

BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2019

The Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Brunswick Hills Township Town Hall.

Board of Trustees Vice-Chair Michael Esber, Trustee John Witthuhn, Zoning Inspector Evelyn Czyz, Foreman Paul Magovac, Fire Chief Anthony Strazzo and Police Chief Timothy Sopkovich being present.

Esber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted the meeting was properly advertised.

PRESENTATION:

Sam Boyer explained the future projects of the Historical Society in reference to Heritage Farm which was built in 1818. Boyer stated how old the building was and the difficulties with its preservation. The Historical Society is raising funds to have an arched doorway from Edwards/Visintainer middle school put into the new pole structure that is being built.

MINUTES:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Zoning Department:

Czyz reported the monies collected for the April was \$1,790.70. The BZA will be busy with four variance requests next meeting.

Witthuhn announced that there will be an executive session for Zoning Commission – alternate position applicant interviews off camera.

Police Department:

Sopkovich gave the board an update on the “Is the Caller the Killer” training held at RPM. Ninety eight officers were in attendance, one came from New York. Several entities were mentioned for their support and contributions; RPM, Mad Chief, Medina County Sheriff’s and Medina County Prosecutor Forrest Thomson.

- Request to purchase Police One Academy for online departmental training for one year. BC #45 to Police One Academy in the amount of \$1,360.00 from Account Code 2191-210-318-0000, Training. Esber moved to approve. Witthuhn seconded. Esber – yes. Witthuhn – yes. Motion carried
- Request to Purchase 2 MDT Client License from TAC computers. Purchase order requests to TAC computer is the amount of \$3,000.00 from Account Code 2191-210-319-0000, Other - Professional and Technical Services. Esber moved to approve. Witthuhn seconded. Esber – yes. Witthuhn – yes. Motion carried.

Sopkovich announced the Soap Box Derby festivities May 19, currently 14 kids signed up. Nationals will be held in July, in Akron.

Fire Department:

Strazzo gave the activity report for April.

- Request approval for Lt. Cali and Chief Strazzo to attend the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center one day Ohio Homeland Security Intelligence Liaison Officer Workshop on Wednesday May 29th from 8am till 5 pm. See attached information. Witthuhn moved to approve. Esber seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Esber – yes. Motion carried.
- Request Township moved forward with the provisions of R.C. 505.58 (Buildings and Structures) related to structures located at: 2291 Pearl Rd. - 5101 Center Rd. and 991 Marks Rd. Strazzo noted that he covered an open cistern for safety purposes. The terms and conditions of sending a courtesy letter were discussed. Strazzo gave a more in-depth outline of proper steps that need to be taken. Witthuhn confirmed with the zoning inspector that the time frame should be thirty days. Witthuhn moved to approve sending notifications with a thirty days compliance limit. Esber seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Esber – yes. Motion carried.
- Request approval for repairs to Car 29 in the amount not to exceed \$1,800. Power steering Gear Box and alignment. Repairs to be completed by Liberty Ford and paid from existing BC's. Witthuhn moved to approve. Esber – seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Esber – yes. Motion carried.

Chief Strazzo had to leave the meeting to respond to a call.

Witthuhn explained that there were other items on the report that he will leave for the Chief to handle. The new ISO rating.

Witthuhn read a thank you letter from the Brunswick Education Foundation. The support from the fire department has been greatly appreciated.

Witthuhn offered and moved adoption of same; **Resolution 21-2019**, placing items for auction on GovDeals. Items are code 3 siren controller, federal siren controller and several mounts for wiring radios, wig wag lights. Esber seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Esber – yes. Resolution 21-2019 adopted.

Esber asked how the first GovDeals auction went. Witthuhn gave a report of the items placed on-line and the experience was a pleasant one which resulted in \$730.00 for the township.

Service Department:

Magovac gave the activity report for the month of April.

Update on ODOT Salt bid. Cargill won for Medina County at \$76.32 a ton. This is a \$20.89 increase from last season to this years and a \$45.14 increase from 2 seasons ago.

Magovac reported that he was contacted by MCE Dan Becker. Highway engineers are looking to close the entrance to Jeanette south of Grafton Road to replace a box culvert. Grafton Road from Pearl to Marks will be paved this year, as well as Boston Road from Prospect to Marks.

TRUSTEES' REPORT:

John Witthuhn:

Mike Esber:

Esber explained that the township receives funds from gasoline sales at a rate of 5% of what is committed to community funds and the city is calculated by registered drivers. The township gets 5 dollars from vehicle license tax. To ensure the township receives those funds be sure to state/register as a township resident.

Chris Kusnerak:

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Katherine Esber advised the board that there are warrants, purchase orders and April's bank reconciliation to be signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Esber reported receiving a draft contract for rubbish collection bids.

NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Trustees: May 28th ZC: June 6th
BZA: June 5th
Special:

PUBLIC INPUT:

Patricia Murphy, 4041 Foskett. Mrs. Murphy requested the status of a patrol officer not receiving the same rate of pay as the other officers. An executive session held last meeting had a result of no action taken. Esber responded by explaining the school resource officer by the collective bargaining contract will receive \$20.91 per hour. Mrs. Murphy's interpretation of meetings held on the subject is that the agreement was a tradeoff; less hours for less pay and fulltime status. Witthuhn advised that at no time did this board approve hiring the SRO in any other status than full time. Esber again referred to the collective bargaining contract that clearly stated that to receive township benefits a police officer must work 2080 hours a year. Esber asked Chief Sopkovich to verify that the union and police officers agreed to the wage addition. Sopkovich stated that it was corrected adding that benefits where included. Witthuhn disputed the statement made by Chief Sopkovich.

Robert Murphy, 4041 Foskett. Mr. Murphy expressed total confusion as to why any officer would agree to work for less money and still work 2080 hours a year. Esber

agreed. Mr. Murphy stated, "Do something about it; Screw the contract, renegotiate and bring him up to everyone else's." Esber explained the terms of the contract and the fact that the board of trustees have been instructed to never open a contract. Mr. Murphy thanked the board for hearing him out.

OFF CAMERA:

Esber moved to go off camera for the signing of warrants, PO's, BC's, there will be executive sessions for applicant interviews, and any other business brought before the board. Witthuhn seconded indicating the time to be 7:52 pm. Esber – yes. Witthuhn – yes. Motion carried.

Esber moved go into executive session for the purpose of applicant interviews at 7:54 pm. Witthuhn seconded. Both voted yes. Motion carried. Evelyn Czyz and the applicants were invited.

Esber moved to come out of executive session at 8:41 pm. Witthuhn seconded. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

Esber moved to offer the Zoning Commission alternate position to Sy Mougrabi, pending successful completion of pre-employment requirements. Witthuhn seconded. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Witthuhn moved to adjourned at 8:50 pm. Esber seconded. Bothe voted yes. Motion carried.

Christina Kusnerak, Chair Trustee

Katherine Esber, Fiscal Officer

Michael Esber, Vice-Chair Trustee

John Witthuhn, Trustee