

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 705 Oakwood Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on August 18, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Robert A. Cherry. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Robert A. Cherry, Hank T. Gibson, and Pat Artz; Fiscal Officer Kelly Rich; Department Heads Stan Zdanczewski, Steve Bosso and Jim DiPaola. There were no residents in attendance.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve the minutes of July 21, 2009 regular meeting and the minutes of the special meeting of July 29, 2009. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Cherry announced that the Correspondence Book was available for viewing.

The financial reports were viewed by the Trustees from the July 21, 2009 meeting and found to be in order.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve payroll (July 29 & August 14, 2009) in the amount of \$78,382.39 and vouchers in the amount of \$90,292.78. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRUSTEES

Trustee Gibson stated Assistant Police Chief Dean Tondiglia, of Kent State Police Department, contacted him regarding FireCom; he will have definitive answers but he needs commitment and intent from our clients that remain a part of Firecom to determine accurate proposal and answers; Trustee Gibson has heard that it is likely Hiram Village will be withdrawing as one of our clients, although there has been no action to indicate as of yet. The Board will wait for this response as indicated in two weeks.

FISCAL OFFICER

The Fiscal Officer advised the second draw has been received for the second half of apportionments of taxes these funds have been posted to the financials as of August 18, 2009; there has been a slight increase of delinquent taxes; however the true picture of the economic hardship will not truly show until next year.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Stan contacted R & R Sanitation to determine the dates for the fall-drop it is determined that they can provide containers for October 3rd, 2009; Trustee Cherry moved, seconded by Pat Artz to schedule the 2009 fall-drop off for the above mentioned date. Stan will contact Portage County Solid Waste to see if they will provide the containers for tires and scrap metal as they have in the past. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Robert Cherry to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$609.00 to American Solutions for Business for the purchase of 1000 EMS run reports. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Robert Cherry to remove part-time FF Shawn Roland from the payroll effective immediately; he has not scheduled hours according to the contract; he is full-time at another municipality. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Jim stated he has had many complaints, most of the complaints are homes that have been abandoned or in foreclosure due to these turbulent economic times. Jim recently had a meeting with Troy Loomis the code enforcer from Kent he informed Jim of the "MERS" technology (mortgage electronic registration system) it is beneficial and easy to utilize and it is free to government municipalities, it provides current information on these complaints such as mortgage information and other pertinent information relating to contacting the responsible parties.

Jim indicated to the Board the Roesenjack property has had many status hearings and the next one is scheduled in October; the mobile trailer located on the Calhoun property on Richardson is with the Prosecutor for processing; King's On-Line Motor Cars located on State Route 59 falls under the previous zoning appeals and it has been determined they never applied for a conditional usage permit to sell or repair automobiles.

A motion by Pat Artz, seconded by Robert Cherry to donate ten (10) TA hours to Portage County Regional Planning for the work on the new subdivision regulations. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Artz mentioned that Richard Rufener's term had concluded in July and due to other obligations he would not return for another term; he was pleased with the direction of the zoning department and the new code.

NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEES

Trustee Cherry asked Jim to research the information in the Meers technology for the dwelling located across from the Township building owned by Michael Gillan; this resident has approached the Township that he wants to sell this property and knows we were interested some time ago. Once Jim retrieves this information, he will forward to Trustee Cherry and he will then proceed to speak to him about what he is interested in. The board agreed to this.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to enter into the five (5) year contract with Beck Energy for a portion of the revenue generated by the oil wells located within the Township in various locations in Blackhorse. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

FISCAL OFFICER

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$23,027.00 this includes a discount in the amount of \$1,770.00 to Love Insurance for liability coverage from August 20, 2009 through August 20, 2010. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Gibson wanted to discuss some striping on some of the Township Roads especially Hommon and any that have faded and are hard to see, Trustee Cherry directed Stan to contact some companies for this service; Stan stated he would contact Perrin Asphalt as he was satisfied with their previous work and obtain quotes.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Robert Cherry to approve the July 2009 bank reconciliation as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to approve a transfer in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Zoning Department currently the balance is \$3,933.22 this is for bills and payroll hopefully to year end. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies to the County Budget Commission for 2010. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Robert Cherry to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. Roll call: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. The R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

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