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May 11, 2010

OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Ritter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Deters, Mr. Wolterman and Mrs. Harlow were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reuter requested the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of public employees, pending and imminent litigation, and negotiation of the purchase of property.

At 6:01 PM, Mr. Deters made a motion to enter Executive Session and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter reconvened the meeting at 7:10 PM. Mr. Reuter said no decisions or actions were made in Executive Session.

INVOCATION

Mr. Wolterman offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ritter requested approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2010. Mr. Ritter said he had changes. He said under the discussion about the Township update, it would be clearer to say, "the update last year," instead of "it." Mr. Ritter also asked that his comments about the part-time police clerk hiring read as, "Mr. Ritter said he is normally against growth of non-core services. He wants an analysis of the costs and benefits added to the monthly dashboard, so we can validate the expected savings. He said this provides a service we haven't provided in the past."

Mr. Deters motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

PRESENTATIONS**Driving Angels – Police Department**

Chief Meloy called SRO Demeropolis and Lt. Denney forward. He said the Driving Angels program is comprised of eight students from Northwest High School who have volunteered their time to help their peers and make their community a better and safer place by teaching the Driving Angels Saturday Driving School. Over 70 young people have been educated by the program, with 36 on Saturday. These students educate their peers on the awesome responsibility of being a leader by teaching this driving program.

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Lt. Denney said that it's easy to say that teenagers are the problem, but after this program, it's possible that they might be the solution. This program is a tremendous benefit to the Township.

The students who were honored are: Samantha Paluga, Rosha Lewis, Drew Rowland, Steffan Vansteelandt, Tom Mayer, Andrew Henry, Andrea Eam, and Desiree Rohrig. They were each presented with a plaque and photos were taken with the Board.

POLICE REPORTS

Lt. Schoonover of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Chief Meloy said the statistics will be presented at the next meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

MR. DETERS

Mr. Deters provided an update on the Rumpke subsurface fire. He said that we have filed an appeal of the order from the Ohio EPA. He said this is in litigation. It is an important issue and the discussion is not closed. There is a hearing on May 13 with the appeals board, which will give us more direction of where we are with the appeal.

MR. WOLTERMAN

Mr. Wolterman provided an update from the Summer Events Committee. For the 4th of July Spectacular, Emerson Drive is the band. They are a county music band. The Committee is fundraising to cover the costs.

He said Bunny Borchert thanked the Board for the proclamation.

MR. RITTER

Mr. Ritter said that he planned to provide the Board with an update on subsidized housing and the rent reasonableness committee. He said that he wants to get a better handle on the status of the 10% premium before he offers the update.

CITIZEN ADDRESS

Liz Ping approached the Board. She is running for state representative. She has lived in the 29th House district for 30 years. She said she is attending all council and board of education meetings in the district. She wanted to let people know she is here. She is looking forward to hearing from people.

Erin Suttman from Moeller Greenhouse addressed the Board about a blighted vacant lot at 2499 Banning Road. This property is a constant problem. She is upset that her customers wrongly believe that it is their property. She is frustrated with the length of time it takes to get it cut.

Dr. Roschke said it's the same problem we have throughout the Township with the Ohio Revised Code and the process it requires. This property not only has tall grass, but the owner is using it for a sign location, without a permit.

Mr. Wolterman said we are bound by Ohio Law, but there is a bill in the Ohio General Assembly to address repeat offenders. He said that if we know who the property owner is, we should address them.

James Emmerson said that it is thoughtful of Mr. Ritter to look at the 10% bonus. It is time for it to disappear. It draws attention to the Township and draws people here. He said in 2008 *Cincinnati Enquirer* article, Colerain Township was

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rated #2 in the county as far as CMHA vouchers. Where are we now? Mr. Ritter showed the data. He said Springfield Township clearly has the most units with Mt. Airy, Forest Park, and Mt. Healthy also with high numbers. We only increased 22 units last year, but it is still an unsettling trend. Mr. Emmerson wondered if Ms. Key could help out with an article on the vouchers and the effect on the community.

Mr. Wolterman pointed out that 300 units are in one complex, Walden Glenn off Hamilton Avenue. He said there are legitimate reasons for people to live in assisted housing, to improve their lives and move forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PARKS AND SERVICES

Groesbeck Park Contracts

Mr. Schwartzhoff requested the Board accept the following bids for Groesbeck Park:

General Construction: R.E. Schweitzer	\$372,782
Electrical Contract: Whalen Electric LLC	\$ 37,200
Plumbing Contract: Steve Hattersley Plumbing	\$ 16,960
TOTALS	\$426,942

Mr. Schwartzhoff noted that these bids came in 7% below the architect's estimate. This is being funded by a grant from state of Ohio.

