

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Ravenna Township Fire Department, 6115 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on December 1, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Robert A. Cherry. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed by all present. 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. Several audience members were present for the swearing in of the Fire Fighters. Sworn in was Ken Blughbaugh, to the full-time ranks; with Ryan Lefheit, Jeffrey Hall and Tierney Rueher as new part-time fire fighters. Judge Oswick officiated the ceremony.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009 regular meeting. 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 November 17, 2009 meeting and found to be in order.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to approve payroll in the amount of \$33,833.96 from December 4, 2009 and vouchers in the amount of \$54,223.00 from November 30, 2009 with vouchers over \$1,000.00 being read for approval. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **TRUSTEES**

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to discontinue Life and AD & D insurance coverage for full-time employees provided through Anthem Insurance effective December 1, 2009. 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 Life and AD & D coverage through Mutual of Omaha for all eligible employees effective 12-01-2009. Purchase order amounts were approved prior November 3, 2009. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to rescind resolution 09-296 approved November 3, 2009 for a PO in the amount of \$700.00 to Love Insurance; and to approve the new amount of \$1,000.00 for part-time FF insurance for 9-22-2009 through December 1, 2009. This coverage was cancelled and this is the final payment for coverage. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER**

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$680.25 for motor and blower for the heating unit for the Administrative Office and Stan's Office. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to forward the following EMS accounts to in-house collections due to Life Force being unable to collect: FERCEO \$470.00; CANKEV \$470.00; GEIMEG \$570.00; MANWIL \$570.00 and RUSJOH \$520.00. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to write-off the following EMS account due to Life Force being unable to collect: STRLIB \$570.00. 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 terms described below regarding Pete Anders and repayment for paramedic school. Pete agrees to pay a total of \$1,900.00 of the original amount of \$2,200.00 in nineteen monthly increments of \$100.00 to begin December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. He is allowed a fifteen day grace period, however if he fails to comply with this schedule as agreed he will repay \$2,200.00 and Ravenna Township will proceed to obtain payment through garnishment process. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, no. Motion passed.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Stan stated the department is running smoothly, the crew and equipment are ready for inclement weather. The residents have slowed down on placing leaves out for pick-up; Stan noticed there is brush out for pick up, once the leaves are done he will make another attempt to pick-up the brush. Stan submitted a letter to the board regarding his intent to retire as of December 31, 2009, although he intends to retire he has asked the board to consider reemploying him after his retirement on a one year term basis. He submitted in writing some concessions for the board to evaluate while making their decision. The board asked to table this subject matter to the December 15, 2009 meeting where they will discuss and decide at this time.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to accept Jim Rhinehart's request to cash out (2) two weeks of vacation at his current hourly rate of \$19.18; currently he has 118.28 hours. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, no; Mrs. Artz, Yes. Motion passed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Trustee Cherry asked Chief Bosso if there have been any new developments with Trumbull 911; Steve stated both sides are busy with items that need to be addressed prior to the transition. Trustee Gibson stated he contacted a Trustee from Deerfield to notify them they must fulfill the 120 day clause of the contract and they are responsible to provide payment until that date regardless when they discontinue service. Gibson asked Chris Meduri to write a letter to that affect to Deerfield Trustees.

Steve notified the board of Santa's trip around the township, it will begin at 4:00 p.m., on December 13, 2009.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT**

Jim advised the board that the property on State route 59 belonging to the Rosenjack's has settled out of court with Pruitt.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to accept Vince Coia's resignation from the Zoning Commission, due to his future obligations. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, Yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$6,656.45/\$1,664.11 for the 2010 community dues. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, Yes. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TRUSTEES**

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to accept the certified road mileage for 2009; estimated township mileage is 26.456 miles.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to reimburse Brady Lake Village the amount of \$1,000.00; they made final payment for the med unit in the amount of \$6,000.00 along with two previous payments of \$2,000.00. They only owed a total of \$9,000.00.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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