

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting, held at the Twp Hall Jacksontown, OH at 7:00pm on March 20, 2006.

Mr. Acord called the meeting to order with the following members present: Ron Acord, Joe Cooper, Dave Miller and Jill Linn.

Others present: Joe Walker, Kim McKinney, Larry Gerlach, Bill Ours, Richard Cash, Cindy Fields, Robert Snedden, Joe Hart, John Cormican, Eric Fox, Mike Wilson, Charles Prince Steve Patterson and Charlie Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attached is a copy of all expenditures totaling \$11,722.09.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and signed by the Trustees.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Fiscal Officer.

Motion was made by Mr. Acord, seconded by Mr. Cooper that the attached list of bills be approved as the lawful obligation of Licking Township and the Fiscal Officer be directed to issue warrants of the Township in payment of the same. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Received information from the Licking County Health Department regarding mosquito control.
2. Received health insurance information.
3. Two cemetery deeds need to be signed.

Mike Wilson gave the Fire Co. report. Mr. Wilson went to the factory and had a preconstruction meeting on the new truck. Mr. Wilson is looking into FEMA for an additional grant on the purchase of the truck, however Mr. Wilson is double checking on the amount.

Joe Walker turned in 5 permits totaling \$390. The resident on Dodridge will be getting a permit for a new garage. Mr. Walker mentioned that there was a zoning violation on Dorsey Mill and they were issued a permit. Mr. Walker mentioned that he needs to be bonded and the fiscal officer said that she will get the paper work for that. Dave Miller mentioned that John Freas gave the Trustees a brief case that was given to Mr. Walker.

Eric Fox, the new Assistant Prosecutor, introduced himself.

In regards to the parking, noise and criminal behavior in the bar area, Mr. Cooper contacted the manager from Papa Boos by phone and received no response so he sent a certified letter asking the manager to contact him. Mr. Cooper met with Major Rod Mitchell from the Licking County Sheriff's office and they drove down and looked around the area and Mr. Cooper outlined the issues that the township has been running into. Major Mitchell will be meeting with the road captain and they will be getting back with us. Mr. Cooper mentioned to Major Mitchell that they are trying to get a resolution of this started before summertime when it becomes an issue. Mr. Cooper mentioned that they are trying to foster open discussion so that the business owners can work with us. Mr. Cooper's personal concern is that a business should have adequate parking and they shouldn't park along the road. Mr. Acord agreed. Mr. Miller said that this problem has been going on for years and has been presented to the sheriff's office and the trustees have talked with the County Commissioners and Mr. Miller does not understand why the county doesn't put up no parking signs along the road since the road is a county road. Mr. Acord said that they should meet with the county engineer and our legal advisor. Eric Fox mentioned that he does have the file open and that the perspective of the Prosecutors' Office is that they believe that it is a problem and as far as getting something accomplished as to what we can do and what the county can do they are willing to move forward. Mr. Miller said that he and Mr. Acord will contact the Engineers Office and get back with Mr. Fox.

In regards to the Permit Fee Schedule, Mr. Cooper said that there were a few changes. The changes were in the coping cost, which are the same as the Planning Commission. The other change is the Zoning Commission filing fee and variance hearing fee which was increased by \$24. The reason is because Mr. Cooper would like to add two alternates to each of the zoning boards. Mr. Cooper mentioned that the residents who volunteer many hours of their time should be supported by a \$10 stipend for each zoning meeting they attend. Mr. Cooper also mentioned that the Zoning Appeals Board approved and recommended the changes. Mr. Acord would like to review the fee schedule and asked that it be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Miller agreed.

The Trustees contacted references and reviewed the cemetery bids, Mr. Miller mentioned that the bid was based on the previous job done not just the cost. Mr. Acord made a motion to have Cormican Lawn Service maintain the cemetery mowing for \$225 per mowing. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

The two cemetery deeds were signed.

Mr. Cooper contacted Amesville as recommended by Cindy Fields and found out that their situation is different. Mr. Cooper will be meeting with Adam Boris from ADR & Associates, who is a civil engineer, to get some ideas and input. Mr. Cooper contacted a Small Flows Clearing House Group, which is a think tank for rural community development, through the University of West Virginia which

compares centralized and decentralized sewer systems. Mr. Cooper believes that since we don't have any direct comment about the issue that we need to represent the residents with what we know to be true so he will get the information ready to bring back to the Board and then it would be up to the Board as a whole whether they want to make a position statement to the County Commissioners' or make individual statements as residents. Cindy Fields also printed off an 8 - 10 page document regarding centralized system vs. decentralized system and said that Mr. Cooper he can have the information if needed. Mr. Cash said that at the last township meeting Mr. Cooper mentioned that for every resident in Jacksontown, a minimum of four acres is needed for their septic system. Mr. Cooper said that he stated that the comprehensive plan map recommends a minimum of four acres because of the soil types in the area. Mr. Cash did his own survey and said that he believes that the ground cannot handle it. He also asked that if the Trustees take a position that it is a positive one.

In regards to the annexation of 117.785 acres to Heath, Mr. Cooper would like to put the information on the website and asked the Trustees to look over the information and let him know if it is alright. Cindy Fields asked if the area being annexed to the City of Heath will be paying Heath School District Tax or Lakewood School District Tax with their property tax. Mr. Cooper said that school districts can overlap governmental boundaries. Mr. Cash mentioned that when property is annexed the school tax is still collected by the school they go to.

