

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, March 13, 2017 - media notified

The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Schweikert at 7:00 pm.
R/C: Schweikert-present; Zaccardelli-present; DePasquale-absent;
Fiscal Officer Gale-present.

Mr. Gale stated quorum was present.

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

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to move the minutes unapproved of the February 13, 2017 regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli. R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye. Mr. Gale stated minutes were moved.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Schweikert moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated February 28, 2017 in the amount of \$228,566.84. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 17-13** to participate in the bidding program for stripping with Summit County Engineer vendor. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 17-14** to update the Sagamore Hills Township Park set of rules and regulations to include a concession stand permit application. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert. R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye. Mr. Gale stated legal counsel reviewed.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 17-15** to approve the purchase of a Hustler Super 104 Lawn Mower for the road department. Mr. Schweikert said the township will receive a trade-in of \$4,000 on the old 1997 Jacobsen and a \$1,000.00 trade-in on the Scag 3 wheel rider, for a total trade-in of \$5,000 towards the purchase of the Hustler. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert. R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye. Mr. Gale verified the monies were to be taken out of the park fund account.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 17-16** to request engineering assistance from the Summit County Engineer for the 2017 catch basin repair program, not to exceed \$110,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 17-17** to advertise for bids for the full depth reclamation of McNeil Drive in Sagamore Hills Township. Dave Smith from the Summit County Engineer's office gave a brief explanation of the engineer's estimate for the work on McNeil Drive. The base bid is from Boyden to Kiltie Lane. The alternate is from Kiltie Lane through the cul-de-sac. Mr. Schweikert asked whether a total reclamation of the cul-de-sac was necessary. Mr. Smith does not recommend doing anything less than a total reclamation of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Schweikert would like this project to be completed by October 1, 2017. Mr. Smith confirmed the October 1, 2017 completion date should not be a problem. Bid opening date agreed upon for this project is April 7, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli. R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye.

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Mr. Schweikert stated Resolution 17-18 deals with a C-2 liquor license request from the Village of Northfield for an economic development project. Mr. Schweikert asked whether John Zaccardelli had an opportunity to review this. Mr. Zaccardelli responded no. Mr. Schweikert stated Dave DePasquale, not in attendance tonight, called him and said he needs more time to study it. Mr. Schweikert suggested tabling this resolution until both John and Dave are comfortable with the resolution. Mr. Zaccardelli agreed. Mr. Gale stated resolution 17-18 was tabled.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department Report

Mr. Zaccardelli reported on the statistics for February 2017. The department handled 530 calls for service, performed 676 "Community Policing" assignments and handed out 457 "Patrolled Your Area Cards".

The Investigative Section received fourteen (14) investigations for the month and closed all of them, three (3) were closed by arrest.

Two (2) commendations/appreciations from residents were received praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

Our Police Department recently received Provisional Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification status. The department also completed the on site assessment and should receive permanent certification in the near future.

Fire/EMS Report

Mr. Zaccardelli reported for the month of February Sagamore Hills had 94 EMS calls and 6 fire calls; 5 calls for in mutual aid and 8 for out mutual aid. From 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8th until 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9th, Macedonia had 1 fire alarm, 5 wires down, 5 EMS calls and 7 wind related calls; Sagamore Hills had 2 fire alarms, 3 wires down, 4 EMS and 5 wind related calls; Northfield Center had 1 fire alarm, 1 wire down, 4 EMS and 3 wind related calls for a total of 26 calls within a 24 hour period.

Mr. Schweikert commented that S. Boyden Road had been closed on Wednesday because of downed phone lines and reopened on Sunday.

Mr. Zaccardelli said that First Energy sent us a press release today about the upcoming winter storm with specific items on how to be prepared. The press release is posted on our website. There is also a mobile app available to download on your smart phone. It will tell you where the power outages are and you can report a power outage.

Zoning Report

Mr. Zaccardelli reported there were 7 permits issued in February. Three were for demolition, one for a backyard fence and two for a roof for a total income of \$325.00.

There is still no word on the Mottl property and nothing going on with the 110 acres on Dunham Road.

Hidden Ridge is on the Summit County Council agenda on March 31st for storm water. The final plans will have the islands and must go through the County Engineer.

