

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on March 30, 2009. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Cherianne H. Measures. Trustee Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley was absent. 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 employment of a public employee. (TR-2009-114)

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 employment of a public employee.

The trustees returned from executive session after discussing the employment of a public employee reconvening their meeting at 7:10 P.M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jim Jimison submitted the Police Department's annual report with copies available at the police station and he asked that copies be made available at the town hall.

New Police Cruisers

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the purchase order request to Liberty Ford for four new police cruisers in the amount of \$77,542.00 per the recommendation of the police chief. (TR-2009-115)

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to transfer the funds to cover this purchase from the investment funds to the Police Department funds. (TR-2009-116)

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Assistant Road Superintendent Walter Rudyk presented the monthly report for February of 2009.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mike Joyce presented the monthly report for February of 2009. Mr. Joyce also presented the Board of Zoning Appeals report as well as the Zoning Commission report.

Tanglewood Country Club requested to change the conditional use from a private club to public use.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Brian Phan introduced Norman Casini and Anthony Fini, from R.C.U. Architects, Inc. This architectural firm has designed several fire stations in Northeast Ohio. The firm was asked to provide extremely rough estimates on various options for a renovated or new fire station for Bainbridge Township.

The first concept was to add on to the existing fire station. The estimated cost for concept #1 was \$2,932,600. The second concept was to add on to the Bainbridge School. This would include six new bays, new stairs and remodeling part of the school. Concept #2 would cost approximately 4,050,000. Concept #3 was to build a satellite station with two bays, a new personnel wing of approximately 10,200 square feet. This concept would cost approximately \$2,292,000. The fourth concept had two options. Concept #4A recommended a new fire station with six bays, and personnel and administration wings totaling 25,500 square feet on the property with the Bainbridge School. Concept #4A would cost approximately \$5,597,600.

Concept #4B recommended the same new building as concept #4A, but also included demolishing the Bainbridge School. This concept would cost approximately \$5,921,600. The fifth and final concept consisted of adding on six new bays and a personnel wing onto the Police Station and utilizing the same lobby and classrooms. Concept #5 would cost approximately \$5,054,800.

Any project could take up to one and a half years to complete.

Chief Phan would like to eliminate the satellite option, adding onto the Police Station, and adding onto the Bainbridge School. The chief's preference would be to stay on the 306 corridor, either adding onto the current station or building a new station as the two most viable options.

Mr. Lynch would like Chief Phan to come back with a recommendation within the next couple of weeks.

SOUTH RUSSELL MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL FOUNDATION, INC.

Mr. Steve Latkovic, president; Kelly Kimball, secretary, David Van Wagoner, treasurer; Rick Smith, vice president; Lee Schiemann, vice president; and Brian Woods, vice president were all present this evening for their presentation. This group of area residents and parents seek to pave the way for a safer, healthier community.

The goals of this organization include: creating multipurpose trails that can be safely used for walking, running rollerblades, biking, cross country skiing; to connect residents of South Russell, Chagrin Falls, and Bainbridge with each other, schools and playing fields, West Woods, South Russell Village Park, Frohring Meadows; to help raise funds for trail design and construction.

The group plans to recruit and energize community participation; create a website to educate and provide a forum for discussion; work with local governments, park districts, and other interested groups; form a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation so that donations are tax-deductible; seek public works funding and grants from state and national government agencies and other interested organizations.

The web site for this project is www.srtrails.org.

The foundation also presented to South Russell Village Council, Chagrin Falls Village Council, Geauga Park District and now Bainbridge Township Trustees. The hope is to get started as soon as possible.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

According to Mr. Lynch, the township spent approximately \$15,000 last year on the celebration, without any contributions from local businesses. Mr. Frank Lanza, owner of Highway Garage, has offered to head up the fundraising efforts to raise at least \$7,500 towards the Fourth of July Celebration.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, July 5th. The committee for this event consists of Trustee Linda White, Almast Finn, and Linda Zimmerman. The committee would like a budget set for the event based on two quotes for fireworks of \$8,500 or \$10,000 that would be 18 minutes each. The men's club is not available to provide hamburgers and hot dogs. However, the committee does not want this event too commercialized...just a simple, old fashioned celebration. A sign will be posted with the donors listed. Mr. Lynch asked the committee to get a copy of last year's contract for comparison. He also feels that we should provide an equivalent show as was provided last year. Chairman would like the committee to come back next week with a requested budget.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION

