

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – REGULAR

Monday, March 11, 2019 - media notified

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

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

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-abstain.

PENDING WARRANTS

Mr. Zaccardelli moved to approve the Pending Warrant Report dated February 2019 in the amount of \$290,975.27. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye.

Mr. Schweikert said we were honored to have Former Fire Chief Tim Black with us tonight. We had Tim as our Fire Chief for twenty-eight months. Mr. Schweikert commented life before Tim and life after Tim was literally like “hitting a switch on the wall, literally night and day.”

Mr. DePasquale presented Tim Black with a proclamation on his retirement.

Chief Black said it was an honor to serve.

Mr. DePasquale commented that Brian Ripley has stepped in as Fire Chief for the time being.

Mr. Gale and Mr. DePasquale asked whether there were any fire related questions. There were no questions.

The trustees congratulated Tim.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to AMEND **RESOLUTION 19-08** for authorization to participate in the bidding program for stripping with a Summit County Engineer vendor. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 19-16** for authorization to participate in the bidding program for resurfacing with a Summit County Engineer vendor for North Boyden Road. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye; DePasquale-aye.

Mr. Schweikert made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 19-17** to authorize Sagamore Hills Township to obtain bids for the 2019 Catch Basin Repair Program through Summit County for Eaton Estates. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 19-18** to establish a capital projects fund for road/fire maintenance vehicles. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Zaccardelli-aye; Schweikert-aye.

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Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 19-19** for Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for job creation and retention and tax revenue sharing. Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.
R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; DePasquale-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 19-20** in honor of Fire Chief Tim Black on the occasion of his retirement. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye.

Mr. Zaccardelli made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 19-21** to adopt official guidelines for use of the Sagamore Hills Park baseball fields.
Seconded by Mr. Schweikert.
R/C Vote: Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye; DePasquale-aye.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to ADOPT **RESOLUTION 19-22** for authorization to participate in the bidding program for resurfacing with a Summit County Engineer vendor for Greenwood Parkway. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire

Mr. DePasquale reported there were 130 EMS calls and 45 fire calls at Macedonia Station #1, 79 EMS calls and 10 fire calls at Sagamore Hills Station #2 and 42 EMS calls and 9 fire calls at Northfield Center Station #3. There was mutual aid in 16 times and out 6 times. There was a total of 321 calls for the month of February.

Mr. DePasquale commented he would clarify the mutual aid numbers for next month as he thought they might not have been updated.

Police

In February the Police Department handled 623 calls for service, provided 746 community policing checks and handed out 261 "Patrolled Your Area Cards."

The Investigative Section received twenty (20) investigations for the month and closed all except two (2) of them. They completed seven (7) "PR" follow up calls, this program was recently initiated in order to follow up on calls that have no further leads.

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

Officers completed handgun/shotgun/off duty gun yearly qualifications. Two officers attended an annual Car Child Safety Seat Training Conference, Sergeant Wolf started his METRO Swat Training, an officer got recertified on LEADS and an officer was recertified on the BAC. Total hours 80.

Mr. DePasquale gave a brief summary on what a PR follow up call is.

Mr. Schweikert asked whether Officer DeCrane was at Rushwood yet. Mr. DePasquale responded no. There has been some discussion of possibly setting up an office at Rushwood for officer DeCrane. This would allow officer DeCrane or another police officer to stop at Rushwood and file reports, while also having the presence of a police officer at Rushwood.

Roads

Mr. Schweikert commented he thought we could make it through the winter without purchasing any more salt as long as the weather holds up and we don't have any ice storms.

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We had calls from residents complaining that we weren't salting enough. We couldn't get the salt.

Mr. Schweikert had a resident call and wanted us to endorse the AOC green plan for ninety-three trillion dollars. Mr. Schweikert told them "we would not be endorsing the ninety-three trillion-dollar green plan."

