

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on March 23, 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 7:00 P.M.

SENATOR TIM GRENDELL -- GAS & OIL WELL DRILLING

Senator Grendell was introduced by Mr. Lynch and he thanked this board for their diligence to the issue of gas and oil wells.

Mr. Logan, the director of Ohio Department of Natural Resources, took offense to some comments that were made regarding ODNR's handling of the situation and he chose not to come this evening. He has made an offer to meet with the effected homeowners independently without their elected representatives.

Senator Grendell discussed his proposed bill for new regulations on drilling permit requirements such as improved safety standards including first responders such as local fire departments and their input prior to drilling, eliminate mandatory pooling, protecting water wells within half mile radius, and to raise insurance to over \$1,000,000 per well.

You need to contact your local representatives requesting substantial changes to tighten requirements on drilling requirements.

Between now and June 30th, something will pass, however, we do not know to what extent.

Residents of English Drive think these changes are great and that these new changes should be put in place, but what about the homes that have already been effected. ODNR questions whether the water is contaminated, therefore, questioning their liability to remedy the situation.

Bainbridge Township is the best example of public safety that exists at this point in time.

Senator Grendell will invite Governor Strickland and ODNR Director Logan to the same meeting.

Mr. Lynch stated that it is extremely unfortunate that the director of ODNR was unwilling to come up here in a public session and meet with citizens most adversely effected by the failure of his regulators.

Mr. Lynch called the meeting to a stop at 7:40 P.M. to reconvene in the back meeting room in 5 minutes. Meeting reconvened at 7:43 P.M.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Property Superintendent David Mitchell presented the monthly report for February of 2009.

Landscaping Bids

Property Superintendent Mr. Mitchell asked the Board of Trustees to refuse all landscaping bids and advertise for rebid.

Ms. White made a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for rebidding the Township Property Landscaping.
(TR-2009-107)

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. The vote that followed as Ms. White, aye; Mr. Lynch, aye; Mr. Markley, nay.

TOWNSHIP HEALTHCARE PLAN

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After much discussion regarding the various plans, the trustees made a decision on the healthcare plan to offer the employees.

The high deductible health plan with a health savings account cannot be combined with other coverage, including Medicare. Therefore, employees that have traditionally had dual coverage with a spouses' employer will now have to decide on one plan or the other, they will no longer be able to carry both.

The total plan cost, based on current enrollment, of providing a high deductible health plan with a health savings account, will cost the township \$566,736.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to adopt the High Deductible Health Plan with Health Savings Account with UnitedHealthcare with a \$2,650 single deductible and an HSA funding single contribution by the township of \$1,900. (TR-2009-108)

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TRUSTEES CORNER

Fourth of July Celebration

Mr. Lynch brought up the Fourth of July celebration and the costs last year and the fact that there was no money raised. Mr. Lynch ran into Mr. Frank Lanza earlier today and they discussed raising funds for the Fourth of July celebration. Mr. Lanza called Mr. Lynch back later today and guaranteed that he would raise at least \$7,500 towards the costs of the celebration.

Ms. White will continue to plan the event and will confirm the date of July 3rd or July 5th with American Fireworks and we will plan our event around their availability.

Ohio Department Executives Program Graduation

Mr. Markley received an invitation to the graduation ceremony of the Ohio Fire Department Executives Program. Mr. Lynch and Ms. White will not be attending the graduation in Columbus on April 25, 2009. Mr. Markley will let the board know if he intends on attending the ceremony via email before the RSVP deadline on April 10, 2009.

