

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 705 Oakwood Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on October 6, 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 and Hank T. Gibson, Trustee Artz was absent; Fiscal Officer Kelly Rich; Department Heads Stan Zdanczewski, Steve Bosso and Jim DiPaola. There were residents in attendance.

Let the record show the September 15th, 2008 meeting was cancelled.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009 regular meeting. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

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

The financial reports were viewed by the Trustees from the September 1st, 2009 meeting and found to be in order.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve payroll (September 11th, 25th and October 9th, 2009) in the amount of \$124,518.15 and vouchers (September 2nd through September 29th, 2009) in the amount of \$179,985.71 with vouchers over \$1,000.00 being read for approval. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRUSTEES

Trustee Gibson requested conversation about the Nextel phone bill; after perusing the monthly bills it was decided that removing Chief Bosso's phone; Shannon Paulus and Tim Morgan's phone from the monthly plan is a cost savings of \$269.00 per month; however, Trustee Gibson raised the question of providing a \$35.00 monthly stipend to Chief Bosso for using his personal phone for Ravenna Township business as a phone is provided for the road department, however the attending Trustees decided to table this until the next meeting for further discussion.

FISCAL OFFICER

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to refund the following EMS accounts due to overpayment: GMAC Insurance (HAZEDN) \$570.00 and John Simpson (SIMDOR) \$67.68. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to write-off the following EMS account TICWIL \$156.08 due to being deceased with no estate or assets. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to send the following EMS accounts to in-house collections due to Life Force being unable to collect: BROTIM \$470.00; GENGLO \$570.00; ENGDAN \$312.00; EDIALE \$470.00; STILEA \$470.00 and BOOALL01 \$470.00. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, 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 \$7,932.12 to Dura Mark Inc. for center lines on township roads. We needed to schedule due to time constraints, already opened PO #107-2009. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$1,009.00 to Ravenna Oil for two (2) 55 gallon 15 x 40 oil drums for all maintenance on twp vehicles. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$883.57 to Coia Implement for parts (collar \$120.64; shaft pump \$352.68 and fuel tank \$410.25) for the large mower. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$45,000.00 to Morton Salt for the 2009-2010 purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt) rate \$43.20 per ton. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to accept part-time Lieutenant Mark Kozak's letter of resignation; Mark has been on an extended leave of absence due to other employment obligations and attending graduate school. The board previously agreed he could return to Ravenna Township as a part-time FF/Paramedic and not his current rank of Lieutenant if he chooses to reapply for employment. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve PO #106-2009 in the amount of \$594.10 to F&S Automotive for #2413; break line broke; previously approved verbally as an emergency. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to open and approve a PO in the amount of \$769.00 to Dominion Fire Services for replacement of the hydraulic hose and rebuilding of a Hurst Mini Pump. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed. Chief Bosso requested the board consider a financial obligation of \$750.00 for tuition for Jon Mathes's upgrade certification to EMT-Intermediate, currently he is an EMT basic; this would allow him to be able to administer IV fluids, operate the heart monitor, use advanced airway techniques and also to provide some minor drug therapy. Trustee Gibson wanted to table this until the next meeting.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

There was no new business brought up by the zoning department.

NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEES

Trustee Gibson requested the attendance of Pat Hickey of Love Insurance be present to discuss the part-time AD& D/Life policy VFIS for part-time FF's that is paid by the township; there is a significant increase in the premiums; Pat Hickey did not attend this meeting therefore Trustee Gibson will contact him and discuss the board's decision to discontinue this coverage. The Board did agree to look at different options for a minimal life coverage policy for the part-time FF's; Fiscal Officer Rich will coordinate with the township's insurance representative for comparable coverage and bring back to the board.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to schedule Trick-or-Treat on October 31st, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to open and approve a PO in the amount of \$650.00 to Studio On Top Of The Barn for the purchase of three (3) 10 x 15 flags for the flag pole in town. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed. Executive Session was requested pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G) for consideration of purchasing property and employment matters affecting an employee, however there were no audience members present therefore Executive session was not necessary.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve and open a PO in the amount of \$500.00 to Jerry Cross for consulting services relative to the property belonging to Michael Gillan of 6112 Spring Street. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to offer a minimum of \$75,600.00 and a maximum of \$90,000.00 based on the information submitted by Jerry Cross to Michael Gillan for the above mentioned property. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Cherry instructed Chief Bosso to investigate with Chief Paulus regarding moving our dispatching to Trumbull County at \$15.00 per call; he is requesting the answers for the next scheduled Trustee meeting of October 20, 2009, he wants to know if they can assume the call volume to include Paris, Brady Lake and Ravenna Township; it was stated that the dispatchers are EMT certified and competent. Steve confirmed he will begin this process and report any findings at the next meeting.

FISCAL OFFICER

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to approve the September 2009 bank reconciliation as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. R/C: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

AUDIENCE

Becky Doherty a resident of Suffield was present to acquaint herself with the Board and to introduce herself she is running for Municipal Court Judge in Portage County to replace Judge Plough; currently she is in private practice however she has 17 years experience as a trial attorney and is not affiliated with any particular party, she believes a judge should be non-partisan which in her opinion lets the judicial system work as it is suppose to and not be clouded by any particular parties view. She is the attorney for Lakemore Village so she is acclimated with township law as well.

Martin Griffith a commercial real estate representative was present to discuss development on state route 59 across from Wal-Mart, he wanted support from the board to market this area for development, currently it has to be connected to water and sewer as most developers are not interested in this as this is an added expense, Mr. Griffith was trying to find out if there was grants or assistance in making this property marketable to future economic development, Trustee Cherry, expressed support and would like to assist in bringing in growth, however the township is not a participant at this phase, he directed him to contact Economic Development to begin, and that Ravenna Township would not obstruct any improvement or development as it would benefit the township.

Denny Polimene of 3241 Meadowbrook was present to discuss his property; he stated that his road is not being maintained and he pays taxes to the township. Trustee Cherry indicated that this road is a non-maintained road, it was never dedicated and the township can not maintain it, Mr. Polimene stated he has quotes for blacktop, but it is a gravel road, Trustee Cherry reminded him, he has provided gravel for that road before and he was not suppose to do that, however, Mr. Cherry expressed that he would reexamine it to determine if there is anything that can be done.

A motion by Robert Cherry, seconded by Hank T. Gibson to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M. Roll call: Mr. Cherry, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

TRUSTEE