

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 6381 SPRING STREET; PROPERTY OWNER MICHAEL THOMAS; PARCEL ##29-308-20-00-040-000

The public hearing was opened at 6:30 p.m., by Trustee Hank T. Gibson with the following members present: Trustee Gibson and Coia; Fiscal Officer Rich; Zoning Inspector DiPaola and property owners Michael and Nicole Thomas. Mr. Thomas resides in the property located at the back portion of the property with the two front structures being vacant and have been deemed unsafe and uninhabitable, Mr. Thomas concurs these vacant structures need to be demolished however due to loss of employment and economic conditions he can't pay the back taxes owed or the demolition costs to remove these structures or support any renovations even to the structure he currently lives in with his family. He was asking what or if anything can be done the two structures are still connected to sewer and gas; the sewer can't be capped off until they are demolished. The Zoning Inspector advised them that the funds at NDS can be used for this demolition, however the expense incurred would be applied to their tax duplicate in the event the property is sold or vacated we would redeem our revenue expended on this demolition. The Fiscal Officer explained that there is assistance out there and even if they were told no before, there may be aid or opportunities that weren't available before due to their decline in finances and family size. Inspector DiPaola explained NDS would be receiving more funds after September to reach out to them for assistance in the home they are residing in.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:53 p.m., by Trustee Hank T. Gibson.

REGULAR MEETING

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 3, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Vice Chairman Hank T. Gibson. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Hank T. Gibson and Vince Coia; Fiscal Officer Kelly Rich; Department Heads Stan Zdanczewski and Jim DiPaola. Residents Brandon Hayes of 3608 Merrilyn Road; Billy William of 6376 Bridge Strret; Greg Miller of 6382 Bridge Street; Valerie Andrew of 6698 Peck Road; Jettie Slater of 6700 Peck Road and Richard Schaack of 822 Cleveland.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 regular meeting and the July 29, 2010 special meeting. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

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

The financial reports were viewed by the Trustees from the July 20, 2010 meeting and found to be in order.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve payroll (July 30, 2010) in the amount of \$36,169.29, and vouchers from July 26, 2010 in the amount of \$29,240.03 and (August 3, 2010) \$534.95 with vouchers over \$1,000.00 being read for approval. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRUSTEES

Trustee Gibson raised the question to inspector DiPaola about Reverend Kendrick's problem concerning the property on Blake Street that he purchased last year the sewer had not been capped after a demolition on the property and wants the Township to reimburse the assessments on his sewer bill, the Inspector cannot find the demolition permits or the contractor who tore the structures down and has contacted NDS to see if they have any records on this property. The Inspector will advise the Board and Mr. Kendrick of any information he obtains.

FISCAL OFFICER

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to send the following EMS collections from In-house collections to Capital Recovery for collections: ULMMIC \$470.00; UPSVAL01 \$570.00; VANJES \$570.00; WHYTHO \$362.00; WILBRI \$470.00; WESTOM \$470.00; XAVCOR \$570.00; YOUNIC \$740.00 and YAKMAT \$570.00. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Stan advised the Board that the County has completed two (2) roads (Lake and Hattrick) with the chip & seal.

Stan stated brush chipping will be suspended until next week or so until they can complete the hot patching although he will get the large piles of brush in the next few days, one of them being the pile

left behind on Roselawn by Ohio Edison last week; Stan will keep track of labor and maintenance to prepare an invoice for the Prosecutor to submit to Ohio Edison to try to recover some of the expense incurred from this pile of brush.

Resident Greg Miller of 6382 Bridge Street wanted to ask Stan if there was anything he could do because the ditches are lower than the culverts skimming doesn't alleviate this problem; Stan stated he would bring some grindings to fill in and see if that helps the problem, the resident agreed and hope this would remedy the situation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Bosso was excused so there was no business brought up to the Board.