Mr. Deters made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

ADMINISTRATION

Electric Aggregation

Mr. Foglesong said that at the last meeting, the Board directed him to investigate the electric aggregation program. He said that we are certified as aggregator with the PUCO, so we can do an opt-out procedure quickly. If we did an opt-in program for a month or so, and then switched to an opt-out program that would only confuse matters.

Mr. Foglesong said there are two options: guaranteed discount plan (savings certainty) with 18% off the total generation charges, through December 2011 or to lock in the rate at 6.19 cents/kilowatt hour. For the opt-out program, no action would mean the resident would be in the program at a discount rate. If the resident wants to opt-out of the program, he or she would need to return a post card to Duke. Or, if the resident wants to do the fixed rate option, he or she would also need to contact Duke.

Mr. Wolterman said that he is skeptical of the program. When the 18% discount was presented to the Board, it was with an endorsement program. Is this now an aggregation program? Mr. Foglesong said that's one of the programs. Mr. Wolterman said that the charge was to find an opt-in program. He asked about a customer who already gets Duke's best rate and asked if they will they get 18% off that. Duke Energy representative Paul Smith said they will get the 18% discount, no matter what they are paying. It would come off the generation and transmission, not the transportation. Mr. Wolterman confirmed that there would be no filtering of any customer in Colerain Township. Mr. Smith said only those who have already chosen an alternative program would not be contacted.

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Mr. Wolterman asked about which program would provide the largest benefit to the Township. He said it seemed that the fixed rate would provide the lowest price. Mr. Smith said the 18% discount is being used most by communities doing the endorsement program. Mr. Smith described the peace of mind guarantee: if they offer another community a higher discount, our discount will be that rate.

Mr. Deters said there is some volatility in the utilities market. He's more comfortable with an opt-out program as all residents will see a discount. Mr. Foglesong asked if someone is a Duke retail customer at a different rate, can they be included now. Mr. Smith indicated that, yes, they can. Mr. Smith also said that small business can be included as well.

Mr. Ritter suggested the Board go with the opt-out program with Duke Energy.

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

Mr. Wolterman said that it would be prudent to learn the balance of customers who will benefit. Mr. Smith said that the 18% discount is a better rate than the fixed rate. Mr. Wolterman said he has not seen those rates.

The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Not until I get the information requested"

Mr. Ritter asked about the aggregation and our buildings. Mr. Foglesong said that Mr. Birkenhauer has been working on this. Mr. Ritter asked for this for the first meeting in June.

Mr. Foglesong said he would like legal counsel to review the final document.

Limited Home Rule (LHR)

Mr. Foglesong said that he wanted to see if the Board wanted to move forward or discuss this tonight.

Mr. Ritter said that Mr. Birkenhauer contacted him with a memo from the Economic Development Committee. The committee voted to endorse limited home rule.

Mr. Deters said that he hadn't taken a position on this yet and appreciates the time he has been given to review this. After discussion with a number of people he trusts, including those who are against the proposal, he recognizes this township, as an urban township, has many issues that cities have to deal with, and we have to deal with. We can't address some issues because of the township form of government. He said Mr. Ritter cited the teen clubs regulation as a benefit of LHR. He said that we would need to retain a law director and the Board will need to address this matter in future meetings. He said he supports LHR. It will make this Township a place that can take us to the future and compete with other neighborhoods. We need to make it the best place to live. It's not a tool of big government, but is a tool of better government.

Mr. Wolterman said he was in the same position Mr. Deters was about a year and a half ago. After much study, he also came to the conclusion that LHR is in the best interest of the citizens. We can be more immediate in correcting problems and getting things done.

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Mr. Reuter read resolution 27-10, "Adopting Limited Home Rule Government by Unanimous Vote of Board of Trustees Under O.R.C. SEC. 504.01(a)(3)(a)."

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

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Auction

Mr. Foglesong read Resolution 28-10, "Declaring Certain Items of Personal Property to be Unneeded, Obsolete or Unfit, and Directing Sale of Such Items by Internet Auction."

Mr. Deters asked if the data is removed from computers. Mr. Foglesong said that Mr. Campbell does this.

Mr. Deters made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second.

Mr. Ritter suggested a DoD wipe or outright destruction of the hard drive.

The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Pay Rate Change

Chief Smith requested the Board approve a 2.25% increase, retroactive to January 1, 2010, for the part-time firefighters. Additionally, he recommended an additional increase of 5.75% for the top firefighter/paramedic/fire apparatus operator (FAO) rate to be effective May 11, 2010.

The rates are:

Position	Rate effective January 1, 2010	Rate effective May 11, 2010
First year recruit graduate	\$12.86	
Firefighter/EMT	\$13.91	
Firefighter/EMT/FAO	\$14.40	
Paramedic	\$14.87	
Firefighter/Medic	\$15.28	
FF/Medic/FAO	\$15.73	\$16.61
Lieutenant	\$17.74	
Captain	\$19.16	
Division Chief	\$20.70	

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Deters offered the second.

