

Held February 27, 2007

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mr. Fiedeldey called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM with Mr. Corman, Mr. Fiedeldey, Mr. Ritter, and Mrs. Harlow in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Reuter requested the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to compensation of public employees, a grievance by filed by an employee, and pending litigation.

At 5:07 PM, Mr. Corman made a motion to enter executive session and Mr. Ritter offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

- Mr. Corman "Aye"
- Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter "Aye"

Mr. Fiedeldey reconvened the meeting at 7:11 PM. Mr. Fiedeldey said no final action was taken in executive session.

**INVOCATION**

Fr. Joe Kindel of St. James Parish offered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Northwest High School Naval Junior ROTC Color Guard presented the colors and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Students in the color guard are: Summer West, Ben Oblinger, Brad Dohme, Anabel Morales, and Bruce Goodale.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Fiedeldey asked for changes to the minutes of the February 20, 2007, regular meeting.

Mr. Corman asked that his comments about the curfew be revised to say, "This is serious and he wants to take it into serious consideration."

Mr. Corman motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Ritter offered the second.

- Mr. Corman "Aye"
- Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter "Aye"

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Lt. Schoonover presented the report:

The following statistics were generated in January 2007

- 110 cases were assigned to the Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Section and 67 were closed, with \$130,275.00 in stolen property recovered.
- 08 D.U.I. arrests by County contract and non contract Deputies.
- There were 138 details dispatched to County Contract cars by the Hamilton County Communications Center in December. (1,514 non

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contract, details and 423 self generated details by County Deputies, with a combined patrol total of 2075 details.

- 92 citations were issued in December by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Colerain Contract Cars.

Chief Sarver presented statistics for the Township's Department: 261 citations issued and 13 DUI arrests.

### TRUSTEE REPORTS

#### **MR. RITTER**

Mr. Ritter said he had no report.

#### **MR. CORMAN**

Mr. Corman said that last week, he brought up about the Township establishing a method of removing the downed tree branches from residents' yards. Mr. Snyder and Mr. McClain have collaborated on this. Mr. McClain said the residents can set out the branches with their residential trash or the Hamilton County Solid Waste Committee is sponsoring a program in which after March 10, 2007 residents may drop off the limbs to the Rumpke Sanitary Landfill on Struble Road. There is no cost for this. Mr. Snyder said there were some limbs dropped off behind the Senior Center and his department chipped those. Mr. McClain said that those set out at the curb would go to the landfill, but those brought to the Struble Road facility will be composted.

Mr. Corman said the Ohio Department of Agriculture has a Gypsy Moth Management Program. There will be a Public Open House on March 8, 2007, 6-8 PM at Colerain Township Administration Building.

#### **MR. FIEDELDEY**

At the last meeting the Board passed a resolution about CMHA and what we expect from them. Mr. Fiedeldey said this should be sent to CMHA's Board and Director.

Mr. Fiedeldey said that Mr. Birkenhauer has been in conversation with a landowner who wants to donate a ½ acre of land in the Township. The donation is with no strings attached. He said the Township's Mission is to keep the Township "green" where we can.

Mr. Ritter said this property was on the real estate market for a very long time. With the acceptance of this property, we are up for a lifetime of maintenance, in addition the Township is not in the business of real estate sales. He is opposed to the acceptance.

Mr. Corman said the size and location make it prohibitive to make it anything more than a vacant lot. The major maintenance would be clean-up and mowing. We could use the right of way for the side-walk program. Sewer runs on the north side and that makes it undesirable. The neighbors have no desire to purchase it. There is not much tax base. He would accept it with the idea that we keep it as greenspace, but he does not want to get in the business of purchasing greenspace. It might be to our advantage to keep it to ensure the upkeep.

Mr. Snyder said that once land is gone, it's gone for good. He said it is not much to mow and clean-up. He feels it is a good idea.

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Mr. Fiedeldey said this is one of our mission statements. It's a good thing for the community. Neither neighbor would like to have the property. He said we are trying to pick-up greenspace at no cost to the Township. He requested a motion to allow Mr. Birkenhauer to pursue it. Mr. Foglesong suggested we investigate that there are no outstanding taxes or liens on the property. Mr. Fiedeldey said that the property must be free and clear before we would accept it.

Mr. Fiedeldey motioned to accept the property as long as it is free and clear. Mr. Corman offered the second. Mr. Retuer requested the Board prepare a motion on this matter and to do all due diligence.

Mr. Fiedeldey motioned to have staff contact the donor and perform the due diligence on the property. If the property is free and clear, bring the matter back to the Board with a resolution.

Mr. Corman offered the second.

Mr. Corman. "Aye"

Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Nay"

**CITIZEN ADDRESS**

No one signed up.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**HIRING UPDATE**

Chief Sarver said that the Board approved a hiring process in August, which would back-fill a position, create another position and the third piece was a third sergeant's position. He said he recognizes the Department's budget situation and at the next meeting, would like to request the Board fill the sergeant's position, but wait on the second position.

