

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 23rd by Chairman Ron Rhodes. Present were Trustees Ray Schulte, Ron Garapick, Ron Rhodes, Fiscal Officer Colleen Swedyk, one reporter and 75 residents. All joined the Pledge to the Flag as Sgt. Frederick presented the colors.

GUEST

Sgt. Frederick from the National Guard addressed the residents in order to familiarize the citizens on the organization. Established in 1636, the National Guard is the oldest branch of the military. The National Guard will support local communities at parades and special events. Sgt. Frederick's unit was sent down to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. The National Guard offers 100% tuition to any college in Ohio.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Organizational Meeting as written. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. Ron Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting as written. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Rhodes made a motion to accept Don Wochna's resignation as legal council to Hinckley Township. Mr. Wochna's business has expanded and he can no longer give Hinckley Township his full attention. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Yates gave the monthly report for November. This report detailed 286 total calls. Traffic activity included 63 citations, 3 OMVI, 10 written warnings, and 51 verbal warnings. **Risk Management** included 6 hours in-service training, 32 hours on intoxilyzer training, and 20 hours on NIMS training.

Chief Yates submitted a request for the purchase of six portable radios from Cleveland Communications at a total cost of \$2,580.78. Ron Rhodes made a motion to purchase six portable radios from Cleveland Communications for a total cost of \$2,580.78. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on February 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possible re-hiring of Chief Yates after he officially retires. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bill Horton presented the Trustees with the 2005 Annual Report from the fire department. Ron Rhodes congratulated Captain Charlotte Tharp for an excellent job in organizing the report. Mr. Horton also submitted a sample budget for the fire department.

Ray Schulte announced that the fire department request for a Bowflex Extreme Machine will be tabled for the moment. Mr. Schulte stated that the Trustees need to look deeper into what kind of exercise program the Township is going to provide for the fire department. This issue will be tabled until the leadership situation in the department is resolved.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Paul Magovac announced that the speed limit on Laurel Road has been reduced to 45 M.P.H. The current speed signs will be replaced. Ron Garapick inquired as to how the Township is currently doing with salt supplies. Paul replied that the Township is fully loaded with the recent arrival of a new shipment.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

The zoning department submitted their annual inventory report.

TRUSTEES

Ray Schulte announces that he has met with Bill Horton and Joe Mahoney on operational procedures for the fire department. In addition Mr. Schulte is currently holding meetings with the committee for Citizen of the Year.

Ray Schulte made a motion to adopt **Resolution #01232006-01** which permits the members of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to attend the Annual OTA Conference in Columbus following the current Travel Policy. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Ron Garapick made a motion to adopt **Resolution #01232006-02** which will provide various group insurance plans for all eligible employees and elected officials of Hinckley Township for 2006. Whereas, the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Board of Trustees of Hinckley Township can provide group insurance plans for all eligible township employees and elected officials; and Whereas, Hinckley Township has fulltime employees and elected officials wishing complete insurance; and Whereas, said approval must be granted prior to any elected official taking office. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Trustees of Hinckley Township that the township group insurance plans will be in effect for those eligible fulltime and elected officials according to State law. Total coverage will not exceed established limits stated in current union contracts with the Township. Ron Rhodes seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Ron Garapick made a motion to appoint Sue Rennecker to the Senior Advisory Committee. Ray Schulte seconded. Ron Rhodes stated that Sue has done an excellent job on the committee. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Ron Garapick announced that two people are needed for the committee on Housing Council Membership. If anyone is interested in being on the committee, please contact Ron Garapick. Ron Garapick also announced that Hinckley's first Audit Committee has been formed. Ron Garapick will be Chairman and Jeff Hoop will be Vice-Chairman. Fiscal Officer Colleen Swedyk will also be a member of the committee. The Audit Committee will meet quarterly to review accounting procedures.

Ron Rhodes read a letter from the Medina County Sanitary Engineering Department which praised Paul Magovac's work. Ray Schulte read a letter from Florida regarding Palm Beach's connection with Hinckley Buzzards.

Ron Rhodes announced that the Trustees will reopen an executive session which was originally called on January 4, 2006.

FISCAL OFFICER

Colleen Swedyk reported that the Township currently has funds totaling \$2,324,940.29. Per request from the fiscal officer, Ron Garapick made a motion to adopt **Resolution #01262006-03** which approves the appropriations for Hinckley Township for 2006. Ron Rhodes seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Ron Garapick asked Bill Horton about the gas station and the temporary closing of the library. Mr. Horton replied that there was a leak in the high octane tank that was leaking into the ground. The leak was going into a footer drain associated with the library. This was causing fumes at the library. Mr. Horton stated that the EPA has jurisdiction over gas leaks of this nature and the EPA should be giving the Township a report on this incident.

Ron Rhodes announced that he will be presenting a proposal to the Zoning Commission regarding the possibility of changing the acreage requirement to 3 acres. Mr. Rhodes also

announced that the meeting on conservation easements will be sometime in May or June. Time is needed to present a hearing that will properly discuss both sides of the issue.

FLOOR

Ron Rhodes announced that Mr. Horton has challenged the Trustees' decision regarding his removal as Chief and the Board will not be entertaining any questions on this issue.

Diane Dermody thanked the fire department and the police department for helping the library with the gas leak.

Scott Cerrito, a member of the Hinckley Fire Department, read a lengthy statement in support of Bill Horton. Mike Holmberg, from the fire department, stated that he works at the pleasure of the people of Hinckley Township.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to pay the bills. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:30 p.m. The Board returned at 8:59 p.m. Ron Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed and signed time sheets.

The minutes of the meeting were approved by:

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