

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 14, 2022 – 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 10, 2022 Record Retention Meeting. R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2022 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; 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. Zaccardelli made a motion to AMEND **RESOLUTION 22-04** regarding OPERS for the employees of Sagamore Hills Township. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 22-07** to participate in the 2022 Summit County Engineer's Regional 448 Resurfacing and Pavement Marking Programs.
Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 22-08** to participate in the 2022 Summit County Regional Concrete Pavement Repair Program with Summit County Engineer Vendor. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 22-09** to appoint a part-time police officer to full-time status in the police department. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Zaccardelli reported zoning picked up a little bit in January into the beginning of February. We had four permits. Ray had a lot of catching up to do scanning documents. 2021 was a very busy year. Zoning will pick up as the weather starts changing.

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Roads

Mr. Schweikert thanked Glenn Lucore, a part-time police officer, who also worked in our service department. He did a fabulous job for the service department. He will be leaving the service department on January 28th for a full-time police officer position in our police department. He will be missed.

Our new \$150,000 truck broke down and was sent out for repair under warranty. Supposedly they changed some valves. We got it back this week. Bill took it out and it still has the same problem. The bed goes up but you can't get it down.

Mr. Schweikert said we ordered another 500 tons of salt. We are on the books for 1400 tons this winter. We can go over our limit of 1400 tons by 20%. Mr. Schweikert recommended that we purchase additional salt because the price of salt is \$59.00/ton and the price will probably go up next winter.

Fire

Mr. DePasquale reported for January 2022 there were 170 EMS calls and 33 Fire for Macedonia Station #1; 111 EMS calls and 18 Fire for Sagamore Hills Station #2; 55 EMS calls and 3 Fire for Northfield Center Station #3. There was mutual aid in 15 times and out 6 times. There was a total of 396 calls for the month of January.

Mr. DePasquale said Macedonia ordered a new fire engine, but because of supply chain issues will not be ready until the summer of 2023.

Police

Mr. DePasquale reported for January 2022 the Police Department handled 706 calls for service. Officers handed out 656 "Patrolled Your Area Cards" and completed 860 community policing checks.

The Investigative Section Received twenty-one (21) investigations for the month and closed all of them except two (2) of them. Our therapy dog had ten (10) community interactions.

The chief received three (3) commendations/appreciations from residents, praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

Four (4) on line courses were taken by officers.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to accept the resignation of full-time Police Officer Jason Lamtman. Officer Lamtman is resigning in order to take a police supervisory position at another agency. This resignation is effective February 26, 2022.

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

Mr. DePasquale stated we would like to use the NOPEC Community Sponsorship Grant for "Shop with the Cop" as we have done in the past. Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion that we designate the 2022 NOPEC Community Sponsorship Grant funds to "Shop with the Cop". R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert; Zaccardelli-aye.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Steimle reported the Fiscal Officer's January 2022 report had a beginning balance of \$7,884,240.13, plus receipts and settlements in the amount of \$146,289.63, minus expenditures of \$586,712.63 (calculated by the pending warrant report in the amount of \$583,703.92 including memo receipts of \$3,008.71) leaving an ending balance of \$7,443,817.13.

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Trustee Reports

Mr. Schweikert reported Summit County is doing work on a culvert under Greenwood Parkway. They gave us very little notice that this crew was coming out. They closed down the western side of Greenwood Parkway.

Also, there is talk of a big storm on Thursday. If we have three inches or more, we should get out a warning about the snow parking ban on Wednesday. Mr. DePasquale said a resident contacted him during the last storm saying he did not know about the snow parking ban. Mr. DePasquale told the resident the snow parking ban was on the news two days prior to the actual snow event, it was on our website, on the police Facebook page, posted on the door at the township, Marcs, Quik Chek and Speedway. Mr. DePasquale asked Mr. Snell if that was all we were required to do. Mr. Snell replied yes. There was also a notice about Rumpke on our website. Checking the website is the best thing to do. Mr. Schweikert said we are going to put an ad in the Sagamore Voice for next November and December about the snow parking ban so the residents see it. Mr. Zaccardelli commented that there is no reduction in fees when trash pickup is postponed because there is a tipping charge and weight charge. Rumpke took twice as much trash the following week.

Mr. DePasquale shared an email he received yesterday from a resident thanking the road crew for the amazing service provided during all the snow/ice storms.

Mr. DePasquale said there will be no baseball meeting this year. We are going to keep everything the same as last year. Nothing has changed. NHAA will have to provide a deposit if they want to have a tournament, provide a list of practice dates/days and time they want to use the fields. The trustees agreed.

Mr. Zaccardelli said there is a car parked at 7 to 7 with parts missing. The police are involved and Ray has been in contact with the owner who is supposed to be fixing up the restaurant. Summit County is controlling the environment there. The owner said he would move the car.

Sagamore Square has new owners. We don't know who they are or when the deal closed or took place.

Mr. Snell requested a short Executive Session after this meeting to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee.

Mr. Snell and Mr. Schweikert participated in a conversation with the Summit County Engineer and the county about a surface water management program for all of us who are in the northeast. The county wants to start their own surface water program. They would do that by putting all the townships in that program. They anticipate the fee would be \$4.00/month, but the fee would not be paid until some time after 2025 or 2026. The county would self-fund a number of programs with pandemic money and then use their money to operate the program for several years. The goal of the county is to take all the northeast communities and treat them potentially different than others as we negotiate our way out of northeast. There is a follow-up meeting on Friday. Mr. Snell gave a brief summary and there was a discussion.

CITIZENS FORUM

Nick Dodds, 1796 Fox Hollow Lane, spoke about his Eagle Project, which was bocce ball court enhancements. The trustees thanked Nick for a great job.

Gary Smith, 824 Glencrest, asked whether we were still servicing Brandywine with ambulance calls. Mr. DePasquale replied no. Mr. DePasquale believes Valley is still servicing Brandywine.

Jay Wahl, 7237 Kiltie Lane, shared his concerns regarding Rumpke trash collection not being made the day after the snow storm, and not receiving a credit for that week. He does not like to pay for services not rendered. There was a brief discussion.

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Mike Appel, Ashford Glen, asked Laura a question about the financial report which she answered to Mr. Appel's satisfaction.

Gary Smith, asked for an explanation of the verbiage in Resolution 22-06 regarding the tax levy. Mr. Schweikert replied the verbiage comes from the Board of Elections. Sagamore is going for 1.5 mills for fire. Mr. Snell gave an explanation of the verbiage. There was a discussion.

Mike Appel asked whether there was a charge when an emergency vehicle comes to your house. Mr. DePasquale said they accept only what the insurance pays if you are a resident. There was a brief discussion about billing.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adjourn to 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. Schweikert. R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye, Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye. ADJOURNED: 7:46 p.m. RECONVENED: 8:00 p.m.

Mr. DePasquale said they were in 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. R/C DePasquale-present; Schweikert-present; Zaccardelli-present.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert. R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.