

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 10, 2007 by Chairman Ron Rhodes. Present were Trustees Ray Schulte, Ron Garapick, Ron Rhodes, Fiscal Officer Colleen Swedyk, and 47 residents. All joined the Pledge to the Flag.

Ron Garapick made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ron Rhodes made a motion to adopt Resolution #121007-01 which approves the adoption of the Resolution for the Control of Dogs as approved by the Medina County Prosecutor. Ron Garapick seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. The trustees signed the original Resolution. Chief Huff announced that the State of Ohio is considering creating zones of "no passing within 100 feet of an intersection," at various intersections of Routes 303, 3, 94, & 606. The State will be paint striping double yellow lines at the chosen intersections.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Horton gave the department report for the month of November. Activity included 6 fire calls, 25 rescue calls, and the transporting of 20 people to area hospitals. Risk Management training consisted of 2.58 hours on person entrapped under a car, 2 hours on pre-planning, and SWGH on pediatric assessment, 4 hours on rope rescue and 3.33 hours on SCBA. Chief Horton introduced the newest member of the fire department, Marci Lewiski. Marci has already completed her EMT training. Colleen Swedyk led Marci in her Oath of Office.

Ron Rhodes welcomed Martha Catherwood to the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees. Martha was led in her Oath of Office by Colleen Swedyk. The Board of Trustees welcomed Martha as the new Hinckley Township Trustee.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Paul Magovac gave the monthly report for November. Work totaled 413.5 hours. Work completed included: Installed road markers, pour concrete in Brookside Estates, poured two footers at Maple Hill Cemetery, cold patched a driveway, trimmed trees, landscaped the Historical Building, ditched various spots on Babcock Road and Morning Star. Risk Management included the completion of the road and sign surveys.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Charlie Pope gave the Zoning report for November. Total fees collected were \$2,136.00.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Walter Robb presented the Trustees with a deed to sign for the Batke Family.

TRUSTEES

Ray Schulte announced that everyone is invited to a retirement party for Ron Rhodes on January 13th from 1:30 p.m – 3:30 p.m.

The Township is now soliciting nominations for Citizen of the Year. In addition, the Township is now accepting applications for 3 zoning positions. Interested parties should contact the Townhall.

Ray Schulte honored Ron Rhodes by listing some of Ron's accomplishments in his tenure as Trustee. A few of these accomplishments included the cookie cutter campaign, the 3 mile rite of review, the building of the new townhall, instituting the first township flag in the State of Ohio, serving as president of the Medina County Township Association for the last three years and being awarded the 2005 NEO Township Official of the Year.

Ron Garapick made a motion to approve \$350.00 to be used toward the cost of putting on the LTAP snow plow safety seminar for a proper public purpose. Ray Schulte seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes.

Ron Garapick read the following Letter of Intent into the minutes:

This document serves as a formal Letter of Intent between the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees and the Hinckley Township Employee Union. Both parties agree to the following changes in the existing labor agreement for the Hinckley Township Employee Union:

1. Salary increases for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 will be 2% annually.
2. The cap for the amount the Township will pay toward health care benefits will remain frozen at the 2007 limits for the 2008-2010 union contract.
3. The following provision will be added in the Holidays and Personal Days section of the union contract: "If an employee does not use sick leave for a 6 month period, they shall receive another Personal Day."
4. The Sick Leave section of the contract will remove the provision stating that sick leave will be earned on top of sick time.

The above mentioned changes will be made to the union contract for the 2008-2010 edition. The contract will be forwarded to the Township's human resources attorney for review. Once reviewed, both the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees and the Hinckley Township Employee Union will officially sign the new contract into effect.

The Hinckley Township Trustees and Paul Magovac, as the union representative, both signed the Letter of Intent.

Ron Rhodes announced that Tom Wiencek, the township's human resources attorney, was honored as one of "The 10 Best Lawyers in the Country". Mr. Rhodes congratulated Tom on the great accomplishment.

Ron Rhodes stated that an I271 northbound exit off of I71 has now moved to the #2 spot on the Medina County Transportation Improvement District Board's wish list. Constant pressure needs to be applied in order to eventually obtain this desired exit.

Ron Rhodes discussed the John Gladden article in The Gazette which criticized some of the proposed businesses that are being encouraged in Medina County. Mr. Rhodes encouraged all Township residents to voice their opinions on these proposed businesses which include Cabela's in Brunswick, a water park with hotels in Harrisville, and a one million square foot retail development in Westfield.

FISCAL OFFICER

Colleen Swedyk reported that the Township currently has funds totaling \$3,398,942.68.

FLOOR

A representative from the County Auditor's office stated that dog tags are now available until January 31st at a cost of \$12.00.

The second Trustee meeting for the month will be held on December 22nd at 9:00 to simply sign checks.

Ron Garapick made a motion to enter into executive session regarding a personnel issue. Ron Rhodes seconded. Vote: S-yes, G-yes, R-yes. The Board entered into executive session at 8:15 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m.

Ron Garapick made a motion to pay the bills. Ray Schulte 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 8:46 p.m.

The Board reviewed and initialed time sheets.

The minutes of the meeting were approved by: