sass came before the Board of Trustees to express her interest in being reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Discussions pursued regarding the expectations of the BZA and Ms. Sass's commitment to enforcing the zoning regulations.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to reappoint Ms. Lorrie Sass to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL/OTHER

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Measures explained some of the confusion regarding billing rates on several of the ABC Computing invoices. However, there are still several outstanding invoices that have been sent back to the Department Heads (Police Chief and Fire Chief) for their approval.

The renovation plans for the lower level of the Town Hall will be tabled until mid January 2009.

The Parks Property Manager position should be filled in early January 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

January Meeting Schedule

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:00 P.M. on January 5, 2009, January 12, 2009, and January 26, 2009. There is a Geauga County Township Dinner on January 14, 2009. The meeting on Monday, January 19, 2009 is cancelled in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Gift Baskets

The Trustees were in general agreement to send fruit baskets costing around \$40 each from Lowes Greenhouse to each member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Zoning Commission, and the Park Board.

2009 Temporary Appropriations

Mr. Lynch made a motion to adopt the 2009 Township Temporary Appropriation Resolution as prepared by the office of the Fiscal Officer.

Ms. White seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Business

The trustees were in general agreement to accept the resignation of Officer Nicole Crissman.

The promotion of Officer Ryan Patete will be discussed after executive session with legal counsel.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the professional training for Lt. Jon Bokovitz to attend Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command per the recommendation of Police Chief Jimison. This training should include a commitment form. (P.O. 289-2008)

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Old Business

Mr. David Weiss's term on the Zoning Commission will expire on 12/31/2008. The Board of Trustees still needs to fill this full term position as well as the position of alternate member of the Zoning Commission.

The Balanced Growth Plan has been put on hold.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Old Business

The Geauga County Engineer's office has reviewed the current requirement for a guardrail on Tanglewood Trail and feel that it is warranted. Should the Township decide to proceed with the installation of said guardrail, they may contact the County Engineer's office for assistance. The Trustee Board will discuss further in January.

New Business

The trustees were in general agreement to accept the letter from Road Superintendent Mr. Halko declining the salt bid from Morton Salt.

MINUTES

The minutes of the trustee's December 1, 2008 regular meeting were approved as read.

CHECKS DATED DECEMBER 11, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2008

The trustees examined the above checks and invoices for same, and the trustees were in general agreement that these checks for outstanding obligations be accepted for payment.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lynch moved that the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees go into executive session to review collective bargaining strategy.

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

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 9:25 P.M. in order to go into executive session to review collective bargaining strategy.

The trustees returned from executive session after reviewing the collective bargaining strategy and reconvened their meeting at 10:35 P.M.

Promotion of Police Officer

Mr. Lynch made a motion to promote Ryan Patete to a full time, Probationary D Patrolman per the recommendation of the police chief.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Renewal of Blanket Certificate

Mr. Lynch made a motion to renew BC-74 Road Supplies for \$10,000 per the recommendation of the office of the Fiscal Officer.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Union Contract

The trustees were in general agreement to authorize the execution of the agreement between Bainbridge Township and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 67, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

The trustees were in general agreement to authorize Steve Sferra to draft a letter to township employees regarding the decision made on raises.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes of the Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board, dated November 5, 2008.

Memo from the Geauga County Planning Commission, dated December 2, 2008. RE: County Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2009.

Copy of letter to R. L. Phillips, Geauga County Engineer from the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, dated November 20, 2008. RE: Accept Brighton Park Court for total maintenance.

Letter from R. L. Phillips, Geauga County Engineer, dated December 10, 2008. RE: Dump trucks for sale and road signs.

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.