

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on May 11, 2009. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch, Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Ms. Linda W. White. Fiscal Officer Mrs. Cherianne H. Measures 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 collective bargaining strategy.

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 collective bargaining strategy.

The trustees returned from executive session after discussing collective bargaining strategy and reconvened their meeting at 7:10 P.M.

PRESENTATION BY GUEST

Health Insurance/IRC Section 125 - Tax Deductibility Plan

Mr. Jim Kamer, Health Insurance Representative from Herbruck Alder was present to explain the two plans, one being the group health insurance plan that runs April 1st to April 1st and the IRS based plan that allows the employees to have their premiums on a pre-tax basis which runs January 1st to January 1st and that they are completely separate. He said the township could run into a problem if an employee decides to elect on or off the plan in April because the election had to be made in January and there are some people who would like to make changes and they can't right now because there are six qualifying events which allow changes and a change in the plan is not one of them. He said he is requesting to amend the plan to run April 1st to March 31st of each year, there will be a short plan from January 1st to March 31st, a new plan will start and the employees can make an election to be on or off the plan as they choose on April 1st and added that it can only be amended once per year.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to amend Bainbridge Township's Section 125 Health Insurance Pre-Tax Premium Payment Plan to a plan year to coincide with the township's insurance contract that is from April 1st each year to March 31st of the following year at the recommendation of Mr. Jim Kamer.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

OLD BUSINESS

Kenston Lake Dam

Mr. Robert L. Phillips, Geauga County Engineer was present to address issues and answer questions related to Kenston Lake. He gave a history of when the lake and dam was installed and said there is not a real option to leave the lake there with what ODNR requires and it would be more expensive than what it would cost to pipe it and the county could acquire a permanent drainage easement with two of the property owners.

The trustees discussed the following options which are the public assessment with the potential of many people being assessed; not a public project and if nothing is done, ODNR will step in and assess the four property owners and there will be no grant money to refurbish the bank of the lake; township project whereby the township pays \$150,000 and use the grant as it is written and a portion of it will go toward the culvert and a bigger portion will go toward the remediation around the lake.

Mr. Lynch stated that he is one of the property owners in the watershed therefore he will recuse himself from any discussion regarding the township's decision to make this a township project. Mr. Lynch departed the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Mr. Markley and Ms. White discussed moving ahead with this as a township project with Mr. Phillips. The trustees thanked Mr. Phillips for performing the research regarding the Kenston Lake Dam situation and were in agreement to accept this as a township project.

Ms. White thanked the property owners for their tenacity.

Mr. Markley thanked the County Commissioners because they provided the opportunity to deliberate on this without just going forward with the assessment process.

Mr. Markley made a motion that the township request from the County Commissioners that this be considered a Township project of necessity and the County Engineer will craft final language for that resolution to be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch returned to the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Hawksmoor

Mr. Markley reported on the progress with Hawksmoor regarding the conservation easement and the right of access easement. Mr. Phillips stated that his office is finalizing a description for the easement that the township needs for the pipe and will supply a dollar amount for the value of that easement. The trustees discussed the options involved.

PARKS

OLD BUSINESS

Mowing and Landscape Bids

Mr. Lynch noted that the necessary legal advertisement for furnishing the township with the Landscape and Maintenance of Various Properties in Bainbridge Township had been duly published in the News Herald on April 24, 2009 and May 1, 2009.

Mr. Lynch proceeded to open the sealed bids which had been received within the specified time.

J.F.D. Landscapes, Inc.
P.O. Box 23007
9809 E. Washington Street
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Bid Amount - \$67,474.22

DMS Landscaping
10613 Blueberry Hill
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Bid Amount - \$62,219.00

Industrial Landscaping & Services, Inc.
6342 Randolph Road
Bedford Hts., Ohio 44146

Bid Amount - \$52,845.00

Vizmeg Landscaping
778 McCauley Road
Suite 100
Stow, Ohio 44224

Bid Amount - \$67,250.00

Howell Lawn Maintenance
7970 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Bid Amount - \$49,890.00

Signature Lawns & Landscaping, Inc.
11597 Basswood Road
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Bid Amount - \$64,527.00

Always Green
P.O. Box 758
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Bid Amount - \$72,365.00

Pirc Company Landscaping
30170 Lakeland Blvd.
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

Bid Amount - \$62,150.00

Varelli Landscaping - No Bid (Late)
P.O. Box 952
Chesterland, Ohio 44026

The bids were referred to Mr. David Mitchell, Property Superintendent for review and recommendation.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

NEW BUSINESS

B.U.S.T.R.

P.O. Request

Mr. Joyce explained that this purchase order request is for the insurance on the two tanks at the Road Department, one is diesel and one is for regular unleaded fuel and it is the same as it was last year.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to authorize a Purchase Order Request in the amount of \$1,600.00 to Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board for payment of the annual assessment for the tanks at the Road Department per the recommendation of Alan Halko, Road Superintendent.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TRUSTEES CORNER

Town Hall Basement and Upstairs Remodeling

Ms. White stated that she would like the cost for the Basement and Upstairs Remodeling, in the amount of approximately \$140,000, to be taken out of the investment fund.

Mr. Lynch made a motion for the board to authorize the Chairman to execute the contracts as accepted per the recommendation of Steve Ciciretto, Township Architect for remodeling of the town hall.