Mr. Corman said this would not be eliminating anyone from street duty. Chief Sarver said the sergeant would be a working member of the undercover team.

Mr. Ritter applauded him for this course of action and embraces it wholeheartedly. He said we are standing by our commitment and this is a better course of action and more cost effective.

Mr. Corman said he concurs. We have the department heads to make these recommendations and he has faith in the decisions they make.

Chief Sarver said he would like the Board to consider this at the first meeting in March. He said that he is one officer short (the sergeant to oversee the investigative unit), but stands by the fiscal necessity of the decision.

Mr. Fiedeldey applauds what he is doing with saving the money, but questions the need for the sergeant to be exclusively a supervisor.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Diesel Fuel Refueling Tank**

Mr. McClain requested the Board's approval to obtain a 1,000 gallon Diesel Vehicle "Re-fueling Tank and Pump" for the Public Works Department that will be shared by other Departments.

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Mr. Ritter said that he appreciated Mr. McClain's financial analysis in the memo and that 3 5 years is a good payback period

Mr. Corman this is more of a need than a want. It saves time and money. This gives us an edge with the snow and ice. This is a non-tangible asset.

Mr. Fiedeldey said our fire chief has proved that these on-site fueling stations are time and money efficient.

Mr. Snyder said that Lt. Mark Walsh ensure us that this will not be a problem with the fireworks' fall-out area.

Mr. Corman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second.

Mr. Corman. "Aye"  
Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

#### ZONING

##### Resolution Journalization of ZA 2006-10 Banklick

Dr. Roschke read Resolution #08-07, Case No. ZA2006-10, "Banklick Creek Area, Approval of Application for Zone Change of Approximately 196 acres from an existing "R2" Residence District to "I-1" Industrial District and approximately 13 acres from "R-3" Residence District to "B-3" Commerce District."

Mr. Corman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second.

Mr. Corman. "Aye"  
Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### Groesbeck Project

Mr. Foglesong said that he is still waiting for additional information.

##### TIF Revenue Note Renewal Stone Creek

Mr. Foglesong requested the Board's approval of Resolution #09-07, "A Resolution Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of No To Exceed \$4,215,000 Tax Increment Revenue Renewal Notes Of The Township Of Colerain; Providing For The Pledge Of Revenues For The Payment Of Such Notes; Authorizing A Trust Agreement Securing Such Notes; Authorizing Necessary And Appropriate Documents; And Authorizing Other Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of Such Notes "

Andrew Brossard of 5/3 Bank was on-hand to answer any questions. He said it will be 2010 before we see revenue.

Mr. Corman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second.

Mr. Corman. "Aye"  
Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### POLICE DEPARTMENT

##### Taser Purchase

Chief Sarver presented the Board with a request to purchase additional tasers.

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He said that in April 2006, we applied for a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for a total of \$29,338, knowing that the grant required a 10% match (\$2934) from Township funds. Within the last week, we finally learned that we have been approved for a small amount, \$10,000 (10% or \$1,000 of which we would be responsible). Because he is aware of the budget issues within the Police Department, he is requesting permission to purchase only 25 units instead of the 35 requested in the grant application. The older version was first introduced by Taser International in 1998. Although these models are still effective, the newer model is not only smaller and lighter, but more powerful as well. He discussed the additional wear-and-tear on the units which results from moving them from one officer to another as shifts change three times each day.

The total expense necessary to purchase the 25 units, along with a sufficient number of cartridges, amounts to \$20,600, of which \$9,000 would come from the grant. The total outlay would be \$11,600.

Mr. Corman asked about the old ones. Chief Sarver said that the eight of them will go to the SROs and NROs, and potentially the bike officers. He assured the Board that he would not come back to them the next time a newer model comes out.

Mr. Ritter asked about the appropriations. Chief Sarver said in the appropriations, the Department allocated \$30,000 for this purchase, but he hopes the need for the tasers is second to the finances. Mr. Ritter said he supports the purchase of 25 units.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked about the name of the grant and if it's an annual grant. He suggested that we should apply for it again in the future. Mr. Fiedeldey said that it's in the budget, but much of the budget money comes from the general fund.

Mr. Corman asked, if we don't have these tasers, what is the cost of an officer's injuries? Chief Sarver said that the officer could be off for a year and being paid at \$60,000 in salary and benefits. Mr. Corman said that the old units can really hold them back. Chief Sarver said the tasers were used 18 times in 2006.

Mr. Ritter made such motion to purchase 25 units and Mr. Corman offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Corman "Aye"  
Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter "Aye"

#### SENIOR

##### Smoke-Free Workplace Grant

Mrs. Klosterman said the Center has received a mini-grant of \$3,000 from the Smoke Free Workplace. This grant will help Colerain Township employees and their families to stop smoking and choose a healthier lifestyle.

Mrs. Klosterman said that today they received the largest donation in the Center's history for the home delivered meals program. Edwin Jackson donated \$500 in thanks for his family member.

