

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 705 Oakwood Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on July 21, 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.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 regular meeting. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

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

The financial reports were viewed by the Trustees from the July 7, 2009 meeting and found to be in order.

In attendance was Sheriff Dave Doak; and Deputy Dennis Missimi; also Attorney Murdock.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve payroll (July 17, 2009) in the amount of \$30,027.85 and vouchers of July 8, 2009 in the amount of \$189,630.60. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRUSTEES

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

FISCAL OFFICER

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: ROYJUD \$570.00; GILMIC01 \$570.00; FLALIN \$570.00; MILRIC \$470.00; WALNIC \$470.00; WALHAL \$470.00; ELKLAR \$570.00 and BUCRAC \$570.00; TAUJER \$570.00; CALWIL03 \$570.00; JOHSEA01 \$570.00; DILVIC \$570.00; METJAC \$570.00; LEWJOH01 \$408.00 and HUBRYA \$750.00. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to write-off the following EMS accounts CALWIL02 \$1,330.00 & CURDAR01 \$570.00 these residents are deceased with no estate or assets. Also, PHASAR \$470.00 & ANDERO02 \$760.00 these residents are homeless. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to refund the following EMS account due to overpayment: LUJDAN \$40.00. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$41,926.07 to Portage County Engineer for 2008 chip & seal project the roads are as follows: Hill St.; Patricia St.; Hodgson Dr.; Wolforth Ave.; Sandra Dr.; Wooster Ave.; Blake Ave.; Richardson Ave.; Garfield Rd.; Fairfield St.; Mable St. and Sanmar; This project was approved previously July 15, 2008 resolution #08-199 in the amount of \$38,077.63 however, the County Engineers office could not complete this project in 2008 therefore this will be completed in 2009 with a slight increase. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

This was previously approved on July 7, 2009 to send out for bid; however the Trustees decided to contract with the County Engineer's Office pursuant to ORC 5575.01.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to open and approve a PO to Portage County Engineer in the amount of \$44,243.76 for the 2009 chip and seal project to include Dawley Road (2.78 miles) and center lines. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Bosso expressed his department's appreciation of the new medic unit; it has many new features and will serve residents with dependability and state of the art equipment.

Steve recently attended the Chiefs' conference where he had discussions with Chris Knapp of LifeForce, to peruse the current rates charged for services and to determine if increases or additional charges are warranted and sufficient to services being administered.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

A motion by Pat Artz, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to authorize the Prosecutor's Office to proceed with filing a lawsuit against Chase Financial regarding unsafe conditions on property located at 4128 Timber Run. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

Pat stated she has received a complaint from a resident on Hayes Road regarding her neighbor located at 5396 Hayes Road Jim explained he has been working with these residents since last year although not consecutively therefore he will make a visit to the property to determine what needs to be done next.

Also, 4575 Hayes Road has been sent notification of violations and they have failed to become compliant and have made no contact with the zoning office, therefore Jim will forward to the Prosecutor's Office for further action.

A motion by Pat Artz, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to declare the mobile trailer located at 3869 Richardson; parcel #29-311-12-00-175-000 belonging to Herman (deceased) and Dorothy Calhoun a nuisance and to forward to the Prosecutors Office for further action. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEES

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to vote for 2009 Reorganization run-off election of the OPWC District Seven Integrating Committee; the township's selection is:

- Member: F. James Hammar, Freedom Township
- Alternate: William Wilson, Nelson Township

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 a monthly payment plan from Brady Lake Village for the purchase of our old medic truck #2412 in the amount of \$9,000.00. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to suspend the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees: Cherry, Gibson and Artz; Fiscal Officer Rich; Attorney Murdock and Chief Bosso.

The purpose of Executive Session was for two issues; pursuant to O.R.C. statute 121.22(G)(2) and 121.22 (G)(4); possible purchasing of property and on-going union negotiations.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to close Executive Session at 8:55 p.m., and reenter the regular meeting.

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FISCAL OFFICER

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Pat Artz to approve the transfer in the amount of \$200,000.00 from Star Ohio (investment) to the checking balance for PO #151-2008 to PFund for the purchase of the new medic unit. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. Motion passed.

AUDIENCE

Present for the meeting was Sheriff Doak and Dennis Missimi of the Sheriff's Office due to these gentlemen having limited time Trustee Cherry engaged them for discussions relative to FireCom prior to some of the above actions being taken.

The Trustees inquired about the Sheriff taking over FireCom Center Sheriff Doak indicated he has room to assume the duties and responsibilities of FireCom and its users; however its budget will not support FireCom and will need financial support from its clients and the Board of Commissioners. The Sheriffs' office is not favorable to sending this service out of the county. Deputy Missimi was asked if there were any issues with Cencom and it was mentioned that these employees are dispatching for areas they are not associated with and there has been confusion with safety personnel being directed to the wrong address.

Chief Bosso asked the Board and Sheriff to review the PAFERS Study communication element that would be available in a few weeks before presenting any kind of proposal. Sheriff Doak agreed to wait, however he has issues within his department and he needs to move forward with purchasing of equipment and personnel to alleviate his internal issues. After the PAFERS study is released the next step is for Ravenna Township to request a meeting of all clients of FireCom for commitment or intent to vacate. This is imperative to determine the next step. The Trustees are in agreement that the residents of Ravenna Township can not continue to carry the financial burden of FireCom and they have asked for financial assistance from the Commissioners and there has been no indication they are willing to assist. The Sheriff agreed to be a part of this meeting as the Trustees requested their assistance.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M. Roll call: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes. The motion passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

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