

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting, held at the Twp Hall Jacksontown, OH at 7:00pm on March 6, 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, Patricia Waters, Bill Gockenbach, Bill Ours, Richard Cash, Mike Briggs, Cindy Fields, Robert Snedden, Steve Patterson and Charlie Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attached is a copy of all expenditures totaling \$50,732.33.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, 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 Recycling & Litter Prevention for the Appliance Collection Day.
2. Received the March Grassroots Clippings.
3. Received a Resolution from the County Commissioners Regarding the approval of the Wellington Mills, Phase I subdivision.
4. Received the Staff Report from the LCED regarding Brian Kraner.
5. Received information from the LCPC regarding R.A. Long Properties request for a zoning change.
6. Received information from the LCPC regarding Yvonne Loomis request for a zoning change.
7. Received a Resolution amending the previous resolution regarding the annexation of 117.785 acres to Heath.

Mike Briggs gave the Fire Co. report. There were 58 runs in the month of February, which brings the year to date total to 119. Mr. Briggs mentioned that the van died was repaired. Mr. Briggs had an application for Scott Webster, which was denied by the Fire Board. The Trustees mentioned that if the Fire Board denies the approval the Trustees will do the same.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to accept the fire volunteer application for Ronnie Lewis. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

Joe Walker mentioned that there were no zoning permits.

Mr. Cooper talked with Sheriff Thorp regarding the bar area in Avondale. Mr. Thorp mentioned that he needed two weeks to talk with his staff and review the situation. Mr. Cooper did meet with Mr. Mar, the owner of Captain Woody's, who said he is willing to work with the Trustees to solve the problems. Mr. Cooper told him that his personal goal was to not have the roadways used for parking. Mr. Cooper thought that there should be a meeting with the County Commissioners, Sheriff Thorp, and the bar owners to discuss the options to improve the area.

Mr. Cooper presented the permit fee schedule to the zoning boards and Trustees and hasn't had any feedback. Joe Hart's concern is that there are parallel fees between the township and the county. Mr. Cooper said that there are parallel fees between two government entities that have requirements and costs to the residents who want to change or do something with their property. The basis of the parallel jurisdiction has been established in the ORC and has been there for years, which will allow the township to raise the fee structure, not to make money but to pay for the cost of doing business. Mr. Cooper said that it is only responsible to raise the fees at the level he recommends and believes that they are reasonable considering what other jurisdictions are charging. He asked that the Trustees consider voting on the issue at the next meeting. Cindy Fields asked that since the permit fee schedule is part of the zoning resolution does it go through the same process when you make an amendment. Mr. Cooper said that it is an appendix and can be modified so that you don't have to change the whole zoning resolution.

Robert Snedden asked if the original letter that was read to him had been found. Mr. Miller said that the letter he gave him was the only letter received.

The cemetery mowing bids were opened and read as follows: Maltese Mowing \$197.00 Lowry's Mowing \$187.00 Barcus Lawn Care \$335.00 Cormican Lawn Service \$225.00 Mr. Cooper suggested that the Trustees look at the bids and check reference's before they make a decision.

In regards to the Waste Water Plan for Jacksontown, Mr. Cooper believes that the Trustees should make a position statement. He believes that there should be a testing process of any and all private septic tanks systems in the proposed improvement area so that the ones with a failing system should go on the new plan and the others should be given a certain length of time before going on the new plan, that there should be a thorough assessment for a decentralized system versus a centralized system so that we know the pros and cons, and any system improvement should consider the objectives and recommendations of the Licking Township Comprehensive Plan. Cindy Fields said that at the meeting there was mention of a city with a decentralized system and maybe the Trustees should meet with their Trustees. Mr. Cooper said that a Township is different then a city so your not comparing apples to apples.

Mr. Cooper mentioned that there is little recourse for a township to object to an Expedited II Annexation petition. Within 20 days of notification to the Township, the City of Heath must adopt the services that it will provide to the area which needs to be filed with the County Commissions. The Township then has 25 days to object or give consent to the services. If there is an objection, the County Commissioners have 35 - 45 days to grant or reject the annexation. Mr. Cooper thinks that we may be able to negotiate and keep for five years the fire levy taxes in the area. Mr. Miller said that the property is in CAUV so we weren't getting the tax revenue from it that would make a significant impact and the road is a county road so it will not impact the road mileage in the township.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt the Licking Township Utility Permit. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Acord made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the health insurance. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Cooper, yes; Miller, yes.

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

Mr. Miller made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Acord 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.