Mr. Steve Ciciretto has completed the legal ad to be placed for the renovation of the Town Hall. Costs established for bid bonds have been set at \$275,000. The proposed time line is as follows:

April 2, 2009	Advertise Notice to Bidders
April 9	Advertise a second time, Pre-bid Meeting
April 23	Bids due
April 27	Bids opened at Trustee's Meeting
May 4	Recommendation made to trustees
May 11	Earliest Start Date
August 21	Estimated Completion Date

Ms. White moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the renovation of the Town Hall. (TR-2009-117)

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. Vote results were Ms. White, aye; Mr. Lynch, aye; noted that although not present, Mr. Markley was opposed to the project.

PROPOSED JEDD

Mr. Matt McGill, with McGill Property Group, was present to further discuss the proposed JEDD agreement between the City of Aurora, Bainbridge Township and McGill Property Group. Mr. McGill has not received any correspondence since their February meeting.

Mr. Lynch questioned the amount of \$1,200,000 and justifying the contributions of \$600,000 of taxpayer dollars. Mr. Lynch also questioned why we should be interested in helping Mr. McGill repay his debts incurred by the Bainbridge North shopping center. Both parties should confer with legal counsel regarding the legalities within the documents.

Ms. White feels that McGill is asking the township to finance the debts of his company.

Mr. Lynch is very concerned that the dollar amount is so large and non-negotiable.

Mr. McGill would like to get copies of the legal documents soon in order to be able to move forward with this process.

Mr. Lynch will discuss with Mr. Riehl and then contact Mr. Markowitz, Mr. McGill's counsel, to return in two weeks.

Mr. Lynch moved to take a three minute break at 9:47 P.M. Meeting reconvened at 9:55 P.M.

TRUSTEES CORNER

Ms. White stated that as of April 1, 2009, she will no longer be taking reservations at Centerville Mills, the Town Hall, or the Burns Lindow Building. These responsibilities will be turned over to the employees of David Mitchell and Linda Zimmerman. Over 3 years and 3 months, Ms. White has helped save the township and the taxpayers monies to over \$50,000. She has spent between 20 to 25 hours a week doing this work as a volunteer. This job should have been a part time job. Ms. White did it to save money for the township. Ms. White has always been on the side of the tax payer.

TOWN HALL

OLD BUSINESS

KCE - ELC/Bainbridge School

Kenston Community Education has finally responded to the township's offer to take over the old Bainbridge School with minimum repairs to make their programs succeed. KCE is asking for the cost of expenses and maintenance of the building. They would also like Mr. Steve Ciciretto to provide his professional opinion.

NEW BUSINESS

April Meeting Schedule

The April meeting schedule is set as follows:

April 6, 2009 Cancelled
April 13, 2009 7:00 P.M.
April 20, 2009 7:00 P.M.
April 27, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Legal Expenses

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the purchase order request for Walter & Haverfield for legal expenses for the Voproco Legal defense fund in the amount of \$10,000 per the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer. (TR-2009-118)

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the purchase order request for Littler Mendelson for legal expenses for the collective bargaining in the amount of \$10,000 per the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer. (TR-2009-119)

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Health Savings Account Contributions

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the purchase order National City Bank for the initial contributions to health savings accounts for the employees based on the single level coverage until family level contributions are determined by April 15, 2009 in the amount of \$77,900 per the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer. (TR-2009-120)

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW BUSINESS

Leave of Absence

The trustees were in general agreement to accept the leave of absence requested by firefighter Shaun Lutz effective April 1, 2009 for approximately six months per the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

CHECKS DATED MARCH 24, 2009 TO MARCH 30, 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-2009-121)

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 10:33 P.M.