

Scioto Township Board of Trustees  
July 8, 2009

Sandra Stults called the July 9, 2009 meeting of the Scioto Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:10 p.m.

All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by: Sandra Stults, Rodger C. Finks and Theodore Luke.

Others in attendance: Jason Hutchisson, Bill Cox, Bill Bivens, Katie Barnes, Jeff Kasberg, Brenda Jervis, Mike Carsey, and Mary Acres.

Rodger: Made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Ted seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

Guests were acknowledged and asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. Please direct your questions and/or comments to the Board.

No comments.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Susan Beckley

June receivables	\$56,967.35
June payables	\$85,000.43

ZONING REPORT: Thomas R. Brown.

Tom was absent, Sandra read Tom's report.

There was no BZA activity for the month of June. Scioto Township Zoning Commission meeting on June 8, 2009, was on zoning resolution text discussions on wind turbines. No zoning applications.

DCRPC meeting June 25, 2009, there was no Scioto Township activity. Paul Deel retirement, budget review and other business.

Violations: No complaints filed. Continued discussions with owners. Notable improvements at Penn Road and 257. Discussions with the Health Department about how people store recyclables.

Since the Fire Chief is not here at this time we will go to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rodger asked the firemen in the audience about the Sprint Phone Bill- connection card data plan.

Jason Hutchisson: That is for the two (2) air cards in the trucks. Connected to the lap tops and the map system. One mounted in the engine and the other in the rescue vehicle.

Sandra: Internet connection for lap tops and trucks.

Sandra: The County Commissioners met on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and we were expecting them to choose one of the siren companies at that time. They came back and stated they wanted the Committee to make the decision. That is what I told them in the first place, so we are back to either Federal or American. Federal has dropped their price by about 20%. It was a shoe-in for American. Now it is back to Federal or American. The Siren Committee will be meeting pretty soon to make their recommendation to the Commissioners.

Rodger: Did the Committee have some sort of a preference as to which siren?

Sandra: Yes, it was half and half. Politicians wanted American. First Responders wanted Federal. Larry Crile and I wanted Federal.

Rodger: Will the software work in both systems?

Sandra: Yes, if we buy one and the Committee pick the other siren, they can make it work.

Rodger: They can make it work?

Sandra: That is why Larry and I have been on this trying to figure this out. We have been waiting for them to decide on which system they want and we are getting tired of waiting.

Rodger: I had left a message for Larry, but have not gotten a response. The one they were looking to locate in the Ostrander area, was it a larger or smaller system, or do you know?

Sandra: We would like one of the larger, but since we have to purchase it, it has to be one of the smaller ones. We could not take larger because of our funds.

Rodger: Yes, we could. With the insurance money we could make up the balance with Township funds.

Sandra: We are still deciding which brand they are going with. If we put ours up and it does not reach the southern part, County will have to up one up to complete the difference in the Township. The Township will have complete coverage.

Rodger: So we can not even come in and say, "We will put the bigger system and we do not know the cost."

Sandra: We can put up the larger unit. We will know the cost before installing.

Rodger: Putting out \$20,000.00 cost, we could put that out there so we could negotiate that deal maybe this month? I talked to the Insurance Company, they have been very patient, but their patience is getting very thin, very thin.

Sandra: Do we have a time limit on the Insurance?

Rodger: They stated there was not an actual time limit, but if we do not do something very soon we are going to loose the funds. We could wait another month but I sure hate to push our luck much farther.

Sandra: Like I said, we have been pushing them on this issue and we are going to have to go without them.

Rodger: Well, I would be just as happy to go without them right now. But I do not have numbers. Can we have numbers on one the recommendations for the next meeting? That is installed and ready to go.

Sandra: That is what Federal was doing with one total. American was piece mealing it together. They were trying to get on State Bid so they could have a complete package. That is why Larry and I wanted Federal. They put it up and turn it on. It is ready

Rodger: So, next meeting you could come in with a total price?

Sandra: Yes, I'd like to. I wanted to do that in April.

Rodger: As you can see the parking lot has been re-sealed and re-stripped. We actually did move one handicap parking place. We are getting more elderly coming in to the Office, but they do not have a handicap card. We were trying to make it more convenient for them also.

Rodger: The entrance to the Park has been blacktopped. Looks good. During the last storm, the water went to the side rather than washing it out.

Rodger: The DeGood Road culvert is replaced and enlarged looks great.

Ted: Park driveway and DeGood culvert look good. Both entities did a great job.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT; Marvin McIntire

We have completed our annual pump test. The back-up computer is up and running.

