

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on July 21, 2008. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J. D. Lynch, Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Sandra M. Cloninger. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Wayne Burge gave the Fire Department report for the month of June, 2008.

TRUSTEES CORNER

The trustees discussed a recent press release by Ohio Valley Energy. They expressed concern that the article gave an impression that the waterline to residents affected by the English Drive gas well incident might be done sooner than would likely be possible. The cost is an issue as well.

Resident Dr. Judith Gooding stated that it appears from the OVE Map that not all affected residents would be served by the waterline. She also questioned its ability to support fire hydrants and said that there are still worries about gas coming out of vents.

TOWN HALL/OTHER BUSINESS

0079-2008 Ms. White moved to approve rate increases for Centerville Mills as proposed in her document dated July 21, 2008.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Markley suggested consideration of raising rates for sports fields at Settlers & River Road Parks also.

TOWN HALL

NEW BUSINESS

The trustees discussed COLAs, merit raises and performance appraisal policies. Mr. Lynch stated he would draft a letter for the Fiscal Officer to forward to the county prosecutor regarding the public record aspect of personnel files.

Mr. Lynch said he had talked to the township's investment advisor recently and had been assured that the nature of the township's investments is such that they are not impacted by the current banking crisis.

Trustee Lynch read a draft of a letter to Mr. William Spehn, Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, requesting that any potential developer contact the township as soon as possible to begin a dialogue which will promote a comprehensive development plan for the site.

0080-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve payment of \$330 to Handy Rents for a light tower at the 4th of July Celebration.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion.

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

Ms. White explained her vote by saying that the Board had not been informed regarding rental of a light tower.

0081-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve payment of \$500 to Revolution Pie, a band that performed at the July 4th Celebration.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

0082-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve payment of \$175 to Universal Disposal for a trash dumpster used during the July 4th Celebration.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dispatcher Danya Morgan appeared before the Board to discuss her request to retire from her position and be rehired in the same position.

0083-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to accept the resignation of Danya Morgan effective July 31, 2008.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

0084-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to rehire Danya Morgan effective August 1, 2008 as a Dispatcher in the Police Department at her current salary of \$44,096.00

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

0085-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve a purchase order request for payment of \$2500 to the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy for training for Nicole Crissman, a new employee.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

0086-2008 Mr. Markley moved to approve a purchase order request for \$1,259 to D. E. Williams Electric for providing 120 volt power to the new electric gate at the Road Department.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Savage Road Reconstruction

0087-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to execute the contract with Ronyak Paving, Inc. for the Savage Road Reconstruction as recommended by the County Engineer and the Bainbridge Township Road Superintendent. The cost is to be \$899,237.50, with \$250,000 of this paid through a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission, previously accepted by the Board and signed by Trustee Lynch.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Kenston Lake Dam

The trustees discussed the fact that the contribution agreed to by the four Kenston Lake Dam owners totaled only \$30,200, significantly short of the \$60,000 requested toward this project. Ms. White raised the question of whether the township should ask the county prosecutor for an opinion on the possibility of an assessment and any other options. Mr. Lynch agreed to draft a letter to that effect. Mr. Lynch said he was surprised that the property owners had not recognized the benefit to be derived from paying the requested amount. He stated that what the Board had been trying to do was to create an attractive setting for the property owners.

The possibility of addressing the safety issue alone by downsizing the project to reduce the cost was discussed.

HAWKSMOOR WAY EMBANKMENT

Mr. Lynch raised the question of the status of Hawksmoor Way and said he would be attempting to contact the Army Corps of Engineers on the township's permit application.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The proposed job description of the Parks and Properties Department manager was discussed. It was agreed to postpone a decision on its final form until the Board had a chance to consider information on a local city park department it had just obtained. Trustee Lynch affirmed that they were committed as a Board to making a final decision on the job description in two weeks.

Trustee White suggested the possibility of a parks levy if the residents want the current level of maintenance and spending to continue.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

0088-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the Township Attorney Chuck Riehl to advise as to what the township's course of action should be as a result of the appeal by Voproco Properties Limited of the June 19, 2008 decision of the Bainbridge Township Board of Zoning Appeals regarding allowed density of single family housing on Voproco's 50 acre parcel.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Resident Ann Myers reported the results of her research into the costs of hiring a paper shredding service.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce. Division of Liquor Control, dated July 11, 2008. RE: Permit Renewal Objections.

Memo from the Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District, dated July 14, 2008. RE: Site Inspection Report - Restland Cemetery Expansion.

0089-2008 The trustees reviewed and Mr. Lynch moved to approve:

Checks dated 7-18-2008, numbered 11555 through 11564; payroll checks 20004 through 20008; and payroll dated June 27, 2008 for the period ending June 20, 2008.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 P.M.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.