

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on December 17, 2007. Those present were trustees Mr. Christopher Horn, Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Susan R. Angelino. Mr. Horn presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITING PUBLIC

Former Trustees Chuck Hesse and Sam Desiderio thanked Chris Horn for his service to Bainbridge Township.

ENGLISH DRIVE HOUSE EXPLOSION

A hidden pocket of natural gas, inadvertently opened by drilling may have caused an explosion at 17975 English Drive.

The trustees met with Fire Chief Brian Phan, Ohio Valley Energy and residents from English, Kingswood and Scotland Drive.

Chief Phan explained that natural gas had bubbled into the home's well water, filled up the basement and somehow ignited. Dozens of households have been evacuated and E. Ohio Dominion Gas and O.D.N.R. are investigating. If residents have a problem they may contact the Bainbridge Fire Department at 543-9873 or Ohio Valley Energy at 330-799-2268.

Concerns from residents:

1. Who will continue to monitor water in the future and how can we be sure it is safe? - O.D.N.R. (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) will be responsible party.
2. If problem is extensive, will all residents be notified? Yes, immediately - O.D.N.R. will inform residents.
3. Was Ohio Valley Energy aware that they had hit a gas pocket? - Yes.
4. Do residents need to keep monitoring their water? Yes. - If you see a change in color, etc. call Fire Department.
5. Need to notify residents when officials are on their property checking wells.
6. Right now you are bringing in water. What if my house is never habitable? What should I do?
7. Are there long term health issues to be concerned about?
8. Will all wells in area affected be tested? Yes.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT Z-2007-1

Mr. Horn recessed the trustees' regular meeting and opened the public hearing for proposed zoning amendment Z-2007-1 at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Horn noted that the legal notice for this public hearing was duly published in the News Herald on December 7, 2007. This amendment proposes to amend the Definition of Structure.

This amendment was initiated by the zoning commission on October 25, 2007; and the Geauga County Planning Commission on November 13, 2007 voted to recommend approval of Z-2007-1, with comments as listed. The Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission held a public hearing for proposed amendment on November 29, 2007 and subsequently recommended approval of the amendment.

Mr. Horn solicited comments for and comments against the proposed amendment.

Comments for the proposed amendment: None

Comments against the proposed amendment: None

Mr. Horn moved to close the public hearing at 7:20 P.M.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Zoning Amendment - Z-2007-1

Mr. Horn made a motion to adopt Z-2007-1.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL/OTHER MATTERS

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer of (2) Parcels in Chagrin Falls Park

Geauga County Commissioner Bill Young met with the Trustees to inform them that the Geauga County Commissioners had approved a transfer of (2) Parcels 02-710700 and 02-710800 in Chagrin Falls Park to Bainbridge Township to be transferred to Chagrin Falls Park CDC to help in the revitalization of the neighborhood.

CEMETERY EXPANSION PROJECT

Mr. Horn made a motion to move \$30,559.50 from General Fund 1000-110-599-0000 Other to Cemetery Expansion Project Fund - Contracts 4901-760-360-0000, per the recommendation of Fiscal Officer. (Monies to be allocated from Special Funds Account.)

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Professional Training

The trustees were in general agreement for Chris Calo to attend a Training Instructors Seminar on December 10, 2007 at a cost of \$50.00, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Brian Phan. (B.C. 29)

Purchase Order for Removal of Shingles at 17064 Haskins Road

The trustees were in general agreement for the Fire Department to pay the Invoice of \$850.00 to PCH Construction for the removal of roof shingles at 17864 Haskins Road.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The trustees were in general agreement to accept the resignation of Park Board member Scott Rolf, effective December 17, 2007.

CHECKS DATED DECEMBER 17, 2007

The trustees examined the above checks and invoices for same, and Mr. Markley 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.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Ronald L. Geller, Gauga County Drug and Acohol Consortium Committee, dated December 13, 2007. RE: Drug & Alcohol Training.

Letter from Time Warner Cable, dated December 14, 2007. RE: Effective Competition.

EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTIONS

The trustees affixed their signatures to Resolutions for Kevin Kupiec and Richard Durance commending their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.