

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2024 – media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. DePasquale 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. DePasquale made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.

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

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 23-44** to amend the temporary appropriations for 2024. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 24-01** a “Then and Now Certificate” for the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.

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

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 24-02** authorizing actions necessary to accept the NOPEC 2024 Energized Community Grant Programs.

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

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 24-03** to participate in the 2024 Summit County Engineer’s Regional 448 Resurfacing and Pavement Marking Programs.

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

Zoning

Mr. Zaccardelli reported there were five permits during the last month including three new homes for a total of \$7,400.00. Ray has been very busy because next week on February 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. there is a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting regarding the New Aurora Health Care Center. Mr. Zaccardelli asked Mr. Snell to speak about the BZA meeting.

Mr. Snell replied this is an appeal of the Zoning Inspector’s decision to deny them a permit when they applied for a professional office. All of the documents and exhibits pertaining to this appeal are posted on the township website.

Roads

Mr. Schweikert reported the road department has been doing a lot of hot patching on the township roads. A couple of days later after patching that have to go back out and redo it. In house they had to put a new part in the catalytic converter, and fixed one of the blowers on the building. Mr. Schweikert said if the current weather pattern continues, we may end up with too much salt.

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Fire

Mr. DePasquale reported for January 2024 there were 175 EMS calls and 27 Fire for Macedonia Station #1; 127 EMS calls and 10 Fire for Sagamore Hills Station #2; 39 EMS calls and 3 Fire for Northfield Center Station #3. There was mutual aid in 7 times and out 21 times. There was a total of 387 calls for the month of January.

Police

Mr. DePasquale reported for January 2024 the Police Department handled 583 calls for Service, completed 31 house checks and distributed 308 "Patrolled Your Area Cards".

The Investigative Section Received twenty-four (24) investigations for the month and closed all of them except for five (5), four (4) arrests were made, three (3) PR calls were made and our therapy dog had three (3) community interactions.

The Police Chief received two (2) commendation/appreciation letters from residents, praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

On January 16, 2024 the Chief had his first annual awards ceremony. In years past, the swearing in of new officers, employee of the year and other awards were done at a trustee meeting. It became too much with all of the families of the officers. It was a very successful awards ceremony. This will be a new Sagamore Hills Police Department tradition each New Year.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Steimle reported the Fiscal Officer's January report had a beginning balance of \$8,859,946.60, plus receipts and settlements of \$75,286.54, deducting expenditures in the amount of \$349,909.53. Leaving an ending balance of \$8,585,323.61.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Zaccardelli thanked the road department for doing a great job during the last snowfall. Mr. Zaccardelli read an article from the Ohio Township Association regarding townships. Townships are the oldest form of government in the state and very efficient; Townships represent over 35% of Ohio's population, but count for only 2.7% of the total spent on local and state government in the state of Ohio.

Mr. Schweikert said the trustees took classes while in Columbus at the Ohio Township Conference. After dinner, Paul spoke with representatives from other townships. Two of them lost their fiscal officers out of frustration with the job. Paul thanked Laura for sticking it out and doing a great job.

Mr. DePasquale said the Summit County Health Department is concerned about people renting out their properties to observe the solar eclipse on April 8th. Dave attended a meeting at the Macedonia Fire Department a couple of weeks ago and spoke to the mayor. Macedonia is planning to have extra police on duty, and Mr. DePasquale spoke to Chief Hayes about the township also having extra police on duty.

Mr. DePasquale said he is concerned about the park. Mr. DePasquale was not sure if our park rules said no camping, and if not, could we amend our park rules. DePasquale does not want anyone showing up 2-3 days before the eclipse and camping out at the park. Mr. Snell said yes, we can amend the park rules. Mr. Snell also suggested posting someone at the park gate on the day of the eclipse. Zaccardelli pulled up the park rules on his phone and no camping is allowed at the park. Anyone showing up at the park should be told the park is not open, and no bathroom facilities are available.

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Mr. DePasquale said while he was in Columbus, he stopped to speak with the reps from Horton Ambulance. We purchased an ambulance 2-3 years, but we are going to need another one. It takes two years to get delivery of a new ambulance. Mr. DePasquale thinks we need to think about placing an order soon. Mr. DePasquale spoke to Chief Ripley and he will work with the representatives that Mr. DePasquale spoke with in Columbus and get a price together. Mr. Schweikert suggested that once we get the price on a new ambulance, that the trustees have a special meeting to approve placing the order. Mr. DePasquale said the price would be locked in once the order is placed.

CITIZENS FORUM

Ellen Bertel, 319 W. Highland Road, Northfield Center, said she is with the Historical Society of Olde Northfield, but wanted to speak about America 250. In 2026 it is going to be the 250th anniversary of the signing of the declaration. There is going to be a big celebration every month in 2026, not just July 4th. There is a website just for Ohio, america250-ohio.org. If the township is interested in participating in any way at all there are grants available now. The grants will not be available at the end of 2025 because everything starts in the beginning of January 2026.

Ms. Bertel said there is a grant available for the restoration/repair or replacement of any head stones in the cemetery for American Revolution soldiers.

Ms. Bertel said the Historical Society had a really good year, thanks to the generosity of all the communities and the VFW. For the first time they finished in the black and can now start applying for grants, but are still asking for the communities' support. Ms. Bertel gave a brief summary on future projects that they would like to pursue. Ms. Bertel thanked the board for their time and generosity.

A resident asked what police officers were honored this year. Mr. DePasquale replied Vickie Miavitz, Glenn Lucore, Dan DeCrane, Kenneth Wolfe and Chris Danko was sworn in.

Mr. Snell said he had a resolution to add regarding the TIFF and gave a brief summary on the agreement and an update on the Parkview project.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 24-04** approval of tax increment, financing agreement and compensation agreement with the Board of Education of Nordonia Hills City School District. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.

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

Mike Cunningham, 1218 Canyon View Drive, external affairs person for Summit County for Dominion Energy followed up on some items that he had mentioned at a previous meeting. The purchase of East Ohio Gas by Enbridge to go through the first week of March. More information will be forthcoming as our bills come out. Mr. Cunningham said the Summit County Board of Elections is still looking for workers in the Northern portion of the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official specifically set forth in Section 121.22 (G)(1) Revised Code. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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

ADJOURNED: 7:30 P.M. RECONVENED: 7:40 P.M.

R/C: DePasquale-present; Schweikert-present; Zaccardelli-present.

No decisions were made.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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

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