

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF May 24, 2016

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 6115 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on May 24, 2016. Trustee Vince Coia called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Pat Artz and Hank Gibson; Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman; Department Heads Fire Chief Mark Kozak, Zoning Inspector/Liaison Jim DiPaola and Assistant Fiscal Officer Jon Summers. Road Superintendent Darrell Stephens was absent. Audience members were Cody Conley, Mark Smith, Chanel Smith, Tasha Ase, Hal Lehman, Ethel Nemeth and Diane Smith.

Hank Gibson swore in Cody Conley as Part Time Firefighter/Paramedic who was hired at a previous meeting.

AUDIENCE

Vince Coia opened the floor up to audience member Mark "Moe" Smith. Moe announced that through tracing his lineage on Ancestry.com, he has discovered that he is an indigenous Native American. He presented a handout of his research. He claimed that the Skeels Allotment and McErath Park are federally allotted lands rightfully belonging to the Ravenna Yamassee Tribes. He, as the Indigenous American Chief Moe Moe, demanded redress of all original allotted lands in Portage County. He and his tribesman were removing themselves from the jurisdiction of the US Government and aims to do business Government to Government. They will be self-governing, and as their chosen chief, Moe will also be temporary constable. When asked what his main intentions were, Moe stated that there are federal programs and activities to support and enhance the indigenous people's education, social welfare, public safety, economic activities, etc. As the local government, he wants us to support and help him in his efforts to educate his people and to improve their economic and living conditions. The Trustees wished him well in his efforts and said they will review his handouts and asked him to keep them informed of his progress.

Hal Lehman and Ethel Nemeth, from Brady Lake, spoke next about their desire to contract with Ravenna Township for fire protection. Hal said their budget has been seriously hurt the past few years with funding cuts. Pat Artz inquired about the makeup of their revenue and what they've done to trim their expenses. Hal said they have cut their maintenance crew in half, saving about \$9,000 per year. They are required to have a police force, which is made up of 17 officers, 4 of which are part time and the remainder being volunteers. Hal said they don't know what they are going to do regarding EMS. Kent is charging them \$1,320/call, which is the same price Kent charges Franklin Township. Pat said, though she certainly feels for their predicament, that she is uncomfortable providing EMS service based on how hard it was in the past to collect from Brady Lake for the previous contract. Ravenna Township is running on the same millage it has for as long as she's been on the Board and there is no money to provide extra services outside of the Township. Hank Gibson said his additional concerns are for the wear and tear on the equipment since Brady Lake's roads are in such poor condition. Hal said he is only interested in getting coverage for fire protection, not EMS. Fire calls would only be about 5 per year based on past data. Chief Kozak asked who would provide EMS if we handled the fire calls. Ethel said no one. The residents chose to support roads rather than EMS. Hank said we would have to crunch the numbers and get back to them. Pat asked if we did provide services whether they would have any problems with paying up front. Hal and Ethel said that would not be a problem.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A motion by Pat Artz, seconded by Vince Coia to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Vince Coia announced the correspondence book was present and available for public viewing.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to approve payroll warrants for May 27, 2016 in the amount of \$33,568.43 and other warrants in the amount of \$46,868.77 with warrants over \$1,000.00 being read aloud. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Financial reports from the meeting of May 10, 2016 were reviewed and found to be in good order. A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to approve and accept the financial reports as presented. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:**TRUSTEES**

Pat Artz asked if there was any news regarding the cemetery on Lakewood. Nothing new.

Hank said there was a bad turn out on the tire collection. He asked Jim if the light poles in McElrath had been fixed yet. Jim said no, not yet and he would contact Ohio Edison again.

Vince said he had received correspondence from the Health Dept. which he gave to Jim. The Health Dept is still looking up information on any grants out there regarding sewer hookup.

Vince also said tall grass complaints are starting to roll in.

FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman was present and reported the following:

Financial reports have been distributed to the Trustees and department heads in Excel spreadsheets.

The union contract fact finding session is scheduled for May 25th at 10 AM in the Trustees meeting room.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Supervisor Darrell Stephens was absent and Vince Coia reported the following:

Darrell has received two applications for the summer road crew position.

Darrell is requesting the spring clothing allowance. It was noted that the minutes from the meeting on March 31, 2015 had called this allowance a boot allowance, which was incorrect. It was for pants for the road crew, the boot allowance is paid in the fall.

RES #16-063 A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to approve the reimbursing clothing allowance in the amount of \$150.00 per Road worker upon presentation of their receipts. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Darrell says that not only was the tire drop off attendance poor, when Ray drove down in the McElrath neighborhood the following Monday, he saw two huge piles of tires. Darrell will try to find out where he can dispose of them.

Darrell has requested a quote from Perrin Asphalt for the resurfacing of Hazel but has not received a response yet.

