

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 2nd by Chairman Ron Rhodes. Present were Trustees Ray Schulte, Ron Garapick, Ron Rhodes, Fiscal Officer Colleen Swedyk, one reporter and 15 residents. All joined the Pledge to the Flag.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing as written. Ray Schulte 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. Ron Garapick noted one correction to be made on the minutes. The spelling of "Montowski" needed to be corrected.

SPECIAL GUEST

Diane Dermody came to the meeting to ask for the support of the trustees for the upcoming library levy. This is a 1.25 replacement levy. If this levy fails, the library system will lose 40% of its budget. About 900,000 people visited Medina County libraries last year. The levy is a good value for residents at about 10 cents per day.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to adopt **Resolution #040207-01** which states:

Whereas, the Medina County District Library has placed upon the May 8, 2007 election ballot a replacement of the 1.25 mil tax levy for ten years;

Whereas, the current levy expires on December 31, 2007. Replacing the 1.25 mils would represent 52% of the Library's annual operating budget;

Whereas, state funding for libraries has been frozen since 2002 and narrowly missed drastic cuts during the crafting of this most recent state budget;

Whereas, the passage of the proposed tax replacement would allow Medina County District Library to become less dependent on State funding and ensure the Libraries may continue full service for Medina County's growing population;

Whereas, the Medina County District Library's resources, services and programs are a significant factor in developing a lifelong love of learning for citizens of all ages in Medina County;

Whereas, the Library's and Medina County's interests are best served by the life enhancing resources provided by the Medina County District Library;

Be It Hereby Resolved, that the Hinckley Township Trustees support the Medina County District Library's tax levy replacement, thereby ensuring the future of the Library District which provides for the recreational, educational and informational needs of, and contributes to the quality of life, of Medina County residents. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bruce Linville submitted a request from Chief Yates for the approval of a Pictometry system for Hinckley Township. Ron Rhodes made a motion to purchase the system from Pictometry International at a total cost of \$7875.00. Ray Schulte seconded. Ron Garapick stated that he did not feel comfortable voting on something that he is still confused about. Mr. Garapick stated that he thought the township should try the free version that is available from the County. Ron Rhodes stated that Chief Yates made the determination that the upgraded version was what the Township needed. Ray Schulte stated that Chief Horton also felt the upgraded version was the way to go. Ron Rhodes stated that Chief Yates called all three trustees before allowing the purchase and received support from two of the trustees.

Ron Garapick stated that we have to go to the Board before we go over our purchasing limits and his vote reflects improper procedure. Ray Schulte stated that he thought the system would be a valuable tool to really look at land and be able to make good zoning decisions. He felt it was a reasonable deal for the potential uses. Vote: S-yes, G-no, R-yes. Ron Rhodes made a motion to pay for the pictometry system in the following manner: 33.33% from police fund, 33.33% from the general fund (for zoning), 16.66% from the fire fund, and 16.66% from the road and bridge fund. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Bruce Linville presented the Board with the 2006 Annual Report for the Hinckley Police Department. In addition, Bruce turned in a copy of the Police inventory report. Bruce went over the highlights of the report with the trustees.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Horton announced that the fire department has purchased a complete projection system from Dell that can be used for training and is also portable. This system was purchased out of funds from the \$8000.00 grant that the department recently received. The total cost of the system was \$2229.78. Chief Horton also stated that Phil Bartek found a company that sells oxygen masks for dogs and cats. Mr. Bartek purchased three masks in various sizes and donated them to the fire department. The Board thanked Mr. Bartek for his generosity.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Paul Magovac gave the monthly report for February. Work totaled 576.75 hours. Work completed included: chipped ice of roadways on various roads, salt and plowed all township roads, installed police department floor molding, updated concrete bid package, repaired or replaced mailboxes, repaired township vehicles. **Risk Management** included one member attending a BWC seminar. The road and sign surveys were completed.

With regard to Boston Road east of Ridge, Ron Garapick made a motion to adopt **Resolution #040207-02** which approves a caution bump before the bridge and two 30 m.p.h. signs (one before the bridge and one after the bridge). Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. Ron Garapick asked Colleen Swedyk if the additional funds for the road repairs on Boston Road had been received from North Royalton. Colleen stated that they had not yet been received. Paul Magovac was instructed to contact James Bennett from the Prosecutor's Office regarding the collection of this payment.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Walter Robb submitted the first quarter report. Total monies collected were \$2400.00. The Board of Trustees signed a deed for Fred DeHoff.