Mr. Cooper put an advertisement together offering the old NEC computer to a township resident for free. He asked that it be put in The Advocate and The Beacon.

Mr. Cooper mentioned that the Spring Clean Up will be April 21, 22 & 23. They will be dividing the township in six sections and if you are willing to be a coordinator in the section in which you live or are interested in participating contact the Trustees. Mr. Walker mentioned that people should be careful when picking up the trash because of drugs that they may come across.

Cindy Fields mentioned that at a prior meeting she had mentioned that she had a document from the engineers' office showing that Township Road 323 is a 4.6 mile road and asked what part was 25 mph. She said that Mr. Miller said that it was the residential part in which Cindy replied that the residential part is the 4.6 miles. However, when Twp. Rd. 323 crosses St. Rt. 40 to Fairmont it is also residential, so since the 25mph is posted along one part of 323 do you have plans to post it on the rest of the road. She mentioned that Somerset road is not individually listed but listed as Twp. Rd. 323. Mr. Miller said that the 25mph is from St. Rt. 40 south to Roley Hills Road. Mr. Miller doesn't see a need to put a sign up the hill.

Cindy Fields asked that the February 6th meeting be corrected. The part in question is: Robert Snedden asked about the speed limit on Somerset Road and Mr. Acord informed him that it was 25mph. Cindy said that Mr. Acord said that it was 50mph and it was Mr. Miller who said it was 25mph and that it was a year or two ago. Mr. Miller said that it was done before he was a Trustee. The Fiscal Officer said that she would review the recording. Cindy also said that much information is omitted or changed in the minutes and she said that if she needs to bring her own tape recorder to the meeting she will so that she can prove things that she wants a certain way. Mr. Miller said that if he did say it was a year ago then he stands corrected. Mr. Acord said that all roads are 55mph and the Trustees requested that it be lowered to 25mph from St. Rt. 40 to Roley Hills Rd. and in the Dogwood Lakes area located in Licking Township. Robert Snedden said that Tim Lollo said that it is 55mph now. Mr. Snedden has a book that states that it needs to be changed by the State of Ohio not by the County Engineer or the Trustees. Cindy says that it is actually ODOT and she read the excerpt from the book which was prepared by the Licking County Planning Commission stating: neither the township nor the county has authority over the speed limits. It is strictly a function of ODOT. In order for the speed limit to be lowered it has to meet certain objective criteria such as the number of driveways and traffic counts.

Cindy Fields said that when she asks for answers she gets a response one way and it doesn't get put in the minutes and then she asks again and answers get changed and she finds out on her own. All she wants is the truth. Mr. Miller said they go by the information provided to them. Mr. Acord said that at the time they went through the prosecutor as to what they could do. Robert Snedden said that he wanted the sign removed. Mr. Acord said that it won't be removed until they find out what needs to be done. Cindy Fields asked if the Trustees have a manual they go by so that they know how to do their job. Mr. Acord said they go to the legal advisor. Cindy asked Eric Fox if he advises them how to do their job. Mr. Fox said no ma'am. He said it is up to the Trustees to do their job, he answers legal questions pertaining to the ORC.

Robert Snedden also mentioned that since the township has no right of way how can the township have an open space. There was no response.

In regards to the health insurance, Mr. Acord said that going with the HRA Plan Option 9 would save the township around \$15000. Mr. Cooper believes that we need to offer good insurance to the employees and has shared with the board that we need to manage financially as other townships, governmental agency's and other business that have their employees pay a portion of the cost of their insurance. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the HRA Anthem's Option 9. Mr. Acord added that it is quite a savings and that we should be fine this year paying for the insurance this year. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, abstain, Miller, yes.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to have a Public Hearing on April 17th to address the issue of the recommendation from the Zoning Commission regarding the adding daycare facility to our current zoning resolution. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Acord mentioned that because of cell phone problems, they would like to purchase four 560 Nextel phones with a cost of \$100 per phone and the same monthly rate. Mr. Miller made a motion to purchase four 560 Nextel phones for \$100 per phone. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes. Mr. Acord said that they will need some training on the new phone.

Joe Hart asked about the FEMA Grant that Mr. Wilson talked about. He suggested that we look into it further.

Ron Acord attended the Licking County Health Department meeting and said that they are pushing five acres instead of four acres per home because of the soil problems.

Mr. Miller encouraged people to get a colon check.

Charlie Davis wanted the Trustees to know that the deputy said that it is up to the Township to enforce the weight limit signs not the sheriff since a permit was not issued. Mr. Miller said that Officer Moore said that if you catch any truck without a county sticker they can be sited. A discussion followed.

Mr. Cooper asked that we increase the size of the Zoning Appeals Boards and the Zoning Commission Board to include two alternate members. The ORC 51904 and ORC 51913 allows for the Board of Trustees to appoint two alternate members. Mr. Cooper said that while interviewing for the Zoning Appeals Board vacancy, keep in mind the alternates. Mr. Miller made a motion to increase the size of both zoning boards to include two alternate members. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Acord made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.