Vince has notified Darrell of a sink hole developing in the City of Ravenna's right-of-way on Summit Road. The city will be fixing this again.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Inspector/Liaison Jim DiPaola was present and reported the following:

The Board of Zoning Appeals met May 11, 2016 and heard 4 variance requests and one conditional use request. The 4 variance requests were granted. The conditional use for Mr. Nelson's garage was denied. Pat asked about 2 additional properties of Mr. Nelson. Jim said those weren't owned by him, they belong to a sister. Jim's still working on them.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on June 8, 2016 to hear 3 variance requests for the new ALDI store at 1250 E. Main St.

The foreclosed property at 3939 Summit Road will be cleaned up, mowed and vehicles removed this month.

A court hearing is scheduled on June 2, 2016 at 9 AM for David Lash, 5486 Fairhill Dr. for being in violation of the Ravenna Township Zoning and Exterior Property Maintenance Codes.

The fence at the VFW on New Milford Rd has been repaired.

LIAISON

Jim is assisting Chief Kozak with the various projects.

Jim will attend a SERB fact finding hearing on May 25, 2016.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Mark Kozak was present and reported the following:

The 204 smoke detectors from Home Depot are in. Mark is working on a PR campaign and will raffle off 40 sets of 4 smoke detectors to be installed in homes in the Township.

RES #16-064 A motion by Hank Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve and accept a 1 year maintenance agreement contract with Koorsen Fire & Security (ProAir) for air sample service and air compressor maintenance starting June 1, 2016 at a total cost of \$1,170.00. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Mark recommended hiring Nick Abramson as Firefighter/Paramedic.

RES #16-065 A motion by Hank Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to hire Nick Abramson as part time Firefighter/Paramedic at \$12.31/hour pending physical/background/drug screen. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Mark presented an amendment he would like to add to his contract. The amendment clarifies the flexible hourly schedule from week to week. It will be run by the attorney before the Trustees OK it.

Captain Collins and "B" shift repainted the stripes on the floor of the fire bays.

There will be burn training at a house at Heriff and Summit Rd. once all the paperwork and preparation work is completed.

NEW BUSINESS**TRUSTEES**

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, division of Oil and Gas Resources will notify the trustees when drilling permits have been applied for within the township as long as the trustees pass a resolution requesting such notification.

RES #16-066 The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees, Portage County, Ohio met in Regular Session on May 24, 2016 in the Trustees meeting room located at 6115 Spring Street, Ravenna Township, Ohio with the following members present:

Hank T. Gibson, Vince Coia, Pat Artz

A motion by Vince Coia seconded by Hank T. Gibson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ravenna Township is in Portage County, Ohio. Oil and gas drilling is permitted within the township after permits are approved by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources (DOGR).

WHEREAS, Ravenna Township Trustees feel the township is better served when its officials and residents are aware of potential drilling activity and have an opportunity to submit comments to DOGR for consideration.

WHEREAS, Ravenna Township Trustees must formally request such notification.

RESOLVED, Ravenna Township hereby requests that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources notify Trustees when drilling permit applications are filed for tracts or drilling units located in Ravenna Township, Portage County, Ohio.

RESOLVED: Ravenna Township requests notification by US Mail to each of the Trustees as listed below:

Vince Coia
3960 Summit Rd
Ravenna, OH 44266

Hank T. Gibson
3142 Hiddenbrook Dr.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Pat Artz
6638 Peck Rd.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Additional Contact information: Gail Pittman, Fiscal Officer
Ravenna Township, 6115 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266
Admin office 330.297.1998; Fax 330.297.9138; Cell phone 330.221.4280
Email gail.pittman@ravennatownship.com

Roll Call: Vince Coia, Yes; Pat Artz, Yes; and Hank T. Gibson, Yes. Motion Passed.

FISCAL OFFICER

RES #16-067 A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to approve the following PO's and BC's:

- a. PO # 177-2016 to White's Farm Supply in the amount of \$1,300.00 for the power washer from the Road and Fire funds.
- b. PO # 178-2016 to Staples in the amount of \$400.00 for hutch from the Zoning fund.
- c. PO # 179-2016 to Koorsen Fire & Security in the amount of \$1,170.00 form air compressor maintenance from the Fire fund.
- d. PO # 180-2016 to Cost Recovery Corp LLC in the amount of \$1,500.00 for commission fees on crash billing from the Fire fund.
- e. PO # 181-2016 to Sports Xpress in the amount of \$300.00 for green uniform shirts for Road Workers from the Road fund.
- f. PO # 182-2016 to 197-2016 totaling \$6,050.00 for uniforms for part time Firefighters, in accordance with CBA from the Fire fund.

R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

RES #16-068 A motion by Pat Artz, seconded by Hank Gibson to approve and accept the EMS account disposition as recommended by LifeForce on the supplemental report. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Pursuant to R.C 121.22(g) Executive Session was requested to discuss ongoing Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to suspend Regular session at 8:27 pm. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to enter into Executive session at 8:27 pm. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Pat Artz and Hank Gibson, Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman, Jim DiPaola, Mark Kozak and Jon Summers.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to close Executive session at 8:49 pm. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to re-enter into Regular session at 8:50 pm. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Pat Artz and Hank Gibson, Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman, Jim DiPaola, Mark Kozak and Jon Summers.

The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss ongoing Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations. No Action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

TRUSTEE