Ms. White seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lynch, aye; Mr. Markley, nay; Ms. White, aye.

Ms. White made a motion that the Remodeling of the Town Hall Basement and Upstairs costs be taken out of the investment fund.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lynch, aye; Mr. Markley, nay; Ms. White, aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW BUSINESS

Blanket Certificate - EMS

The trustees reviewed a request by the Fiscal Officer to renew a Blanket Certificate for EMS. The trustees were in agreement to wait until the Fiscal Officer can provide an explanation for the request.

TOWN HALL

OLD BUSINESS

Water Resource Department Contract

Ms. White explained that the contract with the Water Resource Department for the July 4th Celebration has been taken care of.

Township Project List

The trustees reviewed the existing Township Project List and identified the items that the board has agreed upon and items already approved as follows:

Purchase of Truck - Road Dept. - \$57,614 - Approved in Feb. 2009
(Additional \$60,000 will be needed to outfit the truck.)

The board was in agreement to pay the additional \$60,000 out of the investment fund for a total of \$117,614.

Digital Radios - Police Dept. - \$134,805 - Approved in Mar. 2009

Kenston Lake Dam Road & Culvert Project - Road Dept. - \$150,000
- Approved Mar. 11, 2009

Hawksmoor Way Project & Mitigation Project - Road Dept. - \$350,000 - Approved

Police Cruisers (3)#4/15 - Police Dept. - \$77,542 - Approved

Town Hall Remodel - \$150,000 - Admin. - Approved

AED Defibrillators (6) #3/15 - Police Dept. - \$15,000 - Approved

Centerville Mills Pool Demo & Field Prep. - Properties - \$75,000
- Approved

Centerville Mills Cabin Demolition - Properties - \$3,750

Centerville Mills Outhouse Demolition #13/14 - Properties - \$2100 - ?

Legal Defense Fund - Zoning - \$250,000 - Approved

Emergency Contingency Fund/General Fund Balance - Other - Pending

Information Technology Upgrade - All Depts. - \$150,000 - Approved

The meeting was recessed at 9:00 P.M. and reconvened at 9:05 P.M.

The trustees reviewed the list to identify the items they were in general agreement on with the highest priority first.

Expansion/Replacement of Fire Station - Fire Dept. - \$2,000,000

Salt Barn - Road Dept. - \$300,000

Town Hall Roof Replacement- Admin. - \$35,000

Town Hall Parking Lot - Admin. - \$300,000 (The trustees were in agreement to wait on this until a decision is made on the Fire Station, Tucek House, Bainbridge School and geothermal installation.)

Heavy Rescue Pumper Vehicle - Fire Dept. - \$600,000

Town Hall Geothermal Heating - Admin. - \$125,000 (3 zones)

Police Geothermal Heating - Police Dept. - \$300,000

Fire Geothermal Heating - Fire Dept. - \$115,000

Fire Department

Fire Chief Brian Phan and Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Burge met with the trustees regarding the proposed Fire Station Renovation/Replacement at an estimated cost of 1.2 - 2 million dollars and staffing and pending consultant's report. Also discussed was the proposed Heavy Rescue Pumper at an estimated cost of \$600,000 and the proposed signalized traffic lights that are siren activated at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

Blighted Structures (approx. 14) - Chagrin Falls Park - Other - \$100,000 - Approved

Natural Gas Line - Chagrin Falls Park - Other - (\$44,600 - Woodland) and (\$58,000 - Rocker)

The board discussed this project that is a request from the residents and was not in agreement to move forward with it at this time but to put it on hold. Options were discussed as to the legality of it and grants and Federal stimulus money were suggested.

Road Upgrade (Widening of Woodland & Rocker) - Chagrin Falls Park - Other - \$350,000 (Estimate)

The board discussed this request from the residents to widen the roads in this subdivision. No decision was made regarding this request.

Street Lights - (3) Chagrin Falls Park - Other - \$1,500 per light

The board discussed the proposed street lights for Chagrin Falls Park at the intersections and noted that it is not just a one-time cost, there would be a monthly fee for each light.

Mr. Lynch noted that the above three projects for Chagrin Falls Park have not yet been approved.

Bainbridge School Demolition/Renovation - Other - \$500,000 - \$600,000

Mr. Lynch stated that the remaining projects will require a lot of discussion and he will submit another list to be reviewed before the next budget hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Budget

Ms. Judith Gooding stated that she is impressed by how much funding of the departments has been able to be covered by the Estate Fund but in the other direction with the probable decrease in revenues from taxes, the departments have not had to make cuts regarding their budgets and she is wondering if the department heads are aware of that. She said for example when the Police Department levy failed, the department was supplemented with the Estate Funds for cars etc.

The trustees discussed the recurring income and expenses for the township.

Recycling Center

Mr. Mitch Fakadej commented on the condition of the recycling center.

Bicycle Donation

Mr. Mitch Fakadej reported on the Bicycle Donation program called Pioneers Association and asked the trustees if the donation was going to go forward.

The trustees confirmed that the bicycles from the Police Department will be donated to the program.

IT Upgrade

Mr. Karl Kuckleheim inquired about the IT Upgrade for the township computers.

The trustees explained that it is through the county and will include the telephone system and added that it will save the township \$85,000 per year and will be managed by the county.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 P.M.