

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on August 25, 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 7:02 P.M.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Jimison gave the Police Department report for July 2008. The chief and trustees discussed the DARE program and issues as to its effectiveness. They also discussed the Police Department water well and the position of Ohio Valley Energy on payment of costs for water supply and well repairs. The trustees were in agreement to have Shane Wrench forward all aspects of this issue to the Geauga County Prosecutor.

Fire Chief Brian Phan gave the Fire Department report for the month of July.

Tim Bloxson gave the Road Department report for July 2008.

PRESENTATION BY GUESTS

CEDAR/SOUTH STREET FLOODING

Carmella Shale of Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District presented information on the likely costs of correcting the Cedar Street/South Street flooding problems. She said the price tag could be \$1.4 to \$2 million, possibly even more according to County Engineer R. L. Phillips. In order to move forward and request that the County Commissioners formally consider some form of assessment for this project, approximately \$54,800 will be needed to be spent by Bainbridge Township for studies in addition to \$50,000 approved last year for this purpose. This cost could be rolled into the total assessment if the budget goes forward. Ms. Shale said she would schedule a meeting of the County Commissioners and the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to go over the Cedar Street issue.

The trustees requested her help on the assessment issue regarding the Kenston Lake Dam project as well.

TOWNSHIP INVESTMENTS

Al Weilacher, Township Investment Advisor, presented information on the composition of the township's portfolio at Morgan-Stanley, Star Ohio and JP Morgan Chase. He recommended realigning the investments as a precaution during the current mortgage-driven banking problems at FNMA/Fannie Mae and FHLMC/Freddie Mac.

130-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to realign investments in the bond redemption fund and general fund monies at Morgan Stanley away from FNMA & FHLMC to the FHLB (Federal Home Loan Bank) and the Federal Farm Credit Bank.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

131-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to move excess funds from Star Ohio and JP Morgan Chase to a new fund with Morgan Stanley per the recommendation of Mr. Weilacher and the Bainbridge Township Fiscal Officer. This fund is to be invested in laddered U.S. bank certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury securities.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TRUSTEES CORNER

Trustee Lynch stated that the County Budget Commission has asked the township to take action to work down its substantial financial balances. In response to this request the trustees have scheduled a work session for September 22, 2008 to begin addressing the township five year capital plan.

Trustee White presented a request by Marty Sfiligoj, Park Board Chairman, to waive the requirement for a Bainbridge Police Officer to be hired for a party on August 31, 2008 at Centerville Mills where alcohol would be served. Trustees Lynch and Markley were not in favor of this and it was decided not to approve it.

TOWN HALL

OLD BUSINESS

132-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve payment of Payment Request #1 from Clemson Excavating, Inc. dated August 8, 2008 for work on the Restland Cemetery expansion totaling \$70,685.42 (\$83,133.00 towards the total \$151,289.50 contract, less retainage of \$6051.58 and inspection fees of \$6396.00), as approved by the Project Engineer Michael E. Henry and Road Department Superintendent Alan Halko.

Ms. White seconded the motion.

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

TOWN HALL

NEW BUSINESS

Appropriation Line Item Change

133-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to make the following intrafund transfer:

Within Fund No. 2081 Fund Name: Police District

Move \$127,500

From account name Other Expense Number 2081-210-599-0000

To account name Medical/Hospitalization Number 2081-210-221-0000

For the following reason: To encumber the maximum medical insurance share pay exposure in the Police Department and segregate it for management information.

Appropriation Line Item Change

134-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to make the following intrafund transfer:

Within Fund No. 2031 Fund Name: Road & Bridge

Move \$55,000

From account name Contracted Services Number 2031-330-360-3333

To account name Medical/Hospitalization Number 2031-330-221-0000

For the following reason: To encumber the maximum medical insurance share pay exposure in the Road Department and segregate it for management information.

STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT

135-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve a request to the County Auditor to renew the Street Lighting Assessment in 02-503, Nickel Plate Railroad, 03-507 Chagrin Falls S.S.D., 03-508, Church Sub. and 03-509, Walker Allot. expiring this year, to bring in the sum of \$10,400 over a period of four years. The entire text of this Resolution is included by reference in these minutes and a copy is attached.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Karl Kuckenheim, the President of the Bainbridge Historical Society, introduced himself and said he was looking forward to developing good communication between the society and the Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

136-2008 Trustee Lynch moved to approve a Purchase Order Request for \$4497.50 to Fox International for 50 Vantage LED Tactical Helmet Lights.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

137-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve the rehiring of part-time Firefighter/Paramedic David Horvath.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion.

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

Ms. White abstained because she had not had time to review the request.

Trustee white requested actual mileage and information on needed repairs to be submitted in writing before a decision on replacement of the Fire Chief's car.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

138-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to sign the contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. for Asphalt Maintenance Seal at 70¢ per square yard for 104,165 square yards (\$72,915.50).

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

139-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to encumber an additional \$78,373.88 required for an asphalt binder cost increase which is likely to be incurred on the Township's contract for Asphalt Resurfacing of Various Roads. (Ronyak Paving, Inc., June 30, 2008) per the estimate of the County Engineer in a letter dated August 13, 2008.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The trustees discussed a letter dated August 14, 2008 from the Department of the Army regarding Additional Information Required for the Evaluation of Application No. 2008-00330 for the Hawksmoor Way embankment project. The continued processing of the application is on hold pending resolution of several issues detailed in the letter. It was decided that Trustee Markley would consult with Chagrin River Watershed Partner's Director Amy Brennan and others to arrange for quotes on the performance of the required work.

The trustees discussed the Kenston Lake Dam project and decided to invite Amy Brennan, Chagrin River Watershed Partner's Director to attend the September 8, 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees to provide further guidance on the assessment process and discuss the grant administration.

PARKS

The trustees reviewed the job posting summary written by Trustee Markley for the Parks Superintendent. It was decided to take it up again at the September 8, 2008 meeting.

140-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve purchase order request dated August 20, 2008 for \$750.51 to Grainger for supplies for Centerville Mills Park.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Dominion East Ohio, dated August 15, 2008. RE: Gas Rate Increase.

Letter from Resident, dated August 12, 2008. RE: Pooling of water at an area fronting the residence at 8725 Lake Forest Trail.

Letter from the Geauga County Planning Commission, dated August 13, 2008. RE: Potential JEDD between Bainbridge Township and Aurora and legislation becoming effective September 23, 2008 regarding areas zoned for residential use within a JEDD.

Notice from the Ohio Township Association, dated August 22, 2008. RE: Townships now having the power to zone for general welfare purposes, including for residential development.

CHECKS DATED 8-21-2008 THROUGH 8-22-2008

141-2008 The trustees reviewed and Mr. Lynch moved to approve: Checks dated 8-21-2008 through 8-22-2008, numbered 11666 and 11753 through 11774 and payroll for the period ending 8-15-2008.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion.

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

Trustee White stated her objection to approving checks 11666 and 11774 because she objects to the invoices for check 11666 having been originally sent to the home of Parks Manager Bob Ford. Mr. Lynch concurred with the objection but stated we nonetheless have to pay for the work, which all agreed had been done on township property.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, Ms. White moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 P.M.

Mr. Lynch seconded the motion that passed unanimously.