Geauga Storm Water Phase II

Township Administrator, Mr. Joyce, informed the board of the County's request to have the township join with the County's Storm Water Phase II which will save the township several hundreds of dollars.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to have the Township Administrator execute a joint membership contract with Geauga County to join the County's Storm Water Permit for Phase II. (TR-2009-109)

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jodi Schaaf, owner of Raised & Glazed Donuts, requested the Board of Trustees to waive the zoning permit fees waived since it was not her choice to relocate her business. She was among the many businesses in Tanglewood Shopping Center that lost their space due to the expansion of Giant Eagle. Ms. Schaaf is staying in Bainbridge Township and will be relocating to the Bainbridge Commons just south of Bainbridge Solon Road. She had to pay the zoning permit fees when she began her business and does not feel she should have to pay them again since the move was not her choice.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to waive zoning related fees for the displaced businesses due to the expansion of Giant Eagle in Tanglewood Shopping Center. (TR-2009-110)

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL OLD BUSINESS

Conservation Easement

Ms. White would like to have a conservation easement for 29 acres owned by the Township along 306. The Parks Board would like to use the meadows along 306 at Centerville Mills for sports fields. Mr. Markley also has a meeting with Scott Hill regarding the easement at Hawksmoor. More information to follow.

JEDD

McGill Property Group would like the township to sign a contract agreeing to create a JEDD contract. That JEDD contract is far from acceptable. The trustees were in general agreement not to give payment up front to the developer, but to defer receipt of JEDD monies until a predetermined of \$600,000 has been paid to the developer.

The trustees were in general agreement to have Chuck Riehl negotiate a lower amount and a better contract. The board needs to know what property taxes are, what the operating budget of the City of Aurora is and what the operating budget of Bainbridge Township is, then write provision for refund to Bainbridge Township residents that work in the area of the JEDD.

Spending Criteria

Mr. Markley expressed his thoughts on the spending criteria for the investment funds. First document is the Investment Policy to ensure the proper investment of township funds, approved September 15, 2008. The second document is the 1999 document adopted on August 9, 1999 which is the Investment Policy for Extraordinary Large Tax Receipts and Windfalls which was a guideline for appropriate procedures in the receipts of the nonrecurring income was used in an equitable, prudent, and cost effective manner to provide the greatest benefit to the residents as possible. There were eleven points in this document. The third document was generated by Steve Santos and based on his recommendations, but was never fully adopted by the trustees, but was a guideline for spending the invested funds.

Mr. Markley does not care what the project is, there should be a standard selection process for determining which projects receive funding and which ones do not.

Mr. Markley would like this board of trustees to develop a long-term vision for the township and create a 20-year plan including build-out, traffic impact, etc. Mr. Markley will bring this back at a later date.

Town Hall Renovation

Mr. Steve Ciciretto will come before the Board of Trustees on Monday, March 30, 2009 to present the final plans for the town hall renovations.

TOWN HALL NEW BUSINESS

Chagrin River Watershed Partner Contract for Kenston Lakes Dam

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve the Chagrin River Watershed Partner's contract for the necessary repairs to the Kenston Lakes Dam Project. (TR-2009-111)

Mr. Markley seconded the acknowledgement passed unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

NEW BUSINESS

Position of Road Superintendent

Mr. Lynch questioned the future of the Road Superintendent. The Board of Trustees received a recommendation from the retiring Road Superintendent Mr. Alan Halko that Mr. Walter Rudyk be the next Road Superintendent. The trustees were in general agreement to invite Mr. Rudyk to an executive session to be held on Monday, March 30, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

ODOT Salt Bid

Mr. Lynch moved to participate in ODOT Road Salt Purchase agreement and asked the Township Administrator to execute the contract per the recommendation of the Road Superintendent Mr. Halko. (TR-2009-112)

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Geauga County Commissioners Public Hearing re. Kenston Lakes Dam

The Geauga County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the Bainbridge Township Town Hall on March 24, 2009 regarding the Kenston Lakes Dam at 6:30 P.M.

CHECKS DATED MARCH 17, 2009 TO MARCH 23, 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. (TR-2009-113)

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.

MINUTES APPROVED

The trustees were in general agreement to approve the minutes from previous meetings of February 9, 2009, February 16, 2009 and February 23, 2009 as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kenston Community Education - Bainbridge School

Mr. Lynch received a letter from KCE asking for more information regarding the Bainbridge School operating expenses.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.