

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on February 16, 2009. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch, Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley, and Ms. Linda W. White 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 pending litigation.

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 pending litigation.

The trustees returned from executive session after discussing pending litigation reconvening their meeting at 7:05 P.M.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phan presented the December 2008 and January 2009 monthly reports.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the Professional Training request from the Fire Chief to attend the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Winter Symposium in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chief Phan has been meeting with various architects that have built other fire stations in the area for ideas and recommendations regarding the current station and necessary expansion.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

### Kenston Community Education

Mr. Mark Tiefel and Mr. Bill Doak, from Kenston Community Education (KCE), presented the Board of Trustees with a proposal for the use of the Bainbridge School. KCE recommended a renovation of the former school building which they consider to be a \$4,000,000 asset to the township. The necessary repairs to the building are a new roof, a new HVAC system, and new windows, which would cost approximately \$750,000. These improvements could provide options for future township needs as well as the ability to expand the educational and recreational options for senior members of the community.

According to KCE, Bainbridge School generates \$70,000 in expenses per year. With their proposal, the township could receive approximately \$169,000 of revenue per year. \$120,000 of that revenue is from KCE's core activities and approximately \$49,000 would be from possible activities.

Assuming hours of operation would be Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Sundays from 12:00 to 5:00 P.M., KCE could utilize the building 10% of the time.

KCE feels that the improvements to the building would increase the lifespan of the building by at least fifty years.

Mr. Lynch requested Mr. Tiefel to ask the KCE Board if they are willing to use the school, with minimal repairs, to see if they would be successful before the township commits to \$750,000 in improvements.

The trustees were in general agreement to take a ten minute break at 8:38 P.M. The trustees reconvened their meeting at 8:48 P.M.

### TRUSTEES CORNER

Ms. White brought up the Bainbridge Township Clean Up Days and the board discussed possible dates. The trustees were in general agreement to schedule the Clean Up Days for Friday, June 5, 2009 and Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Township Road Garage.

Ms. White would like to review the Personnel Policy with the new Township Administrator, Mike Joyce.

Ms. White also would like to contact the prosecutor's office for an opinion on whether KCE can become a 501(C)3. Mr. Lynch then advised the Board that he was compiling a list of questions for the prosecutor concerning the township's ability to make contributions to other organizations. He asked Ms. White not to contact the prosecutor and he would include her request in the letter.

Mr. Markley told the board about correspondence he received regarding the situation at Hawksmoor Way. We could do a conservation easement within the watershed that is being effected by the remedy to the sinking roadway. There is 1600 feet adjacent to the slope that is owned by the Hawksmoor Homeowners' Association that could be conserved. Mr. Lynch will send an email to the association's president asking for their support.

Mr. Lynch will determine if a retroactive pay increase is even legal for the Zoning Inspector, Mike Joyce.

Mr. Lynch conveyed to the board his interest and concerns regarding a session he attended at the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference on Home Rule. Ms White asked to receive an opinion from Mr. Chuck Reihl.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ted Seliga asked the board what the responsibilities will be for the newly appointed Township Administrator. Mr. Lynch replied that the responsibilities of that position are defined by the Ohio Revised Code Section 505.032 and will be adjusted as needed since this is a new position for our township.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### Professional Training

The trustees were in general agreement to gather more information on the professional training request for Officer John Weiner. A decision will be made at the next meeting on February 23, 2009.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

NEW BUSINESS

Kenston Lake Dam

Kenston Lake Dam will be viewed by the Geauga County Commissioners on February 26, 2009 and the trustees will form their opinion their opinion on March 2, 2009 before the Geauga County Commissioners' public hearing on March 12, 2009 at the Bainbridge Town Hall.

CHECKS DATED FEBRUARY 13, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

The trustees were in general agreement to have all correspondence go to the Township Administrator and he will determine what will be circulated to the trustees and what will be reviewed in a public meeting.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 P.M.