Motions by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to have the Fire Chief begin immediately punching in and out on the time clock the same as the entire Fire Department. Also to forward the time card to Trustee Gibson with the other time sheets for perusal. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

Captain Collins asked the Fiscal Officer to ask the Board to consider giving him a few extra holidays (vacation days) since he had to switch shifts due to Captain Goodwin leaving he will be working the majority of his holidays. Trustee Gibson stated if they do it for one employee they have to continue this practice. R/C: Mr. Coia, no; Mr. Gibson, no. Motion failed.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Inspector DiPaola went over the zoning report for the Board the report is as follows: eight (8) zoning certificates; \$500.00 in fees collected; four (4) complaints closed; no hearing scheduled for BZA at this time and the zoning commission has a work session scheduled for August 9, 2010.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to proceed under O.R.C 505.86 to have two (2) unsafe structures at 6381 Spring Street, Ravenna Township, Ohio removed by a contractor chosen by Ravenna Township Trustees. All costs related to removal of the structures and disconnection of utilities will be collected by authorizing the Ravenna Township Fiscal Officer to certify the costs, together with the proper description of the lands, to the Portage County Auditor who shall place all costs incurred on the tax duplicate as allowed by the O.R.C. 505.86(C),(1). R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEES

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to retain Attorney Murdock for the purpose of contract negotiations with the part-time union. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to execute a Sourcing Office Affiliate Agreement that will include Ravenna Township with the Sourcing Office to save time and money. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Coia addressed the Board and Stan about possibly allowing the Sheriff Department to rent out a portion of the building located at 6551 Cleveland Road property. Stan stated he could move his equipment around to make room if the Board wishes. Fiscal Officer Rich asked for a list of the equipment to determine if our insurance would be liable if the property succumbed to a fire or damage or the Sheriff Department would be responsible. Trustee Coia will provide a list after he contacts Jim Acklin for more information.

FISCAL OFFICER

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve the advance of \$50,000.00 from #1000 general to the #2111 fire due to cash balance being negative due to expenditures of July 26, 2010. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to rescind PO #112-2009 to Jerry Cross – Auctioneer this was approved for the house across the street from the garage and the township is no longer interested in this property. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve the July 2010 bank reconciliation as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

The Fiscal Officer advised the Board she will set a committee meeting in the coming weeks for the medical portion of the employee benefits as the renewal is November 1, 2010; each department will be advised to send at least one representative.

AUDIENCE

Brandon Hayes of 3608 Merrilyn Road was present to inform the Board that the house on the corner of Merrilyn and Cleveland filled in the back yard swamp area which now creates flooding over the

road, it never dries up, and in the winter it is ice, Stan verified this and has even had to get a township truck towed out from the ditch due to the ice. Stan stated Water Resources wants to meet a Trustee and the Prosecutor out at this area to determine if any legal action is warranted. Stan would coordinate and notify all parties when to be at the site.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Miller of Bridge Street were present to make the Board aware of the parking problems on Bridge Street because of the garage and the cars they work on are all along the sides of the road. Inspector DiPaola said he would research the zoning code to determine what can be done currently.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to place no parking anytime signs along the side of the road from state route 59 to Ash Street. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

Valerie Andrews and Jettie Slater were present to ask Trustee Artz what the Health Department is going to do about the duplex (6712 & 6714) Peck Road they constantly burn furniture and mattresses, and there is a smell from garbage. However, Trustee Artz was not present; The Fiscal Officer explained she would be back on Thursday and to call her on Friday or Monday as she was going to contact the Health Department to determine what needs to be done. The Fiscal Officer also told these residents to contact the Fire Department immediately if they are burning these items and the Inspector stated he would get the number to Akron Air Quality, they can sanction fines for this behavior.

Mr. Schaack was present to ask the Board for assistance in cutting down a portion of the tree that road department has already removed some of the branches at his request, he believes that if this tree comes down it will destroy the Salvation Army. The Board concurred there is no money in our budget to assist with this and the road department is not in the tree cutting business, he would have to look for other resources.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. Roll call: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. The motion passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

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