TRUSTEES

Ray Schulte announced that riparian setbacks will be discussed this Thursday at the Zoning Commission meeting.

Ray Schulte discussed an e-mail received from Brian Latko. Brian is the "web-master" for Hinckley Township. Brian reported that the site averages about 110-120 user sessions per day. However, as Buzzard Day approached, the site began averaging 400 sessions per day. On March 15th, Hinckley Township's website saw 1019 user sessions.

Mr. Schulte read a letter from Martha Catherwood, President of the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce. This letter praised the fine efforts of the Hinckley Fire Department during the Buzzard Day activities.

Ron Garapick made a motion to adopt **Resolution #040207-03** which reads as follows:

Whereas, the residents of Hinckley Township are serviced by the City of Cleveland Water Department; and
Whereas, effective January 1, 2007, the City of Cleveland has instituted a new rate structure (actual consumption charge plus quarterly customer service charge) that it believes will more accurately reflect the actual cost of services and help recover the drop in consumption and subsequent revenue shortfall over the past decade; and

Whereas, as part of the new rate structure, the City of Cleveland is charging a \$7.00 quarterly customer service charge through 2010 to all consumers of Cleveland water in order to cover costs for meter reading, bill generation, collections, and core customer service functions; and

Whereas, Hinckley Township has many residents on fixed incomes who will be effected by the increases in rates;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, COUNTY OF MEDINA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Board hereby opposes the increase in water rates by the City of Cleveland and urges the City of Cleveland to eliminate the \$7.00 quarterly customer service charge for Hinckley residents.

Section 2. That the Fiscal Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the City of Cleveland, all members of the Cleveland City Council, the Cleveland Water Commissioner.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees; and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees, and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Board of Trustees. Ron Rhodes seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Ron Rhodes reported that the Medina County Commissioners past a resolution authorizing final adjusting change order no. 3 for the Stony Hill water line project in Hinckley Township. Mr. Rhodes also state that Time Warner Cable has changed its cable channel lineup. For a copy of this information, please contact townhall.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to approve the 2007 medical insurance change for our employees. The new insurance will be Medical Mutual's HRA 2500 program. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. The Press asked a question regarding the cost of this insurance. Colleen Swedyk responded that the new HRA insurances have the potential to save the township a tremendous amount of money.

Ron Rhodes stated that the Highland School District is hosting a breakfast for Township Trustees. Ron Garapick and Ron Rhodes have decided to attend this breakfast on Tuesday, April 24th.

Ron Rhodes stated that the Township has received an application for a Community Development Block Grant. Ray Schulte and Jim Kamps have decided to pursue this grant application.

Ron Rhodes made a motion to present several Girl Scouts in the community with an award of recognition for earning their Girl Scout Gold Award. Local girls who have earned this award include: Marisa Faulds, Stephanie Gasior, Natalie Jovich, Alyssa Pupino, Nikki Toris, Alexandria Foster, Juli Graf, Brittany Leslie, Tiffinay Roder, Andrea Gaither, Andrea Haas, Jeanna Lott, and Marissa Tousley. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

FISCAL OFFICER

Colleen Swedyk reported that the Township currently has funds totaling \$3,310,228.51.

FLOOR

Jim Kamps thanked the trustees for declaring that April is "Clean your Ditch Month".

A representative from Auditor Mike Kovack's office announced that the Auditor's office is giving a \$500 scholarship for high school seniors going into a vocational career. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 24th. The deadline for Homestead Exemptions is June 4th. Mike Kovack has been appointed to the Community Improvement Board.

Sue Rennecker announced that the Office for Older Adults is currently redoing their bylaws and the trustees do not need to appoint an alternated to the advisory board at this time. Everything is on hold until the bylaws are completed in September.

Diane Dermody stated that her mother is a senior citizen in Hinckley who was told by the cable company that Hinckley Township does not have a senior citizen rate. Ron Rhodes promised to get in touch with Time Warner regarding this issue.

Mrs. Brown stated that she has recently returned from Florida. She wanted the Board to know that Hinckley Buzzard Day makes the news all the way down in Florida.

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

The Board reviewed and signed time sheets.

The minutes of the meeting were approved by:
