

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting, held at the Twp Hall Jacksontown, OH at 7:00pm on May 15, 2006.

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

Others present: Mark Kovach, Sherry Kovach, Ruth Ann Church, Julie Sheets, Raymond Pitzer, Bill & Koni Gockenbach, Steve Trickle, Larry Gerlach, Charles Prince, Joe Hart, Doug Hoermle, Richard Cash, William Province, Bill Ours, Mike Wilson, Ed Brosie, Huber Loewendick, Steve Patterson and Charlie Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attached is a copy of all expenditures totaling \$211,978.60.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Mr. Wilson gave the Fire Co. report. Mr. Wilson mentioned that Fema will release funds early so that we can make a down payment on the new truck and purchase the chassis. The township will save \$2425 for paying for the chassis early and if we pay an additional \$100,000 we can save \$2744 if we pay by June 1 and that credit will go down to \$2247 if we pay by July 1. Mr. Acord made a motion to pay the \$40625 in order to meet the payment requirement for the new fire truck. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Rollicall: Acord, yes, Cooper, yes.

Mr. Walker turned in 6 permits totaling \$776. The violation is moving forward regarding the resident on Avon Place.

In regards to the Board of Appeals, Mr. Cooper read into the minutes a letter he had prepared.

"The misunderstandings regarding my involvement in the recent appointment process for the Board of Zoning Appeals require explanation. First of all, I want to apologize for the fact that my actions have caused harm to our community's sense of trust and goodwill. These are important aspects for any community, especially one like ours. I take full responsibility for my misunderstanding of what a majority of others understood was going to be the procedure. I can tell you that what appeared to some to be a hidden agenda

was that in appearance only. I never intended to mislead anyone. It is no easy thing for anyone involved in an issue of misunderstanding if his or her motives are honest. I regret if my misunderstanding caused Mr. Hart to believe he was being excluded from the Zoning Board because of his objections to the recent zoning proposal. That was not the case. A person would ask how I could have been so off the mark in a situation like this. Believe me, I have asked myself this question many times. The only thing that I can relate it to was another misunderstanding when I had encouraged our Board to adopt a revised zoning permit schedule. I actually understood and believed that we had adopted the schedule, and I placed it on the website as such. Then I was confronted with the fact that I had been incorrect as to what took place in the meeting and that the issue had been tabled. Of course I made the necessary correction. For many months now I have been viewed by some with mistrust because of my support of the Township improving its zoning resolution. This issue alone will cause some to stop short of accepting what I say as true. As Lionel Trilling is quoted as saying, "Where misunderstanding serves others as an advantage, one is helpless to make oneself understood." I ask for two things. First, that my comments be recorded in their entirety in the written minutes of this meeting and, if possible, the Buckeye Lake Beacon. Second, that the residents of Licking Township will base their judgment of my actions in the context of their past relationship with me and consider whether I have been honest and shown personal integrity in my dealings with them."

Since Mr. Miller was out of town the Trustees will not be moving forward with the issue at this time.

Mr. Acord mentioned that he and Steve Trickle met with the Prosecutor regarding the Legend Valley concert and that things went well. Mr. Walker will be calling him regarding the permits.

In regards to the parking problem from the bars on Avondale, Mr. Cooper mentioned that they received an email from the prosecutor indicating that once the signs are up the sheriffs' office can enforce the no parking signs.

Julie Sheets mentioned that there was a meeting with the County Commissioners regarding the vacating of Hebron Avenue by Sean Guyer. The Commissioners are turning it over to the Prosecutor for their view since it was done incorrectly. The Commissioners office gave Ms. Sheets a petition to vacate Hebron Avenue and she turned that in.

Joe Hart wanted to acknowledge that he did receive the 13 appraisal documents from Mr. Cooper on May 5. He also received 5 CDs' of the township meetings and the two letters as requested. He also mentioned that the first section of one of the CDs' was missing and suggested to check the time limit regarding the system. At the last meeting he suggested that the Trustees get a copy of the Sunshine Law in which Mr. Hart did receive and passed it along to the Trustees.

Mr. Hart accepted the letter read from Mr. Cooper with the sincerity in his heart until he gives him a reason not. He asked for a copy of the letter. He also mentioned that when the Trustees went into Executive Session that the system was not yet turned off and Mr. Hart mentioned that in that time Mr. Acord made some comments in which Mr. Hart believed that he made Mr. Acord feel uncomfortable. Mr. Hart said that it was not his intent but if he feels that there has been an injustice to him he will defend his family and himself. He did feel that there was an injustice by the total committee whether it was a misunderstanding or what and as stated he did accept Mr. Cooper letter at face value. He didn't start coming to the meetings to be a detriment to the Township or to tell the Trustees how to run it. He believes as a resident he can bring some positive things to the group. It is not his intention to come to the meetings and bring up thing that he believes might be helpful or helpful to the leadership style of the Trustee group. Mr. Hart said that they can work and improve their own leadership style by introspection and how they work with each other.

Mr. Cooper attended a land use program in Columbus. He will get the information together and present it at a later time.

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