

YORK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

March 22, 2007

Chairman Jane Weiland called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Monroe, second by Conley to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2007 regular meeting, March 1, 2007 public hearing and March 14, 2007 special meeting. Roll: Monroe, yes; Conley, yes; Weiland, yes.

Visitors:

- Kim Lucas, Medina Library – Kim discussed the replacement levy the Library has on the May ballot. Approximately 40-50% of their funding comes from local funding. The Buckeye branch has been open for one year and has had over 47,000 people through the doors and 167,000 items checked out. The branch is only open 35 hours per week. She is asking for our continued support for the library. She also asked for a resolution in support. The Board has committed to adding another day for the library to be open if the levy passes.
- Tracy Mattern/Ken Barco, Buckeye School Board – Tracy and Ken were present to discuss the school. The Board has made a commitment to get information to the community. They relayed the message on the dire need for funding. They have cut staff to the state minimums, but are being forced to do some hiring to comply with state mandates. After 8 straight operating losses, they are now attempting a 1% Earned Income Tax on the May ballot. They explained what it relates to and that it is equivalent to a 6.95 mill property tax in revenue for them. The tax would be deducted from your paycheck by your employer. They made a point of explaining that it is not the total income tax where your pensions and interest income would be taxed. This is a new option that has only been out about two years. The Board hopes that the residents will support this as they feel it is a more fair way to tax the community. They asked if we would pass a resolution supporting education in the Buckeye District.

Moved by Conley, second by Monroe to table passing any resolution until next month so the resolutions can be reviewed. Roll: Conley, yes; Monroe, yes; Weiland, yes.

- Ben Cavey, Shale Creek – Submitted site plans for review for the club house with a canopy on the side. Ben wondered about the status. Colene stated the amendment to the zoning code was approved last month and will go into effect in 30 days which is Saturday. Once the plat is filed, permits can be issued. Ben also asked about an amended permit.

REPORTS:

Zoning:

- Colene gave an abbreviated report since Dorothy Crouch was absent due to a family illness.
- Pat Rakoci called regarding marking out additional lots to be platted in the Noble area. They are marked on paper, but not filed and platted.

Fire:

- Chief Barrett gave the February thru March 15th report. He gave the number of various types of calls.

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- The Department is in the process of getting the final information needed to bring the staff over. There are many other administrative procedures in the process. I have submitted a budget to you for review.
- This past Monday we had ice training with Medina Township.
- Two grants have been submitted for the department. There is another grant that was to be opened March 5th, but it has not opened yet. Ken will apply for two federal grants – one for equipment and one for a new engine.
- Ken was asked how they recruit new people. Ken explained they could come up any Monday evening and we would be happy to go through the process with them.

Trustees:

Colene Conley:

- Would like to set up a meeting on Monday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. to sign the plat.
- Wolff/Lester tree – a branch sticking out obstructing the view. Colene will speak with him regarding trimming it or hiring American Tree.
- Colene asked about the double chevrons on Lester Road in the curve by the old Lester Dam. Jane stated that they are up.
- Colene spoke with Scott Beriswell regarding insurance coverage's.
- Colene spoke with Chris at LifeForce regarding people who are receiving checks from the insurance company and are not forwarding it to us. Bev will get an updated list of those involved and follow the procedure set at the March 14th special meeting.
- Jim Miller has agreed to help work on the grant information. Frank Schmidt will also help. The grant needs to be submitted in early May.
- I went to the Liverpool Township meeting Tuesday night regarding the Columbia and Abbeyville intersection due to poor visibility during a recent snow storm. Liverpool agreed to put up a street light.
- I contacted Darrel Kent to survey the Spieth Road area by Station where we are losing some of the berm.
- What day would you like to go with the Co. Engineer's Office for the road review? They would like it to be Good Friday, April 6th.
- I'm ok with what Mr. Allen has given us on the flags. Jane then filled in the information on the addition of a few additional flags and some repair parts. The estimate is approximately \$354.

Moved by Conley, second by Monroe to approve the purchase of the flags and needed parts. Roll: Conley, yes; Monroe, yes; Weiland, yes.

- What are we doing with the township cleanup? Jane said that Dorothy told her that Earl Kanzeg has attempted to get into compliance with his zoning violations. Colene will check with him to be sure May 12th is still open for us.
- CEDA Agreement with Medina City – When it was originally started, there were several properties linked together. We met with the new Economic Developer last week.
- We received a letter from the Sheriff regarding roadside cleanup. Bev is to send a letter to him to add us to his schedule.
- We also received a letter from NOACA regarding the Marks and Smith Road paving projects.

Rick Monroe:

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- We had an area on S.R. 57 flood at the beginning of the month where a car went through and got stuck. I have spoken with ODOT and there are no plans to make major improvements in the near future. The state did have high water signs up.
- I went to Hinckley for an all day seminar on pruning trees. It was very good. The speaker would be willing to come to our township to help us free of charge. He needs an approximate 6 weeks notice.
- We met with the Co. Engineer to discuss the Lester Road box culvert replacement of an approximate cost of \$110,000. There is a possibility of getting Issue I money which would cover approximately 80% of the project. We would apply this year and be notified next year.
- I received a quote from Treehouse Landscaping for our lawn maintenance for the year and trimming of the shrubs twice during the year. They did the work last year. It would include the Branch and Mallet Creek Cemeteries, Complex and S.R. 18 property. The quote remains the same as last year at \$15,900.