Delivery date on the new Rescue 371 will be in Ostrander, August 8<sup>th</sup>.  
I have cancelled the insurance on Grass # 3 and all the hummers have been cancelled, the grass truck has also been cancelled.

Rodger: The Rescue unit will be striped and have all the bells and whistles when it arrives?

Marvin: Yes, everything should be on the truck except the small tools, we will put in the unit.

I think everyone knows the breathing new air compressor is in and AC Electric has it hooked up and ready to go.

Just to let you know if we purchase the New Thermal Imaging Camera tonight we will have spent around \$60,000.00 on the new Rescue. We had projected it to cost \$70,000.00.

I have a couple Purchase Orders tonight:

All American Fire Equipment for a new Thermal Imaging Camera for Rescue 371 at the cost of \$9,950.00

W. W. Williams for repair of the station generator after lightning strike on June 19, 2009 at the cost of \$3,000.00. Also called insurance about coverage.

Rodger: Currently how many Thermal Camera's do you have?

Marvin: One, it is currently fifteen (15) years old. The plan is to replace it this winter, if funds are available. It is a good camera.

Rodger: I will make the motion to purchase the New Thermal Imaging Camera for Rescue 371 from All American Fire Equipment for \$9,950.00.

Ted: I will second the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Ted: I will make the motion to W. W. Willams for the repair of the station generator for \$3,000.00 maximum limit.

Rodger: I will second the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

P. O. 28-2009 All American Fire	\$9,950.00
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Sandra: On the people you sent letters to, Gary Beckley, Retired. Have you heard from Richard McIntire?

Marvin: No, I have not. I have his card but not talked to him personally.

Sandra: He said he has called you.

Marvin: Yes, I called him right back but never have made contact with him.

Sandra: Have you heard from Tom Pugerud or Kara Czaruk?

Marvin: No

Sandra: I have a letter from Richard McIntire.

Dear Trustees, After a lot of discussion with my family, I Richard B. McIntire has decided to retire from the Scioto-Township-Ostrander Fire Department effective immediately after 28 years serving the township and community on the department. I also served as the Fire Department representative on the Comprehensive Plan Committee appointed by the Chief. I have enjoyed serving the township, it has been a pleasure. I have turned in my gear. The only thing is I would like to have my helmet and boots for I paid for these, I was one of three of us that purchased these at the same time. This can be found in the Association minutes of a meeting. Thank you for letting me serve the Scioto Township and Ostrander Residents. Sincerely, Richard B. McIntire.

Sandra: His gear is here in the bag. He picked up his helmet and boots this afternoon, I was with him.

We would like to thank Richard McIntire for his 28 years of service. With great sadness we except is resignation.

Actually I would like to make a motion that we have a Richard B. McIntire Day make a proclamation and give it to him at our next Trustee Meeting to celebrate his retirement.

Ted Luke: I will second the motion. Good idea. Vote: Unanimous.

Rodger: Marvin, you got two (2) new titles. I am curious why we needed a new title on the 2005 Pierce?

Marvin: It was never titled to us. It was titled to Oshkosh or Pierce but never titled to us.

Rodger: They never sent us a title when they sent it to us?

Marvin: We had the title, but it was not titled to Scioto Township.

Rodger: Oshkosh should have sent us a title when we paid the vehicle off.

Marvin: They did send a title, but is in Peirce's name. Never titled to Scioto Township.

Rodger: It was still in Pirece's name?

Marvin: Got title stating it was free and clear, but still in Pierce's name and not titled to Scioto Township.

Rodger: That makes no sense. I understand what you are saying, but it does not make any sense.

Marvin: Lunden's title never was put in Scioto Township. Bob Ross, on that title Scioto was spelled wrong. Title Department corrected that for free.

Rodger: They screwed them up and why should not they have to fix them. It was their mistake.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandra: We have a letter from the American Red Cross and they are updating all their agreements for shelter use during emergencies. This building is a Red Cross shelter so we need to sign the new agreement. Is it ok if I sign this agreement?

Rodger: Just requires one signature?

Sandra: Yes.

Rodger: I make a motion to designate Sandra Stults to sign the contract for the American Red Cross for their use of the Community Center as an emergency shelter.

Ted: I second the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Sandra: Things that I have been up to, Siren meetings, of course. The Upper Scioto Water Shed Meetings. They are going to do the Karsts studies here. There is a chance to go to a luncheon on that project, cost is \$15.00 to \$20.00. I have the information if anyone wants to go. Since they are going to be on our river and in our Township, it would be interesting to go.

The Emergency Management Executive Board Meeting on Monday. There is a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Rodger: The Warren Road issue, new cost estimate from this year and in that they were to give me cost estimates to go out and make the right-a-way lines they needed to put this in. I have not been over to see Vaught Dewitt; he wanted to see where they were going to do this before he signed off.

