

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 10, 2023 – media notified

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

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

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

Mr. Zaccardelli said the minutes from the March 13, 2023 cannot be passed tonight because Mr. Schweikert did not attend the March 13, 2023, and Mr. DePasquale is not present tonight to approve the minutes. They will be on hold until the April meeting.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2023 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli. R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Zaccardelli gave the floor to the boy scouts that were present in the audience.

Mr. Jason McRitchie, 59 N. Oakmont, Northfield, scout master of Troop 882 from Macedonia, said the kids are working on a merit badge. They need to attend a government meeting and decided to attend tonight's trustee meeting. The boys are there to observe and listen, have some paper work to complete and notes to take. This is one small section toward earning their merit badge.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to approve the warrant report as presented.
Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli. R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to AMEND **RESOLUTION 23-12** to use ARPA Funds to pay for the body cameras and car cameras purchased for the police department.
Seconded by Mr. Schweikert. R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 23-18** to authorize employment of part-time summer temporary seasonal help for the park and road departments for the 2023 summer season. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli. R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Roads

Mr. Schweikert reported the new backhoe came in. It cost \$141,900.00 through state purchasing. That guaranteed us the lowest price in the state of Ohio. The new one-ton truck that we purchased has been recalled. The service department is getting the mowers ready for summer. Mr. Schweikert commented this is the third backhoe since he was a trustee in 1992 and the most expensive.

Police

Mr. Schweikert reported for March 2023 the Police Department handled 567 calls for Service, provided 1278 community policing checks, distributed 673 "Patrolled Your Area Cards" and completed 9 vacation house checks.

The Investigative Section Received twenty-five (25) investigations for the month and closed all but two (2) of them, two (2) were closed by arrest, our therapy dog had eight (9) community visits.

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The Police Chief received one (1) commendation/appreciation letter from residents, praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

Officers completed numerous required courses and update training. A sergeant completed sixteen (16) hours of training for Metro SWAT. Total hours thirty (30) hours.

Mr. Schweikert commented that our sergeant is allowed to take a police car home because he is on call 24-7, 365 days a year.

Fire

Mr. Zaccardelli reported for March 2023 there were 195 EMS calls and 21 Fire for Macedonia Station #1; 85 EMS calls and 10 Fire for Sagamore Hills Station #2; 52 EMS calls and 8 Fire for Northfield Center Station #3. There was mutual aid in 4 times and out 20 times. There was a total of 391 calls for the month of March.

Year-to-date we have had 933 EMS calls, 106 Fire calls for all three communities.

Mr. Schweikert said Bath Township got a new fire truck at a cost of \$675,000. Mr. Zaccardelli said it takes two years to get a new fire truck. Mr. Zaccardelli said someone offer Bath Township \$150,000 more to buy their fire truck.

Zoning

Mr. Zaccardelli reported we had nine permits for a total of \$3,200.00. We received 5-6 permits today.

Mr. Snell commented the plans for Carter Road are very close to being finalized.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Steimle reported the Fiscal Officer's March 2023 report had a beginning balance of \$7,726,429.43, plus receipts and settlements of \$135,359.08, minus expenditures of \$416,163.92 leaving an ending balance of \$7,445,624.59. Ms. Steimle confirmed permanent appropriations have been approved and sent into the county.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Schweikert reported the county engineer came out with a flyer that they are not doing Valley View Road until 2027. That is when the county is anticipating federal funding. The county has about 200 miles of city roads and over 200 bridges to maintain and limited funds.

Mr. Zaccardelli shared some information about ReWorks. The information is posted on the township website. There will be a shredding event at Macedonia on July 8, 2023 from 900 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be a special event held at Graham Road on April 25-27 and May 2-4 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. to collect hard to recycle materials such as televisions, glass bottles & jars, string lights, cooking oil and campaign signs. You must register to bring in televisions.

Mr. Zaccardelli said in the letter from NOPEC that all the residents will be receiving there is an 800 phone number to call; give them your name and address and they can verify what you are paying, what they are offering and the terms they have. This would be for electric and gas. There is a local meeting scheduled for April 17 from 4-5 pm at Macedonia City Hall Community Room.

Mr. Zaccardelli said at the last trustee meeting there was a discussion on the high-tension wires, trimming of the trees, the chemicals and when they were going to spray. Mr. Zaccardelli spoke to First Energy and received a breakdown. Mr. Zaccardelli reviewed the preliminary breakdown, but said it could change. It looks like the Nesbitt Road and Bike Trail is not going to be sprayed until 2024, except north of Nesbitt Road it will be 2027.

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CITIZENS FORUM

Ms. Carolyn Wolske, 1115 Canyonview Road, Juniper Hill, asked whether the trustees were aware when they started their siding last year at the 1145 building that is close to the high tension wires the workers could not get up to the third floor because they were getting electric shocks. The entire building had to be re-grounded at a cost of \$4,000.

Mr. Snell made a comment about NOPEC. You have to opt out by May 2, 2023 if you live in Sagamore Hills and you do not want to be included in the NOPEC rate. The NOPEC price is to be locked in for six months at 6.45 cents per kWh. There are other plans that are cheaper. Mr. Snell likes NOPEC for electric and gas because it has been historically lower than most other rates and has offered the township a lot of grants. NOPEC puts a lot of money back into the community. There was a brief discussion about NOPEC.

Mr. Mike Apel, Ashford Glen, asked what the recall was on the new one-ton truck. Mr. Schweikert replied if you parked it indoors there could be a possible fire.

Mr. Apel asked whether there has ever been a Swat event. Mr. Zaccardelli said there was a county swat event on Ballantrae Drive regarding Stephen Bittel about ten years ago.

Gary Smith, 824 Glencrest, asked whether we had heard any more about the stormwater run-off being taken over by the Akron Sewer District. Mr. Snell responded with a brief explanation. We are still with NEORS.

Mr. Apel asked about the soccer field grant. Mr. Zaccardelli replied we did not receive it, but will apply again.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.