Road/Park Department Report

Mr. Schweikert asked Dave Smith from the County Engineer's office whether there was a time frame on a meeting about Canyon View. Mr. Smith replied they would get together in about a week. Mr. Schweikert said the township wants to apply for a grant on Phase II of Canyon View.

Mr. Schweikert said the road department did a great job during the wind storm and kept on top of everything.

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Mr. Zaccardelli commented some of the township signs are missing because the road department personnel are repainting all of our signs and adding the new logo. This saves the township a lot of money.

Fiscal Office

The Fiscal Officer's February 2017 report had a starting balance of \$4,663,427.82, PLUS receipts of \$145,411.92, MINUS expenditures of \$232,913.15 (which includes memo receipts of \$4,346.31 plus the pending warrant report of \$228,566.84). The ending balance for February 2017 is \$4,575,926.59.

The memo receipts are money that came in from the JEDD. Mr. Gale reported that for 2016 the total received from the JEDD of \$371,690.21 minus the 3% administrative fee of \$11,150.71 was \$360,539.50. The JEDD money is earmarked for capital improvement and roads.

Mr. Gale thanked the three trustees and Jeff Snell for agreeing to allow Mr. Gale to process payroll on President's Day with live checks rather than with an electronic fund transfer to ensure that all employees received their pay in a timely manner during the First Merit/Huntington transition.

Mr. Schweikert had a question for Mr. Snell from Dave DePasquale, as Dave was not in attendance. Mr. Schweikert stated we had some communication from Frank Risko's attorney, and asked Mr. Snell to give an update on Frank Risko's demands.

Mr. Snell replied the last demand in January was for \$60,000. We received an email late Thursday from Mr. Risko's attorney stating they wanted to take another stab at a settlement and their demand was for \$7,500 or they would file a lawsuit by the 20th. They wanted advice by March 17th. Mr. Snell spoke with Mike Harvey and he will forward this email to the Northfield Center Trustees. Mr. Snell does not know their position on this. Sagamore Hills advice is there is no documentation of these hours and claims. We do not know where the \$7,500 comes from.

Mr. Schweikert responded that he had contacted the prosecutor's office and the auditor's office, and we cannot pay an employee for undocumented hours. Mr. Risko was the timekeeper and in charge of the hours. Mr. Risko never mentioned at any of the Fire Board meetings that he was not being compensated fairly or if there was an issue.

Mr. Snell stated while Mr. Risko documented his hours during the day and entered them into the ADP system on a regular basis with all the other payrolls, his claim is 2-3 hours every day of all of those days that were not on the clock and not documented in some way. The township has not been able to find any other documentation or been provided with any documentation when we have asked about it.

Mr. Gale responded we follow the state rule, no documentation, no support.

Mr. Snell received a call from Richard Reville regarding Rosemary Barrett. Sagamore Hills had extended her hours by fifteen, but there is a little more clean up and Northfield Center Township would like to extend her five more hours. Mr. Snell asked the trustees to extend Rosemary Barrett five more hours. Both Mr. Schweikert and Mr. Zaccardelli agreed to amend her resolution and extend it from fifteen to twenty hours.

Mr. Schweikert stated he wanted to clear something up. For the record, there was something published by one of the Northfield Center trustees that Sagamore Hills owed Northfield Center \$109,000.00. Mr. Schweikert stated Scott Gale would not pay the money. The three trustees were one hundred percent behind Scott and supportive of his decision not to pay the money. After legal got involved and all the issues came out, Northfield Center received \$38,000 from the existing bank account. No money was ever given to Northfield Center from Sagamore. Mr. Zaccardelli said there was existing money in the fire fund to pay the bills. The three trustees thanked Scott for "drawing the line in the sand".

