

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 11, 2023 – media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Schweikert at 7:00 p.m. The media was notified.

R/C: DePasquale-present; Schweikert-present; Zaccardelli-present;
Fiscal Officer Laura Steimle-present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

R/C Vote: DePasquale-abstain; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale

R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-abstain; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-abstain; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.

R/C Vote: DePasquale-abstain; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the warrant report as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Schweikert. R/C Vote: DePasquale aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to AMEND **RESOLUTION 149-79** to restrict or eliminate parking on Township roads to promote the general safety and welfare of the residents of the township in snow emergency events of 2” or more of snow.

Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli. R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 23-43** to purchase a 2023 police utility vehicle in 2024 for the police department. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.

R/C Vote: DePasquale; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Police

Mr. DePasquale reported for November 2023 the Police Department handled 491 calls for Service, distributed 1545 “Patrolled Your Area Cards” and completed 14 vacation house checks.

The Investigative Section Received twenty (20) investigations for the month and closed all but one (1) of them, three (3) were closed by arrest.

The Police Chief received three (3) commendation/appreciation letter from residents, praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

All officers completed their mandatory on-line training of at least 24 hours, and the training was certified by the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy. A Sergeant completed 2 SWAT training days for a total of 16 hours.

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Fire

Mr. DePasquale reported for November 2023 there were 152 EMS calls and 24 Fire for Macedonia Station #1; 86 EMS calls and 11 Fire for Sagamore Hills Station #2; 40 EMS calls and 9 Fire for Northfield Center Station #3. There was mutual aid in 8 times and out 6 times. There was a total of 328 calls for the month of November.

Zoning

Mr. Zaccardelli reported zoning is winding down for the year. There were one hundred and fifteen (115) permits issued for this year. Last month we had three permits for a total of \$2,675.00 for a new home, edition and a fence. Ray and Pat are scanning everything and getting it on line.

Roads

Mr. Schweikert reported there were a lot of cars off the road during the first snowfall in November. An inch and a half of snow fell within twenty minutes. Road department did a good job.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Steimle reported the Fiscal Officer's November 2023 report had a beginning balance of \$9,151,582.03, plus receipts and settlements of \$240,244.55, minus expenditures on the warrant report in the amount of \$374,461.21 and minus memo receipts in the amount of \$2,801.22, leaving an ending balance of \$9,014,564.15.

The board agreed to have the Record Retention/Organizational Meetings on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Trustee Reports

Mr. DePasquale said that Saturday, December 9th was "Shop with the Cop" day. There were about twenty-one children from Sagamore Hills that participated.

We also had back the "Day with Santa" event at the gazebo in the park. The Police and Fire Departments worked together on this. Santa was in the gazebo handing out gift bags with a cookie, coloring books and crayons. About thirty-five children attended.

Mr. Zaccardelli wished everyone attending a "Merry Christmas".

Mr. Snell thanked Dave Smith from the Summit County Engineer's office for coming to the meeting and appreciate him doing a great job on maintaining the county roads.

There was a brief discussion regarding the snow parking ban. Some of the areas with cul-de-sacs and more densely populated areas will have signs posted, primarily Eaton Estates. Mr. DePasquale confirmed that we will still be notifying the news media when there is a snow emergency of two or more inches of snow. Mr. Schweikert said he will reach out to all of the HOA's and let them know in advance about the parking ban.

CITIZENS FORUM

Gary Smith, asked what the legality issue would be if a car is parked illegally in the street during a snow ban and was hit by a plow, who would be liable. Mr. Snell replied it would depend on the circumstances. The service department does an excellent job. Each driver has specific routes that he consistently drives on plowing the township streets in two hour shifts; take a break and go back out for another shift. This helps with driver fatigue.

Carol Lewis suggested if anyone has the opportunity to check out the beautiful Christmas Light display at Longwood Park. It took five weeks to put up the lights.

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Mr. Schweikert made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.