

The Ravenna Township Trustees met in regular session in the public meeting room 6115 S. Spring Street, June 7, 2011.

Chairman Hank T. Gibson opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with the Fiscal Officer calling the roll. Present: Trustees Hank T. Gibson, Vince Coia, Pat Artz, absent, Fiscal Officer Kelly Rich with Becky Carter taking minutes of the meeting, Department Heads: Steve Bosso, Darrell Stephens and Jim DiPaola. The correspondence book was on the counter for inspection. The Financial reports were reviewed by the Trustees from the May 17, 2011 meeting all in order.

Trustee Coia so moved, Trustee Gibson seconded to approve accounting vouchers of June 6, 2011 in the amount of \$8091.68 with no payroll, all bills over \$1,000.00 were read aloud. Roll Call: Mr Coia Yes, Mr Gibson Yes, Mrs Artz absent. Motion Passed.

Trustees Business:

Trustees Gibson and Coia addressed the Township Flag Pole incident (man climbed up, was forced down). This is a safety hazard and liability to the township. Trustee Gibson contacted a fencing company about putting up a fence, Trustee Coia suggested covering over the bottom portion of the structure making the reach too high for someone to climb. The structure needs checked for its soundness as it has not been checked since the 1990's. This business was tabled at this time.

There have been NO door-to-door trash bids received to date.

Becky Carter, Storm Water Representative for the Township reported reading the proposal from JGD Associates regarding handling our oil and gas pollution prevention regulations and reporting. Ravenna Township reports spills as they happen to our Soil and Water Conservation Department to comply with our reporting. We are a member of the Portage County Storm Water Task Force who reports for us. Becky felt this was just a sales tactic and Ravenna Township is covered by the county and this detailed accounting is over and above our needs and budget. Both Trustees felt this was not needed.

Ryan Markham of Quality IP and Suzi Daily-Daniell of A T & T were present to discuss the conversion of the AT&T accounts to an AT&T Flex Reach product with a combination of a new Cisco phone system. This system would cost us about \$11,200.00 with a 3-year no-interest loan program which will provide us all new phones, one new fax line. The AT&T savings would be about \$600.00 per month to bundle all our services together. Quality IP will install the items and will work out a new payment contract for next year which will include the phone maintenance.

Trustee Coia so moved, Trustee Gibson seconded to switch to the AT&T Flex Reach program as explained above. Roll Call: Mr Coia Yes, Mr Gibson Yes, Mrs Artz Absent. Motion Passed.

Trustee Coia so moved, Trustee Gibson seconded to purchase the new Cisco phone system mentioned above. Roll Call: Mr Coia Yes, Mr Gibson Yes, Mrs Artz Absent. Motion Passed

Trustees and Zoning Inspector discussed the Tim Apel and Village Estates issues on the flooding. Jim mentioned there might be some mitigation funds available for this but the current flooded spaces would then have to remain green with no mobile homes on them. This would possibly be a water relocation situation which would involve many entities to complete. No decisions made.

Department Reports:

Road Department: Road Superintendent Stephens reported the Issue 2 OPWC grant proposal was delivered before the June 3 deadline. A culvert on Herriff was put in. The Terrill Road flooding was handled. Dawley Road will get a culvert replacement soon. The roadside mower needs parts, then mowing can begin. Trustee Coia mentioned Brandon has been with us for three years as a part-timer but they are not consecutive. Discussion was personnel policy stated 3 consecutive years in order to get holiday pay. He also mentioned there are many properties that will need mowed and thinks a brush hog is needed for this and other use. The Bobcat is equipped for the hook up. This will be investigated. Darrell mentioned safety training will begin soon.

Fire Department: Chief Bosso reported Justin Lown has resigned to accept a position in Columbus, he will get his 10-year pin before he leaves on June 24, 2011. Chief also reported a new hire of Connor Sessions as a part time firefighter paramedic. He has passed all background checks, etc., will start at a rate of pay of \$11.50 per hour. Chief explained his payroll has been in line even with vacations and holiday pay. There will be one more new hire next meeting if all

reports come in satisfactorily. Mr Coia asked if the Brimfield Township situation on paying for the use of the towers for emergency calls. Chief stated he believes yes, they were billed and will remove \$400.00 for this 1 year agreement. Palmyra Township should be offered the same reduction in fees. All other users have paid. The fire house was very neat and clean for the tour.

Trustee Gibson moved with regret accepting Justin Lown's resignation as of June 24, 2011, Trustee Coia seconded. Roll Call: Mr Coia Yes, Mr Gibson Yes, Mrs Artz absent. Motion Passed.

Trustee Gibson so moved, Trustee Coia seconded to hire Connor Sessions as a part time firefighter paramedic at a rate of \$11.50 per hour effective today. He is on a one year probation period as of today. Roll Call: Mr Coia Yes, Mr Gibson Yes, Mrs Artz Absent. Motion Passed.

Zoning Department: Zoning Inspector DiPaola reported issuing 2 permits and collected fees of \$600.00 in May. The Cliff Drive property owner was in court for not correcting his zoning violation. He has agreed to have the in-operable vehicle fixed or removed and the property cleaned up by August 1, 2011 or fines will be re-applied from the date of the original violation. No appeals have been filed on 6246 Wall Street or 6882 Cleveland Road. Wall Street will be cleaned by June 30, 2011 for \$5,800.00 and Cleveland Road July 14, 2011 for \$8,000.00. Zoning Inspector suggested sending Zoning Citation 2011COMP01 to the Prosecutor for enforcement.

Trustee Coia so moved, Trustee Gibson seconded to send Zoning Citation 2011COMP01 to the Prosecutor. Roll Call: Mr Coia Yes, Mr Gibson Yes, Mrs Artz Absent. Motion Passed.

Zoning Inspector reported Sherri Meduri did not pick up her certified letter on the condition of her property. The Prosecutor suggested and Jim did put a notice in the paper and sent the letter by regular mail in hopes she would accept it. Jim wants to contact the Health and Building Departments on this matter. Zoning Inspector Jim reported a resolution is needed to place a moratorium on Internet Cafes in Ravenna Township until March 1, 2012 when we hope to have language to control this situation.

Trustee Coia so moved, Trustee Gibson seconded to set this moratorium on Internet Cafes until March 1, 2012. Roll Call: Mr Coia Yes, Mr Gibson Yes, Mrs Artz Absent. Motion Passed.

Inspector Jim reported finding a General Industrial (GI) zoning district exists in Ravenna Township on Lake Rockwell Road that is surrounded by Residential Low Density. The Zoning Department would like the Zoning Commission to review this designation to see if it is appropriate in our map and code.

Audience: Shelly Evans of MIC in Ravenna Township thanked Road Superintendent Stephens for getting the water drainage problem repaired. She mentioned water collects in the back of the ball fields and the clean out covers have been taken. Darrell is working on obtaining new covers perhaps in plastic. Ms. Evans requested the land at the back on Payne needs brush hogging. The Trustees stated it would be done when we got the parts for the mower. Ms. Evans also stated the Richardson Street is an eyesore where there was a fire and all see it as they come to the area. Inspector Jim stated he has traced the property records and it was sold, but he does not know what the plans for it are right now. He will check it out.

There being no further business Trustee Gibson so moved Trustee Coia seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Roll Call: Mr Coia Yes, Mr Gibson Yes, Mrs Artz Absent. Motion Passed.

Hank T. Gibson, Chairman

Pat Artz, Trustee

Vince Coia, Trustee

Kelly J. Rich, Fiscal Officer