Zoning

Mr. Zaccardelli reported zoning was a little slow in the beginning of the year but has picked up a little. We had seven permits for January and February for a total of \$395.00.

Mr. Zaccardelli commented the reason he wanted to set up the capital projects fund with accounting is because last year we had over \$40,000 in zoning fees and \$38,000 the year before. With the new construction in Sagamore Hills we can generate some cash that will go towards good capital equipment.

The Mottl property is moving forward. Mr. Zaccardelli asked Mr. Snell about the 93 acres whether it was still going through the county engineer. Mr. Snell said the Heartridge project will be starting. It has received all its approvals. Within the next 30 days trees will be removed and construction will start.

Fiscal Office

The Fiscal Officer's February 2019 report had a starting balance of \$5,282,557.84, PLUS receipts of \$1,005,129.61 MINUS expenditures of \$493,287.50 (which includes the pending warrant report of \$491,136.15 plus Memo Receipts of \$3,729.58). The ending balance for February 2019 is \$5,794,399.95.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zaccardelli commented the young man putting in the bocce court in the park has changed his plans slightly from using concrete to some other type of structure because of cost restrictions. He would like to make it more of a maintenance free environment. He would like to meet on Saturday to determine the location of the bocce court in the park.

Mr. DePasquale made a motion to use the NOPEC Sponsorship Grant for "Dump Your Junk" and "Shop with the Cop" events. Seconded by Mr. Zaccardelli.
R/C Vote: Zaccardelli-aye; DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye.

Mr. Schweikert commended JT for doing all the work on the NOPEC Sponsorship Grant.

Mr. Schweikert said we have another grant with NOPEC, the NOPEC Energized Community Grant to be used for projects around the township.

Mr. DePasquale said he would like to entertain quotes for a new generator for the township building and sell the existing generator for whatever value it has on govdeals.com. Mr. DePasquale will look into insulation for the township building as well, and a solar light in the far southeast corner of the park.

Mr. Schweikert said the township building generator was purchased in 1990-1991. Mr. DePasquale said that Chief Hayes said the generator has had some repairs and he is not sure of the longevity of the generator.

Mr. Schweikert suggested the trustees hold a special meeting on March 27, 2019 at 12:00 noon to move forward with NOPEC and approve the permanent appropriations. This would give Mr. DePasquale time to get quotes on the generator, insulation and LED light.

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CITIZEN FORUM

Jeff Balaga, 11818 Dunham Road, shared his concerns regarding the condition of the properties at 11820 Dunham Road and 10813 Valley View Road.

Mr. Schweikert suggested Mr. Balaga get the county to come out and Mr. Schweikert said he would be there to see what the county will do.

Mike Bergold, 11638 Valley View Road, asked according to the contract we have with Kimble, when are they allowed to raise the prices on a three-month basis.

Mr. Schweikert replied they can raise the prices only if the tipping fees have gone up.

Mr. Zaccardelli replied the contract is broken down with price increases throughout the whole contract.

Mr. Bergold asked how he could get a copy of the contract. Mr. DePasquale suggested he call the township and make a public records request.

Robert Miller, 960 W. Hill, inquired about the deteriorating condition of Houghton Road. Mr. Schweikert replied we hope to repair the road early next spring after all of the construction is done on the Mottl property. The service department is out patching roads and will do some patching on Houghton.

Carol Lewis, 9634, Olde Eight, referred to an article in the Newsleader regarding a grant for exhaust systems to be installed in the fire stations. Mr. DePasquale replied this system is in addition to what we already have in our new fire station. This is just another layer of protection. Our contribution is less than four thousand dollars.

Mike Bergold, 11638 Valley View Road, asked Mr. Snell whether he got his check from the bonding company. Mr. Snell replied, yes.

Mr. Bergold asked the trustees to check with the police chief on the status of the investigation on Frank Risko. Mr. DePasquale responded the investigation is still open. When the investigation is closed, he will let Mr. Bergold know the status.

Mr. Snell commented the trustees do not get any information on an open investigation.

