

**SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR**

**June 14, 2021 - media notified**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Schweikert at 7:00 p.m.  
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 May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.

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

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2021 Special 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 June 4, 2021 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.

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

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to approve the warrant report as presented.  
Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 21-32** to adopt the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$12,963,161.28. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.

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

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 21-33** a “Then and Now” for the police department. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 21-34** for removal of the unsafe property/public nuisance at 1390 Romane Drive. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.

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

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 21-35** to authorize Sagamore Hills Township to obtain bids for the 2021 Catch Basin Repair Program.

Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.

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

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 21-36** to participate in the bidding program for the 2021 Summit County Concrete Pavement Repair Program.

Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 21-37** to approve the purchase of a new Caterpillar Wheel Loader for the Road Department in the amount of \$156,570.00. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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

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### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Police**

Mr. DePasquale reported for May 2021 the Police Department handled 451 calls for service. Officers handed out 583 "Patrolled Your Area Cards" and completed 783 community policing checks.

The Investigative Section Received eighteen (18) cases for the month and closed all except for two (2) of them.

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

A Sergeant completed sixteen (16) hours of Metro SWAT shooting and qualifications, other officers completed fifteen (15) hours of on-line training, an officer completed thirty-two (32) hours of field training, officer certification training. Total hours of training sixty-three (63).

#### **Fire**

Mr. DePasquale reported for May 2021 there were 138 EMS calls and 24 Fire for Macedonia Station #1; 117 EMS calls and 10 Fire for Sagamore Hills Station #2; 24 EMS calls and 16 Fire for Northfield Center Station #3. There was mutual aid in 11 times and out 9 times. There was a total of 363 calls for the month of May.

Mr. DePasquale reported that Sagamore Hills is the third safest community in the state of Ohio. Two years prior we were the second safest community in the state of Ohio.

Mr. DePasquale thanked several members of the Macedonia Fire Department for helping with the purchase of our new ambulance. Lt. Rob Lewis, Lt. Brian Miller and medics Matt Harman, Ryan Zapora and Mike Velazquez. They did a great job.

#### **Zoning**

Mr. Zaccardelli reported during the last month there were seven permits for a total of \$650.00. Mr. Zaccardelli thanked Jeff for helping Ray with a couple of houses with high grass issues. Heartridge has had some dust issues, but Summit County has been watering it down. A temporary gravel driveway has been put in.

On June 1, 2021 we received an invoice to confirm the cost of \$1,600 to remove about 25 cats on Romane.

#### **Fiscal Office**

Ms. Steimle reported the Fiscal Officer's May 2021 report had a starting balance of \$7,601,755.40, plus receipts of \$272,831.78, minus expenditures of \$465,752.25 with an ending balance of \$7,408,834.93.

#### **Roads**

Mr. Schweikert said the biggest problem we had in the winter with our back hoe was when the salt was loaded into the truck it got into the engine. There was one day when we couldn't load any salt into the trucks. In researching the front loader, we found out that Northfield Center, Northfield Village and Macedonia have front loaders. Purchasing a front loader should extend the life of our back hoe.

The benches have been installed in the park by the dugouts. Mr. Schweikert said the service department is keeping up with everything, the park looks great. There was some concern earlier in the year about the condition of the fields, but NHAA has been maintaining the fields in lieu of paying for use of the fields.

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### TRUSTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zaccardelli reported as part of our NPDES MS4 Stormwater Outreach Program with Summit Soil and Water Conservation District and the Ohio EPA, a boy scout troop has volunteered to plant trees around Sagamore Hills Park bocce court. While these trees might not be the first thing you think of when it comes to stormwater management, they actually are a simple and affordable way to slow stormwater down, spread it out and soak it in. The leaves from the trees also retain the rainwater until it evaporates back into the atmosphere. Other environment benefits of trees are providing shade, reducing temperatures, providing shelter and food for animals and pollinators and helping improve the overall quality of air.

Trees have a knack for improving the character of a garden, street or in our case the Sagamore Hills Park. Tree planting is a simple way for residents of Sagamore Hills to not only add value to their property, but also improve the environment and reduce erosion and pollutants from reaching the waterways. Hopefully the boy scout's initiative will inspire the residents of Sagamore Hills to go out and plant a tree this summer.

The tree planting will be open to the public, and the boy scouts would like people to attend when they plant the trees. They are going to plant three trees, install a paving area and a small score board. When available to us, the information will be put on our website.

Dave DePasquale reported we are done with Speedway. Our fuel tank is set next to the police garage. It is up and operational. There is a key pad on the wall next to the man door. There is no lock on the fuel tank. If you don't have the code, you don't get any fuel.

Mr. DePasquale spoke with the chief. There will be a beige fence put around the tank so you don't see it from Dunham Road.

Mr. Schweikert asked Laura to give an explanation of what happened with Speedway. Laura reviewed what happened with Speedway regarding payments and late fee charges.

There was a brief discussion about the Speedway problems.

Mr. DePasquale asked Mr. Zaccardelli and Mr. Schweikert to allow him to accept bids on a small generator tied into the power and the gas line by the police garage. We could use NOPEC funds that we have been granted this year for 2021 to cover the purchase and installation of the generator so there will be no cost to the township. If the power goes out, the police could still use the gas tank. Trying to tie in the gas tank to the generator in the township building would be too costly.

Mr. DePasquale said the Ford ambulance that has been taken out of service. Macedonia will be taking the radio out and using it as a backup in the new ambulance. Any supplies that were usable in the old ambulance were taken out. Mr. DePasquale would like to put the old ambulance on govdeals.com. Mr. DePasquale made a motion to put the old Ford ambulance on govdeals.com. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert. R/C Vote: all in favor

Mr. DePasquale reminded everyone that Sarah Bush passed away and a bench was put in her memory in the park, and a tree was planted next to it. The company that did the concrete work in the dugouts donated a pad to put the bench on. The bench had previously been sitting on bricks.

Mr. Schweikert gave a lengthy description of the sewer rate increases.

Mr. Schweikert reported back in February when they came out with the American Rescue Plan, 1308 townships in Ohio were omitted from the American Rescue Plan. We had federal funding with COVID-19 as every community in Ohio did. This round we are not getting any funding. Mr. Schweikert contacted our executive director Heidi Fought and a number of people at the

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Ohio Township Association, our state senator and our federal congressmen and senators. Literally Mr. Schweikert has been told that every elected official in Ohio that is in congress today, every representative and the two senators, were contacted regarding funding. In the paper yesterday, the paper indicated that Sagamore Hills Township may now go from zero federal funding to 1.1 million dollars over the next two years. This is not locked in stone. The Ohio Township Association has quietly been fighting this since February. If we get the money, 75% of it can be used for our safety forces. This would extend the life of both our police and fire levies.

### **CITIZENS FORUM**

Carol Lewis, 9634 Olde Eight Road, asked what did we mean by barcode in the resolution for the police department. Mr. DePasquale responded it is to keep track of evidence.

Mr. Snell said Mr. Schweikert did a good job getting the American Rescue dollars.

Mr. Jeff reported they have been working on the maintenance code. There are three outstanding maintenance issues. Ray Fantozzi has been successful with making progress with two of them. The third one is on Carter Road. A law suit will be filed on the Carter Road issue.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.  
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.