

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on July 28, 2008. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J. D. Lynch and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Sandra M. Cloninger. Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley was absent. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Tim Bloxson gave the Road Department report for June.

PRESENTATION BY GUESTS

REACT President Sean Davis explained how REACT had come to move into the library of the old Bainbridge School, apologizing and stated that he assumed that proper channels were followed. He went on to describe REACT's contribution to the community and to request the township's support in the group's registering with the Community Response Team (CERT) program.

0090-2008 Mr. Lynch moved that the Bainbridge Township Trustees endorse the Chagrin Valley REACT to register as a CERT team.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The trustees asked the REACT team to draft the endorsement letter.

Mr. Lynch stated that he wants to acknowledge the work done by REACT and encouraged the team to seek the financial support of the township if they have a legitimate need in the future.

TOWN HALL

OLD BUSINESS

0093-2008 Ms. White moved that the trustees accept her draft of a reservation policy for all township parks, town hall, Burns-Lindow and Bainbridge School.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

0094-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve payment of \$200 to Rusteen Shelley for face painting at the July 4th Celebration. (BR 3-2008)

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

0095-2008 Mr. Lynch moved that if the July 4th Celebration is held in 2009, Trustee White is to be the Chairman of the committee and is to coordinate with the Board of Trustees for proper authority.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

MERIT RAISES

The trustees agreed to contact department heads with respect to the issue of performance appraisals and to put merit raises on the trustee calendar for a date when Trustee Markley will be present.

TOWN HALL

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Lynch raised a question about whether the bills from the township attorneys for legal fees incurred during the negotiations on the police contract renewal should be paid from the General Fund or the Police Department Fund. Discussion postponed to next meeting.

The trustees discussed a notification from Assistant Zoning Inspector Shane Wrench about how KCE's sports equipment being stored in the basement of the Bainbridge School was being damaged by rodents and strewn about, with a request that things be put back in order to stop the spread of mice and damage to equipment.

FEMA RESOLUTIONS

0096-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to request that the County Budget Commission amend the Bainbridge Township Certificate of Available Resources to reflect the receipt of \$27,443 from FEMA for snow emergency costs incurred in March 2008.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

0097-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the township Fiscal Officer to establish an appropriate new revenue fund to account for the FEMA Snow Emergency Grant money as required by Auditor of State Bulletin 98-013.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

0098-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve the July 24, 2008 letter of agreement with the Geauga County Board of Commissioners permitting use of an area in the Bainbridge Township Town Hall basement by a Geauga County Building Department employee from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009 for \$100/year.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

0099-2008 The trustees reviewed and Mr. Lynch moved to approve: Checks dated 7-25-2008 through 7-28-2008, numbered 11565 through 11626, with the exception of number 11608 which was held back.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

0091-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve payment of an invoice in the amount of \$95,737.96 to C.I.R. Inc. as recommended by the Geauga County Engineer in their letter dated July 15, 2008 and by Alan Halko, Bainbridge Township Road Superintendent.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ZONING

The trustees took note of a letter dated July 17, 2008 from the Bainbridge Township Zoning Inspector regarding the building located on Parcel No. 02-248300 having been found to be in an insecure and unsafe condition in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 505.86 and being therefore a hazard to the health of the community.

HAWKSMOOR WAY

Trustee Lynch reported that he had met with the Hawksmoor Homeowners Association to discuss what is needed to move the project forward more quickly. He said that the repairs are unlikely to happen even in 2009 but that he has contacted Congressman LaTourette's Office in an effort to get the repair project to move along faster. Trustee Lynch said that he wants to make sure the township is looking at possible funding sources at the same time as the project is in review by the Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA, so that it is not further delayed.

Trustee Lynch invited all interested persons to attend a meeting scheduled for 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, July 30, at the site of the Hawksmoor Way slope subsidence.

0092-2008 Mr. Lynch moved that the township prohibit any township employee or the citizens from removing anything from the Bainbridge School prior to demolition and that any purchases of materials be made through the contractor, once one is approved.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Ann Myers brought up a recent newspaper article in which it was suggested that the Geauga Lake property could be transformed into a destination casino point/resort with amusement features, saying that she thought it sounded like a good idea.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from C.I.R., Incorporated, dated July 23, 2008. RE: Notifying Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees of potential back charges on The Lake Forest Trail, Holly Springs Trail and Lake Forest Court project for delays by Dominion East Ohio and the Illuminating Company.

Letter from the Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District,
dated July 22, 2008. RE: Site Inspection Report - Restland
Cemetery Expansion.

Notice from the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas,
dated July 9, 2008. RE: Notice of Reservation of Rights and
Appearance by the Ohio Attorney General - Paula Triscaro - Case
No. CV 08-662767.

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 8:53 P.M.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.