The cost estimate last year was \$38,000.00 with the County paying about half. The estimate we got back this year is \$146,000.00. I have not been into the County Engineer's Office to find out what is going on. I do not know.

Regardless of what we decide that is a cost we are going to incur. The bank is starting to give way on the west side of the culvert. Just depends on how soon it is going to actually get done. Hopefully the bill will be much lower than the \$146,000.00. That includes the \$40,000.00 the County was going to pay. But that is a big chunk of difference between \$38,000 and \$146,000.00. I will follow up with the Engineer and see why such a difference.

Rodger: Susan and I have had some discussion on Record Retention Policy. We do not have actual time limits yet and what we do with some really old records. There are old cancelled checks, old warrants, old bank statement and etc. These are items that were stored at Houston Street. By next meeting we should have something as how long we are required to keep our records.

Sandra: We have someone in the Township that does document shredding. We may want to contact her.

Rodger: Right now we do not know if we can dump them in the Abitibi bin or have to shred them.

Sandra: We have to shred them first. There are guidelines you must follow.

Susan: I was in contact with the State Auditor's Office and they are to send me guidelines.

Rodger: We need to adopt a policy. There are old minute books from the 1800's. Justice of the Peace Proceedings.

Sandra: Has anyone contacted Brent Carson from the Historical Society?

Susan: Our minute books have to go the Columbus to the Historical Society.

Rodger: That is if we decide to get rid of them.

Rodger: Right now we will just go thru them and get what goes to the Association and what is ours. Then we will make a disposition on the records. Hopefully we can have that done shortly.

Rodger: I would like to commend our temporary employees on the job they are doing at the cemeteries. They are doing a great job keeping up with them, just seems like we never get done mowing grass.

Sandra: I have had people make comments on how nice the cemeteries were. I talked to them this morning and told them we were getting compliments on their work.

Sandra: This is the month we do the job reviews on our permanent workers. We will go into Executive Session on that. But first I would like to make the motion to pay bills.

Rodger: I will second the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Sandra: I move to go into Executive Session to discuss job performance reviews, dismissal, promotion, demotion or discipline.

Rodger: I second the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Katie Barnes, 3808 Burnt Pond Road asked if she could speak about Burnt Pond Road.

Sandra: I make the motion to go back into Regular Session.

Ted: I will second the motion. Vote Unanimous.

Returned to Regular Session at 7:47 p.m.

Sandra: We talked to residents last month on the Burnt Pond issue. Have we heard anything?

Rodger, No, not as of yet. Our plan was to work some of that in, the clearing, mainly the west side of Burnt Pond Road so we could set the ditch back. All of this is in anticipation of getting an OPWC grant to actually widen that road.

Katie: Has that grant been funded?

Rodger, No, will not find out until next year. If the grant has been funded. If the grant is funded for 2010, the project will proceed in 2010.

Katie: There will be no clear cutting this year, until you have funds?

Rodger: We will actually start clearing the ditches this year. If we wait until next year we will not have time. Lot of this is if we get the funding. We won't have time and we will have to pay someone to come in and move the ditch back. Which is very expensive?

Katie: How were the homeowners notified?

Rodger: Partly through the Newsletter.

Katie: We have never seen a Newsletter.

Rodger: The Newsletter was sent out a month and a half ago. I do not know why you did not get one.

Katie: I do not either, but we have looked for one after we met with you.

Rodger: There is a mail carrier right behind you.

Mary Acres: Don't even go there.

Rodger: I have received several calls and most people said they were talking to their neighbors. We did have people at our meeting last month to ask about this. Can I say with certainty we will get the grant, no. Can I say if we do get the grant and don't have this done, are we in financial problems, we are behind the eight ball, yes. Part of our responsibilities as trustees is to keep the right-a-ways clear of obstructions, and maintain the ditch line. In some places we have a ditch line per say, but not really. The water runs down the side of the road and washes it away and we have no control over it.

Sandra: I really do not want to cut down trees unless we absolutely have to. I would like to hold off until the last possible minute.

Katie: We were told that all those trees were going when you came out, it was a done deal. Everyone was going to lose their trees along the road.

Rodger: Pretty much, anything within the right-a-way has to come out. We do not have a choice per say.

Katie: Across the Township everything is in the right-a-way everywhere.

Rodger: I understand.

Katie: Show me a road where there is not anything in the right-way in the Township.

Rodger: I understand.

Katie, That is a poor excuse for people who are going to lose property value from losing all the mature trees. The road will look awful when it is bare.