Mr. Ritter asked if there has been a reduction of the attrition rate. Chief Smith said that he can't tell yet.

The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

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POLICE DEPARTMENT**Probationary Status**

Chief Meloy reported the following probationary status completions:

Effective May 23, 2010, Lieutenant Mark Denney will have completed his one year term as a "probationary" lieutenant. Because of his success, he will receive compensation at the agreed upon rate differential of 13% over top "sergeant" rate of pay. In the case of Lieutenant Denney his annual yearly wage will increase to \$79,522.93 per year.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Deters offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Effective May 23, 2010, Lieutenant Angela Meyer will have completed her one year term as a "probationary" lieutenant. Because of her success, she will also receive compensation at the agreed upon rate differential of 13% over top "sergeant" rate of pay. In the case of Lieutenant Meyer her annual yearly wage will increase to \$79,522.93 per year.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Deters offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

As information, effective May 26, 2010, Sergeant Mike Owens will have completed his one year term as a "probationary" sergeant. Because of his success, he will receive compensation at the contracted rate differential of 13% over top "police officer" rate of pay. In the case of Sergeant Owens and the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, his annual yearly wage increases to \$70,374.19 per year

PUBLIC WORKS**Advertise 2010 Road Contract**

Mr. McClain requested the Board's authorization to advertise for sealed bids for the 2010 Road Projects. Once the bids are opened, he will return to the Board with the results along with a recommendation.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Deters offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

SENIORS**Donation Acceptance**

Ms. Sprenger requested the Board accept a donation of \$335 in the name of Dorothy West.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Deters offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

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PARKS AND SERVICES

Pay Journalization

Mr. Schwartzhoff said that per the collective bargaining agreement, Gary Lauer goes to pay grade Maintenance Worker 2D Step 2 at \$20.04, effective May 10, 2010.

ZONING

Nuisance Resolution

Dr. Roschke read Resolutions 29-10 and 30-10, Nuisance Abatement.

Mr. Deters made such motion and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Dr. Roschke provided updates to the Board on several properties.

Sharing Hope Fundraiser

Dr. Roschke provided information about HOPEFEST, May 15, 2010, 6PM to 9PM at the Senior and Community Center. Proceeds benefit Sharing Hope in Colerain Township, a program which helps those who are not able to maintain the outside of their homes.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

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

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Deter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

The Fiscal Officer has recorded the following receipts:

REC	VENDOR	FOR	AMOUNT
253-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	Motor Veh March, Local Hgwy April, LFG April	63,030.51
254-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	March Munc Court Fines, march Perm Motor Veh	49,335.56
255-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	April Gas Excise	24,279.50
256-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	Tipping Fees Feb	212.81
257-2010	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	24.00
258-2010	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	6.00
259-2010	David Foglesong	Copies	7.00
260-2010	Senior & Comm. Center	Prog Fees, Rent Even Dept, Rent Even Fee, HDM Don, Lunch	1,094.25
261-2010	Senior & Comm. Center	Prog Fees, Rent Even Dep, Rent Even Fee, HDM Don, Tran Don, Lunch	1,411.00
262-2010	Parks & Services	Shelter Rentals, Baseball Field Rentals, Memorial Tree, Cinti Bell Refund	2,291.59

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263-2010	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	12.00
264-2010	Police Dept.	Salaries	1,056.75
265-2010	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	6.00
266-2010	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	48.00
267-2010	Bernie Fiedeldey	Public Records	1.00
268-2010	Police Dept.	April Payment	18,658.91
269-2010	Police Dept.	Jury Duty	57.00
270-2010	Police Dept.	Court Reimb	6.00
271-2010	Planning & Zoning Dept.	Certificates & Amendments	2,116.00
272-2010	Frank Birkenhauer	Cell Calls	22.00
273-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	Refund on Exempt Parcel	285.60
274-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	Refund on Exempt Parcel	31.91
275-2010	Planning & Zoning Dept.	Certificates, BZA	1,000.00
276-2010	Parks & Services	Shelter Rental, Recycling Deposit	646.67
277-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	1 st Half Real Estate Settlement	549,667.81
278-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	Nuisance	42,919.38
279-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	Lighting Districts	122,573.17
280-2010	Hamilton County Auditor	1 st Half Real Estate Settlement	435,754.41

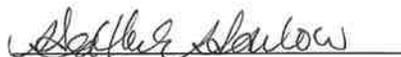
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, at 8:44 PM, Mr. Wolterman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Deters offered a second.

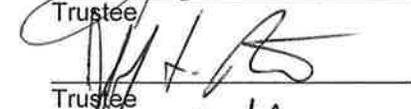
Mr. Deters. "Aye"

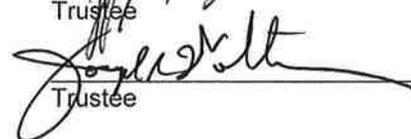
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"


Fiscal Officer


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