Gary Smith, 824 Glencrest, asked whether we could include a shredder day with the grant from NOPEC for the "Dump Your Junk" event.

Mr. Schweikert responded the county will be doing a shredder day at Macedonia this summer. A date has not been scheduled yet.

Mr. Zaccardelli responded there is a place in Akron that has shredding available every Saturday morning.

Frank Kopas, 7495 S. Boyden, said Mr. Gale had provided him information on the Fair program contributions, specifically the second and third quarters of 2017 which totaled \$11,840.79, and there is a cap of \$12,000.00. Mr. Kopas asked what happened to the remaining one quarter of 2017 and did it cap over \$12,000.00. Mr. Kopas also had asked for an accounting of 2018; how much money was collected, how much we sent to the Fair program, and what has been done with this money.

Mr. DePasquale said he spoke to Captain/Chief Ripley last week. Mr. Ripley had a trailer bid out, but is checking with their legal department to see whether they have to go through state bidding. The trailer currently picked out costs \$130,000. Mr. DePasquale will follow-up with Mr. Kopas regarding the state bid.

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As Mr. DePasquale told Mr. Kopas at a previous meeting, hopefully training of the fire fighters will start this month or next month so they are prepared to go to the schools. Mr. Kopas asked what the cost of this training would be. Mr. DePasquale replied he would find out the cost.

Mr. Kopas commented about the ownership of the trailer and whether we would have to do maintenance on it. Mr. DePasquale responded he did not know whether we would have actual ownership, but we would have access to it any time we wanted. In regard to maintenance, Mr. DePasquale will find out.

Mr. Kopas said his understanding was there is still a cap of \$12,000.00 per year to the Fair program. Mr. DePasquale responded he would look at the resolution to see whether it was a percentage or a cap.

Mr. Kopas commented that what you see in the minutes is not necessarily what the actual resolution is, it is a summary of; the wording may be changed. Mr. Kopas called these shenanigans.

Mr. Schweikert said they understand that Mr. Kopas does not approve of the Fair program.

Mr. Kopas said he believes the ambulance money could be put in our general fund, to be used for roads, salt or other items. Mr. DePasquale said the ambulance money is being used for equipment for fire/EMS purposes.

Mr. Schweikert commented, prior to Sagamore Hills entering into the Fair program, under the old system with Northfield Center, we were getting \$170,000 a year in ambulance billing. We are now getting \$240,000 a year and taking \$12,000.00 of this money and putting it towards fire education. Not everyone in the township agrees with it, but the board made a decision to go that way. This \$12,000 per year contribution is not permanent, but seed money to help get the Fair program up and running. The three communities of Northfield Center, Macedonia and Sagamore Hills want to have a fire program for the kids in school.

Mr. Snell commented we don't believe under the old fire district that all the people that could have been billed for squad calls were being billed. That has changed with Macedonia, which is why we are now collecting more in ambulance billing.

Mr. Snell stated \$12,000.00 is what is being withheld from ambulance billing for the Fair program, which can be accounted for with Mr. Gale.

The discussion continued on the Fair program.

Mr. Kopas said Sergeant Wolfe provided service for Northfield Center, and asked whether we do this often, and are we picking up part of the Sheriff's job.

Mr. DePasquale said we have mutual aid for our police department, which we do for all our neighbors.

Mr. Bergold asked how often do our officers shoot. Mr. DePasquale believes they are at the range more than once a year. Mr. DePasquale will find out for Mr. Bergold.

Mr. Balaga asked what does it take to have a resolution passed if we were to have an actual building code. Mr. Snell and the board responded we cannot have a building code because we are a township. Mr. Schweikert suggested Mr. Balaga ask a representative from the county when they come to inspect the properties Mr. Balaga is concerned about.

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Mr. Schweikert made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. DePasquale
R/C Vote: DePasquale-aye; Schweikert-aye; Zaccardelli-aye.