

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on August 21st by Chairman Ron Rhodes. Present were Trustees Ray Schulte, Ron Garapick, Ron Rhodes, Fiscal Officer Colleen Swedyk, one reporter and 34 residents. All joined the Pledge to the Flag.

At the previous meeting the Trustees passed a resolution to support DAR for Constitution Week. Mary Prendergast, a representative from DAR, took the floor to discuss the organization. This year, Constitution Week will be from September 17th to September 23rd. DAR supports Constitution Week which commemorates the signing of the Constitution.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Daniel Huff gave the monthly report for July. This report detailed 320 total calls. Traffic activity included 67 citations, 2 OMVI, 22 written warnings, 13 parking citations and 49 verbal warnings. **Risk Management** included 28.5 hours of training on domestic violence, Law Enforcement Expo, and National Incident Management System 200.

Sergeant Huff introduced a request by Chief Yates to appoint Kumhee Agostin as a full-time dispatcher with the police department. Ron Rhodes made a motion to appoint Kumhee Agostin as a full-time dispatcher effective August 22, 2006. Ray Schulte seconded. Ron Garapick stated that he had questions regarding costs associated with two dispatchers versus Brunswick dispatch. Mr. Garapick stated that it appears the department is headed toward fulltime dispatch. Ron Rhodes stated that the department is not heading toward full-time dispatch. Chief Yates added that the trustees have previously authorized 10 patrolman and 2 dispatchers. This appointment would just be filling an open position. Chief Yates stated that he does not need a trustee vote on this position, it is just a courtesy. Vote: S=yes, G=abstained, R=yes.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to temporarily increase the number of officers in the police department from 10 to 12 for a maximum of 2 years, and to permanently authorize an increase in the number of dispatchers from 2 to 3. Ray Schulte seconded. Ron Garapick objected to the consideration of this motion. Mr. Garapick stated that he needed more time to consider the costs. Ron Garapick made a motion to postpone this vote. The motion was not seconded. Ron Rhodes stated that the department is planning for employee losses. The Chief is planning to retire and one sergeant will potentially be retiring next year. In addition, a patrolman has requested a leave of absence, with another possibly leaving. During the interview process, the department found several qualified candidates. It takes a long time to find qualified candidates. The additional permanent dispatcher will be cross trained as a secretary which will help cut down on the officer's overtime.

Ron Garapick stated that his comments do not reflect his opinion on the police department. He believes the department gives excellent service. Mr. Garapick does not believe we should be hiring people before others leave, it is not fiscally responsible. Mr. Garapick is all for replacing personnel, however, only if we have signed resignations or retirement forms. Ray Schulte asked Chief Yates to explain the system of training people and getting them in place. Mr. Schulte stated that he believes Chief Yates is planning ahead so the department does not run short of personnel. Mr. Schulte also stated that Chief Yates has been responsible with his budget. Mr. Schulte asked Chief Yates how long it takes to get people in place. Chief Yates responded that the time period for testing, screening, background checks and interviews is very extensive. Also, it takes three months to properly train a patrolman once they have been hired. Chief stated that if the department loses 2 men, it will be down 30%. Chief stated that the trustees have given him the responsibility of running and planning for the department and that is what he is trying to do. Vote: S=yes, G=no, R=yes.

At 8:00 p.m. the discussion was postponed in order to open bids. The following bids were received: Lytle Construction - \$79,039.50, Kokosing - \$81,938.50, Shelley - \$81,844.50. Ron Rhodes made a motion to postpone the awarding of the contract until the next meeting. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S=yes, G=yes, R=yes.

Sergeant Huff presented a request from Chief Yates to approve a leave of absence for Patrolman Wayne Fisher. The leave of absence will begin on September 15th and end December 14, 2006. Ron Rhodes made a motion to approve the leave of absence request for Wayne Fisher. Ray Schulte seconded. Ron Garapick stated that this is not a military leave, it is a leave for a civilian position. Mr. Garapick stated that he does not believe we should grant this leave. Chief Yates stated that Wayne has been with the department for four years and if he has the opportunity to take Wayne back, he would. Ray Schulte asked if Chief Yates considers these requests on a case-by-case basis. Chief Yates replied that they are considered on a case-by-case basis. Ron Garapick stated that he has received opinions on leaves of absences and not one business owner he talked to thought they were a good idea. Vote: S=yes, G=no, R=yes. Chief Yates added that he intends to provide a service as long as he is with the department. He stated that the police department is not a business – we are dealing with people's lives. Ron Rhodes added that he can never criticize anything that Chief Yates has ever done for the department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Horton gave the department report for the month of July. Activity included 7 fire calls, 33 rescue calls, and the transporting of 25 people to area hospitals. **Risk Management** training consisted of 4 hours on water shuttle and water recovery, 3 hours on live burn and 2 hours on rope rescue.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Paul Magovac gave the monthly report for July. Work totaled 441. Work completed included: ditched in various spots on township roads, built a storage shed, removed trees and brush off right-of-ways, boarded up a house on Cana Circle, striped town hall parking lot and Warner Road, and cold patched township roads. **Risk Management** included one member attending a BWC seminar. The road and sign surveys were completed.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Debby Magovac gave the monthly report for July. Total fees collected were \$2,137.00.

TRUSTEES

Ray Schulte announced that Jason Colegrove has completed a community service project in conjunction with Lydia Wochna. This project involves creating a dog training course. The dedication for the new course is August 25, 2006. Chief Horton added that the new course is so unique that people will come from as far as New York to train their dogs on this course. Mr. Schulte also stated that the Township has received information from the Prosecutor’s Office regarding townships now having more authority to regulate sexually orientated businesses in their community.

Ron Garapick announced that the Medina County Commissioners have passed a resolution approving use of subdivision drainage maintenance fund for work in Wakefield Run Phase 1, 3, and 4 in Hinckley Township. Ron Garapick announced that the Greenspace Committee has been working diligently finalizing all documents necessary for the levy. Mr. Garapick thanked all of the committee members for their help.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to adopt **Resolution # 082106-01** which approves interim and active deposits of public moneys of Hinckley Township be awarded to Fifth Third Bank and First Merit Bank. The depository contracts will be in effect for a five year period commencing on the 23rd day of August 2006, and ending the 22nd day of August 2011, both inclusive, subject to the limitations of Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

FISCAL OFFICER

Colleen Swedyk reported that the Township currently has funds totaling \$3,056,215.58.

FLOOR

Phil Bartek questioned how the dispatch program worked regarding the use of Brunswick. Chief Yates replied that when our own dispatcher leaves, the lines get forwarded right over to Brunswick and we receive a monthly bill for their service. Mr. Bartek asked if the police department ever considered using motorcycles. Chief Yates replied that some of the speed limits in Hinckley Township make the use of police motorcycles too dangerous.

In support of the police department, Joe Indovina stated that safety should always be the top concern. Mr. Indovina feels the township is growing and the department needs to grow in order to keep safety a top priority. He feels that police department is not a business and should not be run like a business. For the safety of his family, he wants to continue the excellent level of service currently offered by the police and fire departments.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to pay the bills. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. Ron Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The Board reviewed and signed the July Bank Reconciliation, purchase orders, and time sheets.

The minutes of the meeting were approved by:

