

MINUTES

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Concord Township convened in regular session at 10:00 AM in the township building.

President Sue Campbell called the meeting to order with the following members present: Sue Campbell, Tom Mercer and Bill Whidden. Fiscal Officer Don Pence and Road Superintendent Neil Rhoades were also present.

Mrs. Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Sue Campbell moved and Bill Whidden seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Meeting of August 3, 2011. Motion approved.

Guest Comments: None

Fiscal Officer's Report: Fiscal Officer Don Pence reported to the trustees that the work to bring the reporting and payment of funds to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System has been completed and this reporting is now current. He also reported that a Revenue Officer from the Internal Revenue Service visited the office last week and we were in a position to show him that all the delinquent quarterly reports and payments have been filed bringing us current with the Federal Government. However we later learned from this agent that another report that is required for 2009 has not been filed so we will be completing that as well. We are also now working to identify and record the entries to bring the financial records of the township to a current status.

Communications: Mr. Mercer read a notice from the office of the Auditor of the State of Ohio advising of an upcoming meeting to hear proposed changes to the Ohio Revised Code to allow for adjustments to the fees that are charged to the township by the state for the biennial financial audit performed by the auditor and for use of the Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). This UAN is the software used by the township to process and maintain our financial records.

Road Superintendent's Report: Neil Rhoades reported that his men are current with the mowing of the township roadways and he is pleased with how good they look. They are now working to seal cracks in the asphalt of the township roads. He also reported receiving a call regarding trash in a yard on the property located at 2470 South 25A. He forwarded this concern to the Miami County Health Department and personnel from that agency will follow up on this concern.

Old Business:

Tom Mercer – Reported that he has had a follow up conversation with the sheriff's office regarding speed control in neighborhood plats. He was told that a citation cannot be issued unless an officer observes the offense but the sheriff's office will be glad to follow up and talk with the offender if a resident will report this to the sheriff. He also reported that the meeting date for the Boone Hill project has not yet been set.

Bill Whidden – Updated the trustees that the acquisition of the Mitchell property is now ready for the trustee's signature and the title company is working on the legal transfer for the property.

Sue Campbell – On August 4, 2011 attended the board meeting of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) where the Long Range Transportation Update (through 2040) for this region was presented. She also learned about an initiative called Pathways that employs and trains individuals that are primarily ex-offenders in green industries where abandoned houses are disassembled and the materials are sold for use in new construction projects. Then on August 10, 2011 she attended a presentation by the MVRPC titled Going Places which was an update on the land use vision for the next 30 years for our area. Mr. Mercer serves on this steering committee of this commission and also shared information that he has received.

The cost quote has been received from Early Express for them to prepare and send a mass mailing to the township's constituents. Following a discussion Bill Whidden moved and Tom Mercer seconded the motion to contract with this company to produce and mail a black and white newsletter this fall (2011). Motion approved.

Met with Scott Trostel to follow up on his work for the historic documentation of the Thomas Cemetery that is located in Concord Township. The trustees requested Mrs. Campbell get an estimate from Mr. Trostel of the remaining costs for him to complete this registration work before they authorize him to continue.

New Business:

The fiscal officer presented the trustees with a list of three properties to be assessed for the cost incurred by the township for the mowing maintenance of these properties. Tom Mercer moved and Bill Whidden seconded the motion to approve Resolution Number 2011-11 for the assessments against these properties. Motion approved.

The fiscal officer presented the trustees with a list of 21 properties located in the Swailes Run neighborhood to be assessed to pay for the cost of street lighting. Tom Mercer moved and Bill Whidden seconded the motion to approve Resolution Number 2011-12 for the assessments against these properties. Motion approved.

These two resolutions will be filed with the Miami County Auditor for him to apply the assessments to the listed properties.

Bill Whidden – Received a call from Jason McCoy regarding a property with a Recreational Vehicle parked in the yard. He also received a call from a Mr. Pearson regarding loud noise from a neighboring property on McKaig Avenue. Neil Rhoades followed up on both of these calls and referred the matters to the Miami County Planning and Zoning.

Tom Mercer – None

Sue Campbell – Reported she had a conversation with Eric Lewis who is with Pheasants Forever concerning the area around the township's building and the area maintained by the township along the Miami River on North Route 25A. He is encouraging the trustees to move ahead with the project to replace current foliage in these areas with native grasses and new tree plantings. Mrs. Campbell will provide acorns and walnuts for the tree plantings. Neil Rhoades was asked to continue the work on these two areas.

Comments:

Tom Mercer – Nothing to report.

Bill Whidden – Nothing to report.

Sue Campbell – Nothing to report.

Payments: Sue Campbell moved and Bill Whidden seconded the motion to approve for payment check numbers 021345 through 021364. Motion approved and checks were signed.

Adjournment: Tom Mercer moved and Bill Whidden seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 AM. Motion approved.

The next Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday September 6, 2011 at the Concord Township Building, 1150 Horizon West Court, Troy, Ohio 45373.

Sue Campbell

Tom Mercer

Bill Whidden

Donald D Pence