

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 705 Oakwood Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on March 16, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Trustee Gibson. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Hank T. Gibson, and Vince Coia; Fiscal Officer Kelly Rich; Department Heads Stan Zdanczewski and Steve Bosso. Also attending the meeting was residents Jason Connor, Dennis Polimene, Burt Pinney and Mr. Brantley; Christopher McCormack and Bill Fiala was also present to meet the board upon being hired.

The pledge of allegiance was observed by all present.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2010 regular 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 March 2, 2010 meeting and found to be in order.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve payroll (March 12, 2010), in the amount of \$47,815.24, and vouchers (March 11, 2010) in the amount of \$38,653.70, with vouchers over \$1,000.00 being read for approval. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **TRUSTEES**

Trustee Gibson informed everyone he has sent the Constable's semi-automatic pistol; serial number 2235229 to Atwells Police and Fire Equipment, 207 Chestnut Street, Painesville, OH 44077 a licensed gun dealer to be sold. Previously he took the gun to Sydmore Jewelers in town and they offered him \$200.00, he felt the gun was worth more therefore the board previously approved to have it sent off in the minutes of February 2, 2010.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to open and approve a PO not to exceed \$25,000.00 to Universal Disposal, Inc. for the spring trash pick-up this is based on a quote of \$700.00 per load; the scheduled date will be Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This is not a service that will be provided automatically but reviewed on an annual basis to determine if the township can fiscally provide that year. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

##### **FISCAL OFFICER**

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to write-off the following EMS accounts due to patients claiming financial hardship: HOLPAM01 \$470.00 and BRABRE \$500.00. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

##### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Stan advised the Board that the city contacted him today notifying him that Don Wartco Construction Company, performed maintenance such as boring under Courtesy Blvd/Hazel Street without obtaining permission or notifying the township, they hit a water line which caused significant damage to the road; this road was in pretty good shape and was paved about three (3) years ago. Stan contacted them to discuss the damage and they explained they were unaware they needed permission, Stan is sending them a letter notifying them to fix the road and they will maintain this damaged area for one (1) year to begin after Stan has approved the damaged area.

Stan also raised the issue of Hommon Road, the ditch is washing away under the road causing the road to need to be fixed, Stan indicated it is a township road, but a county ditch, he wants to collaborate with the county for this project maybe to obtain Issue II money and to replace the guardrail where that has been damaged. The Board thought this was a good idea.

##### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Board asked to table the PO in the amount of \$550.00 to Quality IP for a Dell OptiPlex PC located in FireCom; Steve took this to discuss with Shannon the purpose of this service.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to hire part-time Fire Fighters/EMT Chris McCormick and Bill Fiala with a starting rate of \$10.00 per hour with a one (1) year probationary period, effective March 16, 2010. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to respectfully accept the resignation of part-time dispatcher Nicholas Bushek effective March 17, 2010, due to other employment opportunities. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$535.50 to Buckeye Power Sales for the annual service contract for the emergency back-up generator. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to send Spillman Technologies notification of our intent to discontinue service effective March 31, 2010, with the final payment of the contract.

Chief Bosso informed the board that progress is developing with the transferring of dispatching service, pertinent information is being provided from our group to Trumbull's center and a tentative date for the implementation to take place is middle to end of May. There will be some start up costs associated with the start-up; however this will be shared through the user group. Fiscal Officer Rich asked to prepare for these costs now by encumbering and authorizing the amounts but he did not have a definitive numbers, however he would try to have at the next meeting.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT**

Trustee Coia wants Jim DiPaola to implement a snow ban to have effective next winter season and advised Stan to find out what signs are needed and where placement of these signs will be necessary. Stan agreed plowing is made harder when you have to be cognitive of vehicles being parked on the roads during inclement weather.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TRUSTEES**

There was no new business brought up by the board at this time.

**FISCAL OFFICER**

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$1,925.07 to Portage County Hazmat Team for 2010 support. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to authorize payment for sick time in the amount of 10.50 hours for March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for Stan Zdanczewski due to illness. Sick leave is not covered in the PPM with new hires. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to authorize an advance in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the general fund #1000 to the fire Fund #2111 this is due to the cash balance being negative \$18,910.44 due to payroll and bills. R/C: Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Coia, yes. Motion passed.

**AUDIENCE**

Mr. Connor residing at 3221 Meadowbrook Blvd wanted to ask the Trustees what can be done about enforcing the noise resolution; there is a vacant lot that is being used by people that are not owners of the property for motor cross and all terrain activity, this goes on all hours of the night and day and is disruptive, he has contacted the Sherriff's department and they are not doing anything, he explained he is frustrated and feels that we should be able to enforce the noise resolution. The Trustees explained that they would need to find out who owns the property and the zoning inspector could send him a letter asking him to comply with the noise resolution. Trustee Coia asked Mr. Connor for some time to inquire about the owner and he would contact someone from the Sherriff's office to determine what they can do.

Mr. Polimene of 3241 Meadowbrook was present to ask why he pays taxes to the township and he does not receive any service of this road from the township. The Trustees and Stan reiterated to him that the road was never dedicated and that the township cannot maintain it, although in the past Trustee Cherry had some work done to assist with some patching and filling at one time. He also asked if a dead end road could be dedicated. The Trustees instructed Stan to inquire with Dan at the County Engineer's Office to see what needs to be done to dedicate this road and if in fact it can be dedicated. The Trustees explained it would take them some time to answer their questions.

Mr. Penney of 4543 Hayes Road has a feral cat problem, his neighbor is feeding them and this just brings more and they are pregnant. They frequent his yard and in the summer it smells, he has contacted the Dog Warden and they tell him they will charge him to bring in some of these strays, he is asking since the township has a vicious dog resolution why can't they have one for cats. Trustee Coia told him he would contact Dave McIntyre (Dog Warden) to determine what can be done.

Mr. Brantley was present and just wanted to remind Stan of some ditch work that was going to be handled when the weather got better and he asked what can be done about people dumping on the area around dumpsters, Stan said we have the same problem with our dumpsters out back and unless you get a license plate there is really nothing that can be done.

A motion by Hank T. Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

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