

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024 – media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Zaccardelli 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 March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2024 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.

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 ADOPT **RESOLUTION 24-12** to amend our Employee Handbook, Section 2.3 Drug-Free/Alcohol-Free Environment.

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

Fire

Mr. DePasquale reported for March 2024 there were 180 EMS calls and 31 Fire for Macedonia Station #1; 95 EMS calls and 12 Fire for Sagamore Hills Station #2; 40 EMS calls and 8 Fire for Northfield Center Station #3. There was mutual aid in 5 times and out 10 times. There was a total of 376 calls for the month of March.

Police

Mr. DePasquale reported for March 2024 the Police Department handled 573 calls for Service, provided 934 community policing checks, including 11 vacation house checks and distributed 847 “Patrolled Your Area Cards”.

The Investigative Section Received fourteen (14) investigations for the month and closed all but two of them, one was closed by arrest, and our Therapy Dog made 13 community visits.

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 16 hours of training for Metro SWAT.

The Traffic Safety Unit’s Quarterly Report: 57 citations were issued, 254 warnings were issued, 2 officers in the unit will attend Child Safety Seat classes to be installers, 3 areas of the Town ship were targeted for enforcement, and the speed trailers will begin to be deployed in the middle of April.

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Roads

Mr. Schweikert reported the road department purchased a mower lift for about three thousand dollars. It is going to help us maintain all of our mowers. The Jacobsen is a \$40,000 mower. We can now get underneath to sharpen the blades, clean things up and work on all of the mowers. It is one of the better investments we made, and should last twenty years or longer. The service department has been working on signage and getting the mowers ready for spring.

Zoning

Mr. Zaccardelli reported we had eight permits for a total of \$1,150.00. Zoning is starting to pick up. Nothing new on Elmcroft. Sagamore Square has some new owners. Our zoning inspector spoke with the new owners and they plan to keep up with the maintenance and trash pickup. Nothing new on the restaurant in the front of the plaza. A new tenant is coming in next to Marcs, another fitness center. Nothing has been formally submitted.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Steimle reported for the month of March 2024 we had a beginning balance of \$8,179,695.37, plus receipts and settlements of \$179,507.13, deducting expenditures in the amount of \$344,368.91. Leaving an ending balance of \$8,014,833.59.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Schweikert said the Summit County Engineer has made an announcement that they will not be cutting roadside grass on any of the county roads. For anyone living on a county road, the township is asking that you cut the roadside of your ditch. We went through this last year. Our machine broke after twenty-five years. The new one is in, but it has not been delivered. It is supposed to be delivered within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Zaccardelli said the township has a legal notice in the Sagamore Voice that takes place May 1, 2024 for noxious weeds. Anything over 8" has to be cut.

Mr. Zaccardelli said ReWorks has two special recycling events coming up this month; April 22, 23 & 24, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and May 6, 8 and 10, 2-6 pm. Check their website for details. There is also a link to ReWorks on our website, mysagamorehills.com.

Mr. Zaccardelli asked whether any residents had any comments/questions. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Zaccardelli 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.

ADJOURNED: 7:11 P.M. RECONVENED: 7:17 P.M.

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

Mr. Zaccardelli 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. Zaccardelli said that Dr. Koncal is leaving on May 28, 2024 to move to Dayton Ohio. His seat on the Zoning Commission will be up. His term goes until next year, December 31, 2025. Dr. Koncal recommended a few people for his replacement. One of the individuals he recommended is a gentleman that lives in Sagamore Hills, Jay Wahl. Dr. Koncal said that Jay had attended many of the zoning commission meetings over the years. He is intelligent, capable and asks great questions and contributes where he can. Mr. Zaccardelli reached out to Jay by letter. Jay has accepted to fulfill Dr. Koncal's term.

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Mr. DePasquale made a motion to appoint Jay Wahl to the Zoning Commission to fill Dr. Koncal's term. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.

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

Mr. DePasquale asked Mr. Zaccardelli whether Jay would be interested in continuing after fulfilling Dr. Koncal's term. Mr. Zaccardelli said he is pretty sure Jay would be willing to continue after fulfilling Dr. Konca's term. Mr. Zaccardelli said Jay will be a great addition to the Zoning Commission.

There was no further business.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.

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