

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on September 8, 2008. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J. D. Lynch and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Sandra M. Cloninger. Mr. Markley arrived at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lynch moved that the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees go into executive session to discuss the compensation of public employees.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Lynch, aye; Ms. White, aye.

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 6:40 P.M. in order to go into executive session to discuss the compensation of public employees.

The trustees returned from executive session after discussing the compensation of public employees and reconvened their meeting at 7:02 P.M.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Centerville Mills Park Manager Dave Mitchell gave the August, 2008 report.

Fiscal Officer Sandra Cloninger reported on Township Finances as of August 31, 2008.

TRUSTEES CORNER

Rental Policy

Trustee White raised a question as to whether businesses are allowed to rent space in the Town Hall or Burns-Lindow buildings and presented a list of items to be added to the reservation policy approved July 28, 2008.

Trustee Lynch said that it would be a good idea to revisit and standardize the policies and that he wanted to study the additional policy proposal. He added that Trustee White's concerns point out the need to have someone at Town Hall to make decisions on these things.

Trustee Markley commented that basic rules need to be recognized regarding residency requirements, security deposits, avoidance of damage, and clean-up.

142-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to allow the Case Western University book club to be extended additional time for payment of rent for the Burns-Lindow Building.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Lynch asked Trustee Markley his reason for abstaining from the vote on the Restland Cemetery Invoice from Clemson Excavating during the August 25, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Markley replied that he has no relationship with Clemson Excavating but that he abstained in deference to the Board's concerns about his relationship with Chagrin Valley Engineering. Chagrin Valley Engineering is providing engineering services for the Restland project.

A discussion ensued during which Mr. Lynch questioned Mr. Markley about his understanding of the January, 2008 County Prosecutor's instructions about refraining from discussions, negotiations and conversations with regard to Chagrin Valley Engineering. Mr. Lynch said he was concerned that the instructions applied not simply to participation during formal Board meetings but also extended to whatever other activities might be carried on as trustee outside an official meeting, including involvement with their invoices or contacting Chagrin Valley Engineering for clarification.

Mr. Markley replied that he did not believe that sort of activity was addressed in January and it had not crossed his mind. He volunteered to bring his records to the next Board of Trustees meeting.

TOWN HALL

NEW BUSINESS

ENGLISH DRIVE GAS WELL

The trustees discussed correspondence regarding the explosion resulting from intrusion of natural gas into the aquifer in the English Drive area and plans to possibly install a water line to the affected area. A letter from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources dated August 29, 2008 will be made available at the Town Hall front desk. It contains an executive summary of the incident and a list of next steps and recommendations.

Mr. Lynch agreed to draft a letter to the Sanitary Engineer and the County Commissioners requesting that the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees be included on discussions of the solution to the water and waterline problem.

143-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve 356 hours of sick leave carryover for Zoning Inspector Mike Joyce, which represents 50% of unused time accumulated for service at Chester Township. It is noted for the record that Mr. Joyce is still subject to a credit for a maximum of 240 hours accumulated sick leave time upon retirement, pursuant to Bainbridge Township Policy.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

144-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve an increase in the hourly rate from \$10 to \$13 for Part-time employee Valerie Mariola per the recommendation of Road Superintendent Alan Halko.

Mr. Markley asked to amend the motion to include an understanding that the job description would be updated to reflect new and increased responsibilities.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion and the vote to approve it as amended was unanimous.

POSTAGE

145-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve \$1000 postage to be uploaded to the postage machine.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Park Board Member David Jones spoke about an Eagle Scout project that needed to move forward and it was agreed to ask the Scout to come to a Park Board meeting to discuss how to go about finishing the project.

TOWN HALL REMODELING

Trustee Lynch said that Architect Steve Ciciretto had suggested that people now using Town Hall make their needs known to him. Mr. Lynch asked Trustee White to make the drawings available at Town Hall and asked for input within the next 30 days.

FEE WAIVER REQUEST

The trustees were in agreement that the Kenston Marching Band was not required to obtain a transient vendor permit to solicit donations door to door for an October 11th fundraising event. Mr. Lynch requested that they write a letter to the Board acknowledging the arrangement and to send a copy to the Chief of Police so that Police will know that the band members will be going door-to-door.

146-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve a purchase order request for \$990 to McPhillips Plumbing, Heating & Cooling for a new water heater at Town Hall. \$690 for the heater and \$200 - \$300 for installation.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

POLICE

147-2008 Mr. Lynch moved per the recommendation of Police Chief James Jimison, the designation of Ryan Patete as a part-time Grade B patrolman at an hourly rate of \$15.93.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

148-2008 Mr. Lynch moved per the recommendation of Police Chief James Jimison, the designation of Ian Beckford as a part-time Grade C patrolman at an hourly rate of \$14.33.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Police Department Well

The trustees agreed to have Shane Wrench, Assistant Zoning Inspector contact Fredabaugh to drill out the obstruction at the Police Department well so that he can proceed with required testing of the water.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

149-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve a Professional Training & Travel Request for Joe Minute to attend a seminar at Executive Caterers on current development in caring for older adults with COPD or hypertension at a cost of \$75 for registration.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

150-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve a purchase order request in the amount of \$73,000 to Pavement Technology, Inc. for Asphalt Maintenance Seal of various township roads per the August 20, 2008 contract.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PARKS

151-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to proceed with advertising for the new Property Superintendent position to start in next week's newspaper editions.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

152-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve park rental rate increases for baseball and soccer fields and the pavilion in accordance with the Park Board memo dated August 21, 2008.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Gil Myers questioned the trustees about the decision to reconstruct Savage Road, about who was responsible for deciding the scope of the work and about whether the work has been appropriate to the needs of the project. He expressed concern that the improvements would result in increased traffic on Chagrin Road to 306. He questioned the road safety issue as a basis for the decision, stating that his research has shown that there have been only 20 accidents on Savage Road in 20 years, with 8 of them being in the last five years. He expressed his frustration with the project in light of the fact that many people have moved to the township to enjoy the rural atmosphere.

Trustee White stated that she understood that the road was dangerous because it was off center and narrow, with deep ditches on the sides.

Mr. Markley stated that he had not been involved in the county engineer's decision-making process and was thus ill-equipped to comment on whether the scope was appropriate. He also commented on the lack of community input during the decision process.

Trustee Lynch stated that the trustees rely on the recommendations of the Road Department Superintendent as a professional familiar with road conditions and requirements.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated August 25, 2008 from Timothy J. Grendell, State Senator, 18th District inviting 18th District Elected Officials to a meeting September 16, 2008 for a discussion of the current status of the law regarding oil and gas drilling and how it has affected Northeast Ohio.

Letter from Geauga Soil & Water Conservation - 2 site inspection reports.

Letter from Geauga County Veterans Memorial Inc. dated September 5, 2008 requesting a donation for the community trees at the memorial, which is under construction.

The trustees acknowledged receipt of the August 6, 2008 Park Board Minutes and the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated June 19, 2008 and July 17, 2008.

CHECKS DATED 9-02-2008 TO 9-05-2008

153-2008 The trustees reviewed and Mr. Lynch moved to approve: Checks dated 9-02-2008 through 9-05-2008, numbered 11780 through 11831, except 11815 which was held back for further review. (Checks 11778 and 11779 were previously reviewed and signed on an emergency basis.) Payroll dated 9-5-08 for the period ending 8-29-08.

Ms. White seconded the motion.

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

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 10:17 P.M.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.