

## SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR MEETING

**Monday, August 14, 2023 – media notified**

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

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

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

Mr. DePasquale stated all of the trustees were wearing Hawaiian shirts in support of the people in Maui and for the devastation that has taken place.

Mr. DePasquale asked for everyone to please join in a brief moment of silence in remembrance of Rose Mary Snell who served the community of Sagamore Hills for over twenty years.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.

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

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.

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

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2023 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.

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 23-30** to approve the change to Section Seven of our zoning resolution by adding letter M which states as follows: “No shipping containers, cargo containers, ISO containers, Intermodal containers, box truck beds, semi-truck trailers or similar structures may be used as a primary or accessory structure.”

Mr. Zaccardelli thanked the zoning commission for a job well done.

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

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 23-31** a full-time police officer transitioning to part-time officer in the police department.

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

### **Zoning**

Mr. Zaccardelli reported during the last month there have been 9 permits for a total of \$5,225.00. There is a coin shop that moved into Sagamore Square. Their sign has not been installed yet. Everything is status quo on Parkview off of Carter Road. There is nothing new to report.

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### **Roads**

Mr. Schweikert reported our new tractor won't be delivered until January. The cost is \$112,000. We have not been able to cut the roadside grass and plan to ask the engineer if they could come in and cut it. The county does not like to loan out their equipment. We would be willing to pay them to cut the roadside grass.

Salt prices are going to be the same as last year.

Mr. DePasquale commented that Barberton had also been looking at a new tractor the same time that we were, but we placed our order first. Barberton just placed their order for the exact same tractor that we ordered and the price has increased by \$22,000. Mr. Schweikert said we sold the old tractor on govdeals.com for about \$7,000. Our old tractor lasted 35 years.

### **Fire**

Mr. DePasquale reported Chief Ripley has been out and we do not have fire stats, but will try to get them.

### **Police**

Mr. DePasquale reported for July 2023 the Police Department handled 582 calls for Service, provided 1250 community policing area checks, distributed 1053 "Patrolled Your Area Cards" and completed 20 house checks.

The Investigative Section received twenty-eight (28) investigations for the month, all of them were closed, three were closed by arrest and 2 investigative PRs were completed. Our therapy dog made five (5) community contacts.

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

Officers are continuing their mandated online, Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy training blocks. A Sergeant attended 24 hours of SWAT Training. There was 38 total hours of training.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Ms. Steimle reported the Fiscal Officer's July 2023 report had a beginning balance of \$9,308,520.10, plus receipts and settlements of \$62,857.42, minus expenditures on the warrant report in the amount of \$1,461,882.34, leaving an ending balance of \$7,909,495.18.

### **Trustee Reports**

Mr. Zaccardelli reminded everyone to continue to check the ReWorks website.

Mr. Schweikert made reference to the article by Mr. Zaccardelli in the September issue of the Sagamore Voice regarding the recent ransacking of unlocked automobiles in Sagamore Hills. Mr. Schweikert reminded everyone to lock their cars at night and remove all valuables. If your car is parked in your driveway, be sure and remove your garage door opener.

Mr. DePasquale reminded everyone that the township parking lot was repaved last year. With the work on the tower, the sealing and stripping got delayed. Weather permitting the sealing and stripping of half the parking lot will take place on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and the rest of the parking lot on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed on Wednesday as employees will not be able to park their cars in the parking lot. Police will park on the grass close to the building.

### **CITIZENS FORUM**

Carolyn Wolske, Greenwood Village, commented the Macedonia Senior Center now has a bus that is fully paid for with grant money. There are numerous trips planned at a minimal cost per person. They are looking for a driver with a CDL license.

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Carol Lewis, 9634 Olde Eight, asked what kind of pipes are being put in Wood Hollow and Sandy Hill on the road they just resurfaced. Mr. Schweikert replied they are brand new cross over culvert pipes to make sure they can handle the water. The previous pipes were undersized.

Jeff Pudelski, HOA President of Eaton Estates, thanked the board for loaning out Chief Hayes. Mr. Pudelski called and reached out to Chief Hayes. Lawrence School contacted the Eaton Estates HOA asking to use their clubhouse as an emergency evacuation center in case the worse would happen at the Lawrence School. The kids would come through the woods and paths to the clubhouse. Chief Hayes did not have any concerns with that plan. Mr. Pudelski said as long as Sagamore Hills is willing to put us on their insurance we will allow that and support our neighbors. There will be one or two tests yearly.

Mr. Pudelski said there is a curb at Valley View and Eaton entering Waterside right on the island where the snow plow took out the curb. There have been two complaints about this from residents and Mr. Pudelski wanted to bring it to the boards' attention.

Mr. Pudelski said the water fountains in the Sagamore Park are not working very well. Mr. DePasquale said he would check with Bill Cuprak in our service department.

Carolyn Wolske asked whether there was any news about Elmcroft. The board has not heard anything about Elmcroft. Mr. DePasquale said the board cannot really comment on this until the zoning commission brings it to the board. Mr. Zaccardelli suggested checking the township website for the posting of the monthly zoning commission meeting agenda.

Denis Kelly asked when the agenda gets posted. Ms. Taylor responded the agenda is posted a few days prior or on the meeting day, depending on when it is completed.

Gary Smith, 84 Glencrest, asked who we contact about trimming some trees in the right-of-way. There are trees that need to be trimmed at the corner of Glencrest and Boyden. Mr. Schweikert said they would contact the Summit County as Boyden is a county road.

Mike Apel, Ashford Glen, asked whether the light bar had been put on the new police truck. Mr. DePasquale replied the light bar has not come in yet. Chief told Mr. DePasquale possibly next week before it comes in.

Mr. Apel asked whether there was any information about the residual affect of the speed trailers that were put out. Mr. DePasquale responded he is not sure if that data is collected. Mr. DePasquale will check with the chief.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.  
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.