

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on March 19th by Chairman Ron Rhodes. Present were Trustees Ray Schulte, Ron Garapick, Ron Rhodes, Fiscal Officer Colleen Swedyk, one reporter and 42 residents. All joined the Pledge to the Flag. Ron Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sergeant John Huff submitted a request from Chief Yates asking the Board of Trustees to appoint Christopher B. Millhorn as a full-time patrolman with the department. Ron Rhodes made a motion to appoint Christopher B. Millhorn as a full-time patrolman with the Police Department effective March 26, 2007. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. Colleen Swedyk led Christopher B. Millhorn as he pledged his oath for the position. Mr. Millhorn introduced his family to the Board. The trustees welcomed Mr. Millhorn to Hinckley Township. Sergeant John Huff gave the monthly report for February. This report detailed 307 total calls. Traffic activity included 38 citations, 2 OMVI, 16 written warnings, 2 parking citations and 56 verbal warnings. Risk Management included 44 total hours of training on CPR and intoxilyzer.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Colleen Swedyk reported that fees collected for the zoning department in February were \$508.00.

TRUSTEES

Ray Schulte made a motion to refund \$75.00 to Mr. Gino Marini for a canceled hearing with the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

On behalf of the Township Trustees, Ray Schulte thanked the Chamber of Commerce for a wonderful Buzzard Day. Mr. Schulte gave a special thanks to Martha Catherwood for all of her hard work in organizing the day. Martha reported that 2023 people were served breakfast with 45 volunteers. Mr. Schulte also stated that the Citizen of the Year has been chosen and will be announced on May 14th. The winner will be honored at the Memorial Day Parade. The Memorial Day Committee is still looking for a speaker and vehicles for the parade.

Ron Garapick stated that the Board wishes to encourage all residents to send in their petitions and \$100 deposit to the Medina County Sanitary Engineer to promote the water project in Hinckley. With a proactive approach in mind, Ron Garapick made a motion for Hinckley Township to send in \$100 and a petition for the townhall property to promote the expansion of water in Hinckley. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Ron Garapick initiated a discussion between the trustees regarding a possible J.E.D. (Joint Economic Development) with Brunswick. Mr. Garapick has been talking with Brunswick on this issue and would like to know if the trustees would support a feasibility study to explore this initiative. A J.E.D. has the potential to bring in new business and income tax from these businesses would be shared by both communities. Ray Schulte stated there would be lots of issues to consider on this matter including zoning issues. Ron Rhodes stated that he would consider a J.E.D. if the residents would want it. Mr. Rhodes would like input from the residents. Ron Garapick suggested that the trustees hold a special meeting to inform residents about current information on J.E.D.s. Mr. Garapick stated that he would investigate the costs involved with the feasibility study and bring the information back to the trustees.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the first draft of the site plan for the proposed service department building. Along with the Trustees, several residents contributed to this discussion including the engineer of the site plan Steve Sokol. Residents weighing in on this issue included Tama Schodowski, Maria Griffiths, Colleen Swedyk, Bob Abbott, and Nancy Abbott. The discussion involved the best use of the existing service department property and the old Montowshi property. Friends of the Hinckley Library would like to see alternate site plans in an effort to save a building on the old Montowski property to possibly be used as a "branchette" office for the Medina County Library. The Trustees would like to use the properties in a cost effective and efficient manner. The need for a new administrative building and a new fire department building in long-term planning also became part of the discussion. Ron Garapick stated that when the State of Ohio widens the turning lanes at Route 303 and Ridge Road, the trustees should work toward obtaining the fourth corner as a potential site for a future fire department. The trustees agreed to investigate alternate site plans for the service department building to ensure that the best use of all properties will be maintained. Nothing has been officially decided on this issue as the site plan presented is the first draft.

Jim Kamps attended the annual Medina County Combined General Health District Advisory Council Meeting on March 5th as a representative of the Hinckley Township Trustees. Mr. Kamps presented the trustees with a detailed report of the agenda of this meeting. Jim Kamps also reminded the Board that April has traditionally been the month where the trustees encourage all residents to clean up their ditches. Ron Rhodes declared that once again, April will be "Clean Up Your Ditch Month". All residents are encouraged to clean up debris that has accumulated over the winter.

FISCAL OFFICER

Colleen Swedyk reported that the Township currently has funds totaling \$3,140,868.96.

Ron Garapick made a motion to pay the bills. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. Ray Schulte made a motion to adjourn. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

The Board reviewed and signed the February Bank Reconciliation and initialed time sheets.

The minutes of the meeting were approved by:
