

Scioto Township Board of Trustees
Year end Meeting December 28, 2011

Chas Kaiser called the December 28, 2011 year end meeting of the Scioto Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was answered by: Sandra Stults, Rodger C. Finks and Chas Kaiser.

Chas: I didn't put an agenda together. I figured it would be fairly basic on what we were going to discuss. We won't have minutes to approve. What do you want to discuss first?

Rodger: Let's go with the hardest first, the budget.

Chas: Budget first, just got off the phone with our representative from the State Auditor's Office and she informed us we can, but not advisable, but we can appropriate the carry over along with our 2012 estimates for the next year's budget, but be careful because it would leave us with very limited funds if we use our carry over if we spent everything available in our appropriations. I have worked a budget. Rodger has put a budget together. Sandra did you put a budget together?

Sandra: Nope.

Chas: Sandra has not. Susan you worked with Esther on a budget.

There was an hour of discussion on the budget going line by line.

Rodger: Motion for a resolution to move \$4400.00 from 2192-220-231 Road and Bridge Levy Fund to 2031-330-599 Road and Bridge regular fund.

Chas: I second. Vote: unanimous

Resolution number 12-28-2012

Rodger: If we use permissive to pay off the debt, might I suggest you make a double payment next year. Make a payment on schedule and another payment towards the end of the year. Try to get that paid off early so that doesn't hang around for a long time.

Chas: There is a reason for that, the interest, I can't remember.

Rodger: There was to be no interest as long as we were under fiscal watch.

Chas: Correct. I'm sure the County would accept extra money even if it was \$7500.00 made towards this DeGood Road Project.

Rodger: In what you have in contracts right now, without the General Fund Contracts that you had is about \$32,000.00 which more than pays your salt bill. Then if you use permissive for the debt to the County your salt bill is \$27,000.00 or \$28,000.00. So you had highways here almost at \$22,000.00. I'm sure somewhere next year Esther is going to want a payment on your negative balance. You might want to consider taking or appropriating \$5000.00 into that negative balance for next year, account number 1000-910-910.

Chas: We need to consider that.

Rodger: I think it would be a good faith effort to do that.

Chas: What number is that?

Rodger: 1000-910-910. You already got \$10,000.00 in there. It sits at \$20,013.00. I suggest you don't do the \$10,000.00 if you are going to hang on to that loan very long, twelve years. You don't want to zero that out until that loan get paid off.

Tom: Was there a rate discussed when we go off fiscal watch? Something like 2%-5%

Rodger: It doesn't matter. Any interest is costly.

Chas: We want to take our free money as long as we can.

Tom: I don't think there would be interest added to tax money. I think they will keep it interest free.

Rodger: No, that's the deal with the County Commissioners.

Chas: That's the deal we made with the County Commissioners. It would be interest free as long as we were on fiscal watch.

Rodger: If you go \$5,000.00 for 4 years that's \$20,000.00. Since you already had \$21,000.00 in there for highway maintenance, you might be able to get Warren Road partially done on that one culvert.

Chas: Someone want to motion with the approved changes?

Rodger: Hope someone has all these changes. I didn't mark every one of them down.

Chas went through and stated all the changes that were made on all the categories of the appropriations.

Rodger: Word of caution, don't spend it all.

Chas: Motion to accept the 2012 Appropriations with the changes.

Rodger: I'll second.

Vote: unanimous.

Tom: Well, congratulations, I haven't seen one of these in a long time. I didn't hear Susan's number, she was quiet, but you guys were pretty close. You talked about number with the differences of \$150.00. The budget you accepted is all the carry over. All the Trustees and the Fiscal Officer has to be aware that where as your lower numbers without the carry over you'd be doing a lot more shuffling money down through the year and the Fiscal Officer would probably yanking the chain more often. Telling you, I can't write that check. Maybe that's a good safe guard on your opinion. But if everyone is on the same page that it is this tight, maybe you can't rely on the Fiscal Officer to say hey, I can't write this check. Everyone needs to be aware every check is that close. You guys were really close.

Rodger: The previous Auditor Representative said the carryover was a no, no.

Chas: We did have to struggle with that this year. Then I kind of got lost in the shuffle with my injury and we kind of got out of balance.

Rodger: She said we'll let you have a little bit but not much and that's why everything was shuffling this year all the way through.

Chas: Sandra, I want you to get more involved in this. It takes a lot of work and a lot of brain punching. I think rather than just sitting there accepting what we are saying you need to come up with your own budget, crunch it.

Sandra: Okay, I've been going with Susan's and monitoring what she has been doing.

Chas: You need to crunch it.

Rodger: Sitting down and doing it is no fun. No fun at all.

Bruce: This is not a one day job.

Rodger: No.

Chas: I bet it took me two weeks to put this together.

Susan: You start over many times.

Chas: It's the best scenario we've got to work with.

Rodger: Things aren't going to be pretty next year. Lot of people are screaming because the roads need to be tarred and chipped.

Chas: They have to do something about it.

Sandra: The recorder should say, we are sorry we can't clear your roads or salt your roads.

Rodger: I think of it as the salt bill is what it is, regardless of what you do.

Tom: Unless you are going to fill a storage building and keep the extra. Do you save anything by taking the allotment? You use to save 10%.