Mr. Corman motioned to accept the donation and Mr. Ritter offered the second

Mr. Corman "Aye"  
Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"  
Mr. Ritter "Aye"

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**PARKS AND SERVICES****Take Me Fishing Grant**

Mr. Snyder said they have completed the National Recreation and Park Association's pre-assessment form so that they may apply for the Take Me Fishing Grant. This grant would provide us with funds to begin fishing and/or boating programs in the Township. Dennis Mason and Warner Moore of the Southern Ohio Dog and Game approached us about a partnership to obtain the grant.

**ZONING****Endorsement of Change in Bylaws**

Dr. Roschke requested the Board endorse the requested change in the bylaws of the Landscape Advisory Board, section 3.2

Current By-Laws sections 3.2 – 3.3:

- 3.2 The Advisory Board members must be Township residents.
- 3.3 The Advisory Board shall consist of five members, at least two of whom have a professional background in landscaping and design with knowledge in tree preservation and proper plant species for the geographical area of Colerain Township.

Proposed Revision to By-Laws section 3.2 (no change to 3.3):

- 3.2 The Advisory Board members shall be residents of the Township except that when suitable interested residents do not come forward, the professional members need not be residents, but instead shall be employed by a landscaping, nursery, or landscape architecture business located in or serving the Township. Preference will be given to those located within the Township.
- 3.3 The Advisory Board shall consist of five members, at least two of whom have a professional background in landscaping and design with knowledge in tree preservation and proper plant species for the geographical area of Colerain Township.

Mr. Corman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Corman. "Aye"
- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

**Appointment of New Member**

Dr. Roschke requested the Board consider filling the vacancy on the Landscape Advisory Board with Chris Wenning. She said Mr. Wenning is a landscape designer.

Mr. Ritter supports Chris as he did landscape design at his home.

Mr. Corman said he would ideally like to have a resident or member of the business community, but also supports Chris.

Mr. Fiedeldey also knows Chris Wenning as his family has contracted with him and endorsed him enthusiastically.

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Mr. Ritter made such motion and Mr. Corman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Corman. "Aye"
- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

Mrs. Harlow asked for approval of payroll, purchase orders, and receipts.

Mr. Ritter made such motion and Mr. Corman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Corman. "Aye"
- Mr. Fiedeldey. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

The Fiscal Officer has received the following receipts:

<u>REC</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
64-2007	Rumpke	Solid Waste Disposal	43,658.75
65-2007	OTARMA	2/1/07 Board Meeting	415.43
66-2007	Frank Birkenhauer	Cell Calls	15.00
67-2007	Fire & EMS Department	Plan Review & CPR	585.00
68-2007	Time Warner Cable	Fees for Qtr Ending	83,167.71
69-2007	Mark Unger	Copies	1.00
70-2007	David Foglesong	Cell Calls	15.00
71-2007	Zoning Department	Certificates, Zone Amend, other	1,298.17
72-2007	Police Department	Juv Court Fines, Reimb	135.50
73-2007	Public Works Depart.	Snow Removal	614.70
74-2007	Sr & Community Center	Crafts, Fees, Rent, Don, Lunch	735.18
75-2007	Dusty Rhodes	Motor Veh, Perm Motor	43,272.01
76-2007	Dusty Rhodes	SIF Feb, Rev Assist	156,564.97
77-2007	Dusty Rhodes	Adv. Estate Tax	412,600.00
78-2007	Dusty Rhodes	Tipping Fees	526.61
79-2007	Dusty Rhodes	Municipal Court Fines	4,717.29
80-2007	Dusty Rhodes	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Lodging Tax	1,529.35
81-2007	Dusty Rhodes	Gas Excise Tax Jan	22,493.90
82-2007	Dusty Rhodes	Adv. 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Real Estate	3,278,000.00

Mrs. Harlow said that she has received a request from a citizen to place the audio files recorded at the meetings placed on the website. Mr. Ritter said supports this low-cost means. Mr. Corman supports it as well. Mr. Fiedeldey supports it. Mr. Reuter requested time to review this request.

Mr. Fiedeldey asked if there is a need for executive session. Mr. Reuter requested the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to compensation of public employees and the employment, compensation and discipline of a public employee.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

REGULAR

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS, PUBLISHERS, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

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At 8:31PM, Mr. Corman motioned to adjourn into executive session. Mr. Ritter offered the second.

- Mr. Corman "Aye"
- Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter "Aye"

The Board returned from Executive Session and appointed Mr. Foglesong acting Fiscal Officer for the purpose of recording minutes. There were no actions taken by the Board in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

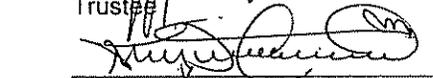
With no further business to come before the Board, at 10:47PM Mr. Corman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Ritter offered a second.

- Mr. Corman "Aye"
- Mr. Fiedeldey "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter "Aye"

  
 Fiscal Officer

  
 Trustee

  
 Trustee

  
 Trustee