Moved by Monroe, second by Weiland to hire Treehouse Landscaping again this year at the same cost of \$15,900. Roll: Monroe, yes; Weiland, yes; Conley, yes.

- I would like to invite the Board of Education to the mock crash on Friday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the H.S. stadium. Ken and Tracy will inform the other Board members.

Jane Weiland:

- Lester Road – Dan Becker, Co. Engineer's Office was out to review the box culvert again. It is doing what it did last time when we added bags of quik crete. His suggestion is to add more bags of quik crete (5 – 6 bags); little bit of stone and trenching on the berm area so the water doesn't keep washing the berm away. The hole that is there seems to be holding up rather well and doesn't seem to be deteriorating too fast. We will keep an eye on it.
 - Dan has the packet started for the Issue I application. He would like the easements signed now so they can go with packet.
 - There was also a question regarding guardrail by the old Lester Dam. Dan Becker suggested the trustees look at it and if we desire, have that portion added to the application for Issue I also. It was agreed that would be a good thing.
- Stone Road (7518 and 7502) – drive pipe clogs creating water issues. Jane sent them letters and they are taking care of the issue.
- Jane has a couple of other issues on Stone Road with private culverts. Mr. Matowitz will either need to remove or fix the old farm drive culvert. Mr. Turner also has a culvert problem. Dan Becker checked both of those with Jane also.
- Mr. Weiland and Jane took the old shingles off the back of the mausoleum. Bev has volunteered the use of a trailer to haul the lumber away. The floor will then be an issue with approximately a 2' drop under the wooden floors. We will need to fill in the hole so grass can be planted. Jane will contact Tom Croston when it's ready for the dirt.
- I called the Gazette today to let them know to put in the information about removing the cemetery decorations by April 6th. There was discussion regarding Easter decorations.
- When can we have newsletter information in? We need to start right after Easter so the information needs to get in by then.

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- Jane asked Tom about the deer crossing signs. Tom said they would go up tomorrow.
- The campus plan meeting will be next week so a questionnaire can be put together for the newsletter. Mr. Heaton from the Park District came out to give some ideas.
- Jane brought samples of the letters for the sign which are very bad. A box of 300 letters and numbers is \$78 including shipping. There are a few that are salvageable.

Moved by Weiland, second by Monroe to purchase a box of letters at a cost of \$78. Roll: Weiland, yes; Monroe, yes; Conley, yes.

- There are poles to an old tent in the shed at the cemetery. Does anyone have a use or can I have D & L Recycling to pick them up? A suggestion was letting Earl Kanzeg have them. There was discussion regarding whether it was worthwhile due to the cost of gas.

Clerk:

Moved by Conley, second by Monroe to approve the financial reports as presented for February 2007 – fund summary, revenue status and appropriation status. Roll: Conley, yes; Monroe, yes; Weiland, yes.

Moved by Conley, second by Monroe to amend appropriations as follows:

Zoning Fund:	Purchased Services		\$325
Fire Fund: Fire Protection:			
	Fringe Benefits	450	
	Purchased Services	<u>3,148</u>	<u>3,598</u>
	Total:		<u>\$3,923</u>

Roll: Conley, yes; Monroe, yes; Weiland, yes.

Moved by Monroe, second by Conley to approve the 2007 Sheriff Dispatch Fees of \$6,289. Roll: Monroe, yes; Conley, yes; Weiland, yes.

Correspondence:

ODOT – NE Ohio Snow & Ice Workshop
LifeForce – Annual Report
Ohio Township Assoc. – OTARMA Info
Medina Co. Sheriff – Roadside Cleanup
Frank Gates – Merger Info
OPERS – Voluntary Focus Groups
Medina Co. Historical Society – March/April Newsletter
Medina Co. Planning Services – Comprehensive Grant Plan Info
Medina Co. Board of Elections – May Election Setup
Medina Co. Treasurer – Tax Rates for 2006
OPERS – GASB Statement Updates
NE Ohio Twp. Assoc. – March 29th Meeting
NOACA – Marks and Smith Road Projects
NEO/SO – General Info

Comments:

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- There will be a special meeting with Chief Ken Barrett to review the budget at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26th.
- Colene called Earl Kanzeg and he has May 12th open to do the township cleanup from 8:00 – 4:00. We will do oil pickup again. We will not take tires.
- Norm Hinman was over to measure the fire engine that was the first truck Erhart had. The Historical Society is investigating building a roof-type shed to store it in.
- Tracy Mattern and Ken Barco were asked about the Lester Road house and told the audience that it is for sale for \$244,900 and is approximately 2-3/4 acres.

Moved by Conley, second by Monroe to approve the purchase orders and payment of the payroll and bills (Item A). Roll: Conley, yes; Monroe, yes; Weiland, yes.

Moved by Conley, second by Weiland to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Roll: Conley, yes; Weiland, yes; Monroe, yes.

Jane Weiland, Chairman

Beverly Fry, Fiscal Officer