Rodger: I can not speak for every road. I do not know the actual right-a-way average on every road. I have not asked the County Engineer to come out to do right-a-way stakes so that I know specifically. I do know it is part of our duty to keep the right-a-ways clear.

Katie: They have not been kept clear for eight years; all of a sudden it is very troubling.

Rodger: I understand. When the land was developed on that side the developer actually gave the right-a-way away. Most generally ten (10) feet. I was very shocked when I saw those stakes go up. Unfortunately I understand your dilemma. I am not one to just go take out trees because they are there. Unfortunately I am obligated to do that in the road

right-a-way in order to maintain the ditch line. Once we get the road improved by widening there will be a speed concern.

Katie: That is another concern. That will be a great short cut for people to fly across there.

Rodger: Right now it is a great short cut for a lot of people. The problem is when you get two (2) cars passing each other they are in the ditch on either side.

Katie: I live on the road and travel the road every day and pass cars everyday and none of us are in the ditch. Don't know where that idea comes from, that is just not the case.

Rodger: The road sides are going away. We have no ditch line in place. In order to keep the roads in decent shape we got to have a ditch line.

Bill Cox: How many feet of right-a-way on the Township section?

Rodger: In most places it is fifty (50) feet. places it is forty (40) feet.

Bill: Total?

Rodger: Total in some places the center line of the actual road way is not where the center line of the actual road way is not where it is supposed to be. Done many, many years ago.

Jason: Not uncommon.

Rodger: Not uncommon anywhere.

Bill: What is going to happen when you widen the road to two (2) lanes?

Rodger: Actually the grant application is to widen it between 18 to 20 feet so two cars can pass on the road surface.

Bill: Two (2) lanes?

Katie: Currently it is many of the Township roads. Again the home owners are very upset we were singled out. There is a feeling that the Township Trustees are more responsive to themselves first than the homeowners.

Rodger: This is not in anyway, shape or form because developers have asked for this. This is because the roadway is deteriorating so much. We went through with the tar and chip last year to try and hold the sides, it still is not holding.

We have other roads in the Township that also needs this attention. Could I flood the system with grant applications, sure?

We widened Newhouse Road last year; The County has not been out yet this year to fix the bad spots. Hopefully by next year at this time we will have that road finished and asphalt down by the end of next year. We will have 18 plus feet of roadway we can pass two cars on without getting off the side of the road.

No developer has ever come in and asks us to widen a road.

Bill: What is going to happen with the areas that are 40 feet wide?

Rodger: We will still have an 18-20 feet roadway; the ditch line will be toward the outer section. You will not have as much slope. We will still have a decent ditch line on both sides.

In the grant application we are going to address the approach at the intersection of Burnt Pond Road and State Route 36.

Sandra: The trees on Riley's property need trimmed. You can not see the stop sign.

Katie: When the Trustees under take these types of projects, I feel you should make an effort to notify all homeowners, prior to placing the stakes in their yards to indicate their trees will be gone. This would be a courtesy if nothing else, we are going to widen this road and this is what is going to happen. To wait until after the fact and have it come in a Newsletter, that some of us never got, is really again concerning. I used to live in a different Township in Delaware County and we got letters any time that there was anything substantial that was going to affect the value of our property and I do not think that is too much to ask for something as major as this. As I say, homeowners are loosing. It is going to change the entire look and character of that road. The property values will be significantly affected. I think at the very least we should be informed in a personal way and earlier on in the process. We got home from work one day and there are stakes in our yard and all up and down the road. In fairness to us who own property we would like to be informed on what is happening.

Rodger: I can say when I requested the Engineer to put those stakes in, I was really surprised. They were back a lot further than I had imagined.

Katei: Your duties are also to inform the Township?

Rodger: At that point I had no idea the right-a-way was that far over?

Katie: The work was being planned and that is my point. We would like to be informed when work is being planned on our road.

Bill: You are decreasing the value of your property and that might be a good thing. You would have less tax to pay.

Katie: We do not see it that way. The road is very pretty with the mature trees right now. We do not see that as an improvement.

Bill: I have an appeal into the County Commissioners to reduce mine, I have asked them to reduce the taxes.

Katie: I do not have a problem paying my taxes. We would like to make it look nice.

Katie: Thank you.

Sandra: We will now go into Executive Session to discuss job evaluation for the permanent workers.

Rodger: I will second.                      Vote: Unanimous.

Executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Rodger: I make the motion to return from the Executive Session into the Regular Township Meeting.

Ted: I second the motion.      Vote: Unanimous.

Regular Session at 8:36 p.m.

Sandra: I make a motion to adjourn.

Ted: I second the motion.              Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned 8:38 p.m.

Susan Beckley, Fiscal Officer