Rodger: The number I gave you was 27 plus was 10% less. That's what you have to pay regardless. I haven't seen the final numbers from the County Engineer's Office to see what it is going to cost.

Chas: I think that is something we should look at in the future. You and I have discussed about that as far as building a salt storage facility.

Jeff Kasberg: Are you charged if you don't use it and you have already bought it?

Sandra: We have a minimum payment we have to pay.

Rodger: We ask for 450 ton, we actually have to take 405 tons.

Bruce: They still going to charge you for the 450 ton?

Rodger: No, they are going to chare us for the 405 tons whether we use it or not.

Tom: 90% of your allotment.

Sandra: We can go over by so much too.

Jeff: Is this bought from storage up in Cleveland, Ohio and allotted or is this all at the County?

Rodger: Not yet, most of it is at the County salt facility right now. But they got 3 other facilities that the County takes out of. You know, they are willing to go in half on a salt storage barn. We don't have the funds to put up a building.

Chas: And man it.

Jeff: Do they man it or do you have to?

Chas: They man it. If we put one up at the park or back here they would man it. Park would be a more centralized location for it and they could bring people in too from different townships rather than going all the way to the County's facility.

Jeff: Then you could go in with the Village?

Sandra: I was checking out Concord's salt barns today.

Jeff: You could bring a back hoe in here and leave it.

Rodger: If you had a facility, or a building you could close the doors so to speak. Could you have it stolen from the Engineer's site? Yea, you could go back there and do it.

Chas: Wouldn't be wise.

Tom: Don't know what you can discuss but here is my brief resignation effective date end of year.

Chas: We'll accept that.

Tom: I'll complete a December and year end activity report. Clean my office.

Chas: So as of January 1, 2012 the position becomes open so we need to make a decision on a new Zoning Inspector.

Sandra: Are we going to have an Executive session before our first meeting to hire someone?

Rodger: you haven't set a first meeting date other than the second Wednesday of January.

Chas: (Can't hear his comments)

Rodger: It's too late now.

Sandra: Would be better at our first meeting.

Rodger: Your first meeting is your organizational meeting.

Chas: The second Wednesday?

Sandra: It would be nice to be able to talk to these people before the meeting. I was just thinking we could bring some of them in personally and talk to them before the next meeting.

Rodger: You could do it individually but not together.

Tom: If one of the Trustees interviews the applicants you could do it. You could get a strong feeling and narrow it down to one or two.

Chas: That would be nice. Maybe you guys can do that the first week.

Sandra: I think you and Tom would be perfect people to do it.

Tom: I'd like to stay out of it.

Sandra: But if they had questions you would be the person to answer their questions.

Tom: I'll make myself available. But there is a part of me that wants to, but if there is a Trustee that is more involved in Zoning.

Chas: I'd love to. If you guys could maybe do the pre-interviews.

Tom: I'd like to be able to get a new fresh start for this year. It's been kind of like I'm looking over your shoulder. I want to be available to help but I don't want to be the point man.

Chas: Contact needs to be made to each one of them. Maybe they won't want to have an interview.

Sandra: Should we set up interviews with them?

Chas: I'd say we should.

Sandra: Okay.

Chas: It's up to you and Tom to contact them and see what they want to do. Split it up.

Jeff: How many applications do you have?

Sandra: Five.

Tom: I think a primary call and a rough outline of the job description, pay scale, and see if they are interested in coming in and meeting with you. Rodger may be right this list might be cut in half pretty quick.

Sandra: Make a list of your duties and how much time you are spending at the present time.

Tom: Okay. I'll try to have it to you by Saturday.

Sandra; Give me some kind of pay scale.

Rodgers: My suggestion would be \$350.00 to \$475.00 depending on qualifications.

Tom: They may say thank you but no thank you. But it maybe someone that has a community spirit and wants to serve the community and do it for a lower rate.

Chas: It didn't think they were moving dirt. They were to be digging it out to make the ditch line flow.

Rodger: I don't know, I'm just asking. I got chewed out twice today.

Chas: It doesn't look good because of the conditions.

Rodger: I can understand the conditions are bad. I was just wondering what was going on. I haven't had a chance to go up and look at it to see what was going on.

Chas: Purpose is to help save the road. It's getting water underneath it.

Rodger: I understand you know, what you are saying, you know, two people came up to me and said. So ---

Chas: Any other business?

Sandra: Susan and I were discussing about Winter Conference. She needs to attend. I have to attend; I am the only voting member for Delaware County. I have asked the Delaware County Township Association to pay for me to attend. I don't want to ask for any of our township money.

Susan: I have already paid for my reservation. I'll pay my other expenses also.

Rodger: That's not until February?

Chas: Yes.

Sandra: February 8th, 9th and 10th. Also February 8th is our County Township meeting night. It's the second Wednesday.

Tom: Are the mowing contracts ready to be advertised?

Chas: Not yet, Chris is out of town till the third of January. Said he'd work on it as soon as he got back. I told him I needed it for the January meeting.

Rodger: He is taking the Community Center out of the contract.

Rodger: I move to pay bills.

Sandra: I'll second. Vote: unanimous

Rodger: Motion to adjourn.

Sandra: I'll second. Vote: unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer