

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, March 12, 2018 - media notified

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

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

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-abstain.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. DePasquale moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated February 2018 in the amount of \$223,497.91. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.
R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; DePasquale-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 18-07** a “Then and Now Certificate” for the road department for salt. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 18-08** for authorization to participate in the bidding program for stripping with Summit County Engineer vendor. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli. R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 18-09** for authorization to participate in the bidding program for culvert maintenance with Summit County Engineer vendor. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye; DePasquale-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 18-10** to enter into the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council of Government. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police

Mr. DePasquale reported for the month of February the Police Department handled 508 calls for service, provided 805 community policing checks and distributed 650 “Patrolled Your Area Cards.”

The Investigative Section received seventeen (17) investigations for the month and closed all except for one (1) of them.

The Chief received two (2) commendations/appreciations from residents, praising members of the Department for their dedication to duty.

Officers completed six (6) on line training courses.

Fire

Mr. DePasquale reported that Macedonia Station #1 had 116 EMS calls and 17 Fire calls for a total of 133 calls. Sagamore Hills Station #2 had 74 EMS calls and 11 Fire calls for a total of 85 calls. Northfield Center Station #3 had 32 EMS calls and 6 Fire calls for a total of 38 calls.

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We received mutual aid 5 times and provided mutual aid 5 times.

Mr. DePasquale commented that Mr. Kopas had previously asked how many calls were made at Brentwood and the facilities there. Mr. DePasquale had a meeting in mid February with Chief Black, Captain Ripley, the administration of Brentwood and a private ambulance company. We are working towards their people being retrained on whom to call for what and when and not calling 911 for certain things that are truly not an emergency.

Roads

Mr. Schweikert reported about the problems we have had to get our road salt this winter. There will be an article in the Sagamore Voice regarding this.

The road department has been doing a good job with the salt we have.

Zoning

Mr. Zaccardelli reported we will be posting the grass cutting notice soon.

We had six (6) permits issued in the last 30 days for a total of \$4,010.00 in fees.

Mr. Zaccardelli reported nothing is going on at the school board property. The Mottl property is moving forward. The developer will be cutting down some trees during the next two weeks, weather permitting.

Fiscal Office

The Fiscal Officer's February 2018 report had a starting balance of \$4,800,883.95, PLUS receipts of \$221,528.31, MINUS expenditures of \$237,309.51 (which includes the pending warrant report of \$223,497.91 PLUS Memo Receipts of \$13,811.60). The ending balance for February 2018 is \$4,785,102.65.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Mr. DePasquale reported that he and Paul Schweikert attended the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference. We looked at chippers. One of the vendors called and Mr. DePasquale put him in touch with Bill. The Gator has outlived its usefulness and Bill has mentioned that we should be looking at something else. If we can't get good trade-in values we could put them on the GovDeal site because things sell on there no matter what the condition.

Mr. Schweikert mentioned during the November 4th storm we had 8-9 trees that were lost in the park. We may replant four of them in the spring.

Mr. Zaccardelli commented he did not go to the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference because he was in Ireland.

CITIZENS FORUM

Mr. Frank Kopas, 7495 Boyden Road, referred to the July 10, 2017 Resolution 17-41 the trustees passed to spend up to \$1,000 a month towards the Fire Awareness Instruction and Respect Program in addition to what we already pay for our fire protection from the fire department. Eight months have passed since then, and Mr. Kopas inquired as to how much we have collected for ambulance fees and how much up to \$1,000 we have sent per month back to Macedonia.

Mr. Gale apologized to Mr. Kopas for not being at the last two meetings. Mr. Gale said he has that information for Mr. Kopas in his office. Mr. Schweikert commented he thought we received about \$250,000 in ambulance billing minus the percentage for processing the billing. Mr. Gale will give Mr. Kopas the sheets with the correct information after the meeting.

Mr. Kopas asked what the money for the Fire Awareness Instruction and Respect Program was spent on. Mr. DePasquale replied he was not sure whether any money has been spent yet. The biggest item is refurbishing or replacing the trailer. Once they start on that there will be ongoing training involved.

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This is not the training they have to have to be a firefighter or paramedic. When the firemen go to the schools to instruct children on fire safety they have to have a different level of training. Mr. Kopas asked how many times they would instruct the children and are we willing to give them a \$1,000 a month to do that.

Mr. Schweikert replied if we got \$250,000 from ambulance billing, the best we ever received from Northfield Center was \$180,000. We are getting more money than before, and if we can train these kids and save a life it is worth it.

There was a brief discussion.

Mr. Mike Bergold, 11638 Valley View Road, commented that last year the board spoke about possibly going with Summit County as far as water runoff and asked what was the status regarding this.

Mr. Snell replied that Summit County adopted a program. Bath is the first member of that program. There is no program yet to operate in Bath. They are on a six month period while they are studying how that program is going to operate. The County took action to create the program but there are no regulations regarding the details. The County Engineer's office is working with Bath and this will be the first experiment on how this is going to work. County Council took formal action in January/February to create this kind of utility.

Mr. Schweikert commented that he and Jeff Snell met with the NEORSD and told them we would like to opt out, but there is nowhere to opt out to. Mr. Snell replied that NEORSD's argument is that it has to be substantially similar to the language of the agreement.

There was a brief discussion.

Gary Smith, asked the board to reiterate on Resolution 18-10 for NOPEC.

Mr. Snell replied we are a member of NOPEC already but only for gas and now they bought electric aggregation and have just reaffirmed their membership agreement. Everyone that is a member of NOPEC participates in a council of governments. So they just reaffirmed their council of government's agreement. All the communities of NOPEC are governed by this membership agreement.

Mr. Smith asked what Resolution 18-10 was. Mr. Snell replied it reaffirms the membership in NOPEC and says we were members for purposes of gas, but now we are also members for purposes of electric. We should be getting letters very shortly to opt out. The County plan ends May 19, 2018 and if you do nothing you will automatically roll in.

Commercial customers will not be a member unless they opt in.

Mr. Bergold commented there was a lot of damage from the November storm. Mr. Schweikert said the township will deliver a 5 ton truck and any resident that loads it we will remove it. This has been advertised on our website. We may replace or fix our chipper, but not sure what we are going to do. The earliest we could get a new chipper would be September.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye; DePasquale-aye.