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Mr. Schweikert said the money from the JEDD will be dedicated to capital equipment and roads. The reason for doing this is so we don't have to go out for an additional levy for roads, and keep the taxes as low as possible. Mr. Schweikert hopes the \$360,000 from the JEDD received in 2016 will be the average amount received on a yearly basis going forward. Mr. Schweikert stated John and Dave brought in the JEDD and after only one year the township has received \$360,000.00. Mr. Schweikert thanked John and Dave for a job well done. Mr. Zaccardelli commented this pretty much stemmed from the Sagamore Hills Road project, which was a huge project for us to entail.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Zaccardelli said there is an event called Hope Over Heroin in Akron on July 21 and 22. They are looking for volunteers to add any insight they might need. There will be a breakfast on April 1st from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Faith Fellowship Church on Valley View Road in Macedonia. There will be elected officials and judges from Summit County in attendance, the health department has been notified, and they are trying to get as many people involved as possible. This will be posted on our website.

Mr. Gale asked Mr. Schweikert to address the issue of the Senior Center.

Mr. Schweikert said we have paid for half a year. The Sikhs are purchasing the church. At the end of the six months we will re-evaluate to see whether we will continue. Mr. Gale confirmed June 30, 2017 as the end of the six month lease. Mr. Schweikert said he heard that the Sikhs want the Senior Center to continue until January 1, 2018.

Mr. Schweikert introduced Mr. Bill Roemer, former County Council member, and asked whether he had any announcements he would care to make. Mr. Roemer said he did not have any announcements.

CITIZENS FORUM

Andy Krestel, 461 Adelle Drive, member of the Board of Eaton Estates, said there are a lot of areas of depression over erosion and asked whether there was something the residents could do to get top soil or fill dirt. Mr. Schweikert said there is spare dirt up on field #191 that the township owns. When we have time in the summer and people want dirt, we give it to them. Some of it is very clean fill and some of it isn't. It would be dumped on the tree lawn or the driveway apron. Mr. Krestel was advised to contact Joanne Taylor to make arrangements to obtain the dirt.

Frank Kopas, 7495 S. Boyden, said it was brought to his attention at a meeting he attended that our fire protection and EMS are coming from Northfield Center. Mr. Kopas said he asked about this at a public meeting and was assured that our fire and EMS protection would be coming out of our new station here in Sagamore Hills. Mr. Kopas stated the Macedonia Fire Chief mentioned that anything south of Rt. 82 was out of Northfield Center. Mr. Kopas asked why the residents were not informed of this in a public announcement and shared his concerns regarding fire protection coming from Northfield Center, the number of firemen at the Sagamore station, personnel rotation, equipment maintenance at the Northfield Center fire station, number of ambulances used on a call and tracking of the ambulance fees.

Mr. Schweikert, Mr. Gale and Mr. Zaccardelli gave brief summaries to address Mr. Kopas' concerns.

Mr. Schweikert suggested having Chief Black come to the April meeting, and asked Mr. Kopas to give them his questions so the Chief can come prepared to the April meeting and address all of Mr. Kopas' concerns.

Mr. Kopas asked about an insurance payment for the fire department. Mr. Snell responded this was an insurance payment for the vehicles, the building and the people that run those vehicles.

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Mike Bergold, 11638 Valley View Road, inquired about the meeting the trustees had with NOPEC. Mr. Schweikert said First Energy and the County are looking to join NOPEC, which would also include us. We are in limbo until that is resolved.

There was a brief discussion.

Alicia Kopas, 7495 S. Boyden, asked whether we know from NOPEC whether their rates are lower in the long run than the standard choice. Mr. Schweikert said he personally checks every six months for the best rate.

There was a brief discussion on NOPEC.

Mike Bergold, 11638 Valley View Road, asked what was the latest from the county on the arm bars by the fire department. Mr. Zaccardelli responded that Tim Boley was looking into some grant money from the county to put flashing lights there over the road. We are still waiting for a decision. We are at their mercy.

There was a brief discussion.

Bill Roemer, 3616 Southern Road, Richfield, a former Summit County Council member, now serves on the Summit County School Board and the Summit County Educational Service Center Board of Governors. There are seventeen school boards and Mr. Roemer has had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Nordonia School District. Last summer Mr. Roemer spent a lot of time in Sagamore Hills. Mr. Roemer wants to be aware of the issues facing the elected officials as well as the residents in each community. Mr. Roemer was very impressed with the repaving of Sagamore Road. Netting over \$360,000 from the JEDD is outstanding. Mr. Roemer commented that if anyone had any questions after the meeting he would be available. Mr. Roemer thanked everyone for letting him speak.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; DePasquale-aye.