

Scioto Township Meeting
November 9, 2011

Chas Kaiser called the November 9, 2011 meeting of the Scioto Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by the Webloes of Pack 284.

Chas: Thank you, men.

Roll Call: Sandra Stults, present, Chas Kaiser, present. Rodger C. Finks was absent.

Others in attendance: Ronald Hutchisson, Deborah Hutchisson, Mike Kelley, Jeff Sparks, John Sanial-Banrey, Andy Zarins, Kale Oberfield & Barbie, Perfus Blosser, Carmeron Koehler, Garrett Harsh, Seth Blankenship, Russell Norton, Garrett Woods, Janine Ganger, Bill Ganger, Bryce Dawson, Victor Koehler, Shane Dawson, Paul Haberman, Tara Oberfield, Dale Blankenship, Greg Norton, Bruce Stayner, Matt Stayner, Jon Melvin, Bill Bivens, Kim Cellar and Jeff Kasberg.

Guests were acknowledged and asked to speak into the microphone. Limit your comments to three minutes if possible.

Chas: To start off, Mr. Haberman is going to tell us a little bit about his Eagle Scout Project he did for the Township. This might be of interest to the Weblo Pack we have here tonight.

Paul: For those of you who don't know me, I am Paul Haberman, I am with Crew 2008. I did my Eagle Scout Project at the Bokes Creek Cemetery. I erected a flag pole with a solar light so it wouldn't have to be taken down nightly. I also built a walk way to the flag. It went very well. I had several people show up to help. I was very thankful for that. Fire Department, thank you for the pavers for the walk way. It was very helpful.

Chas: Eagle Scout Haberman raised his own money for his project. He got donations. How did things go with that Paul?

Paul: Pretty good. The Ostrander Civic Association donated money for that. I wasn't really expecting that. That was really nice of them to do that. There were various people around the community that donated odds and ends. Over all it was really a good experience. I would do it again.

Sandra: Our cemetery certainly needed a flag. Thank you so much.

Paul: Thank you for letting me do it.

Chas: Any questions guys?

Webelo Den Leader: How old did you say you were?

Paul: I'm 17.

Webelo Den Leader: This is a type of project you can do at 17 if you continue on this path.

Cub Scout: Did any other people help you raise your money for your project?

Chas: Repeat that question will you Paul.

Paul: He asked if I went house to house and asked for money. No, really I mainly went to businesses and some stores where I brought supplies. They would give me a discount because it was my Eagle Scout Project. Over all I didn't really go out and ask for money. It was more of a business thing and not individual. Good question.

???: What troop are you with?

Paul: I am currently not in a troop. The troop I was in got shut down so I transferred over to a Crew, which is similar.

???: You can still do your Eagle Project through a Crew:

Paul: As long as you get it okayed through the troop you can get it through a Crew. Any other questions?

Chas: Thank you, Paul.

Paul: Not a problem.

Chas: We appreciate it.

Sandra: Thank you.

Paul: My pleasure and thank you.

Chas: Do we have any other guests who would like to speak? Andy, keep in mind your crowd.

Andy: What's that?

Chas: Keep in mind your audience.

Andy: Okay. I am here to inform the Scioto Township Trustees that I am thinking about starting a petition in the White Sulphur area. Basically to reduce property Real Estate Taxes due to the depreciated value of property there due to as a result of the activity of

the Lake Hill Private Hunt Club. My proposal basically, I think is that for the joint properties the petition will have the taxes reduced 90%. Within one fourth mile of the Lake Hill Private Hunt Club it would be 70% reduction. Reduction within a half mile would be 50% and one mile 30% reduction. I think we'll get the permission to go into the Delaware County Auditor to inform them that property value has been decreased around there by the activity there from the shooting, noise and so forth. I think there are several people very much in favor of that. So when we get it through, I guess you can expect lower revenues coming in. That's all I got.

Chas: Anybody else?

Sandra: I move we accept the minutes of the October 12, 2011 minutes as presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Chas: I second. Vote: Sandra, yes Chas, yes Rodger, absent

FISCAL OFFICER:

Payables \$129,475.15
Revenues \$ 12,838.82

I do not have anything else at this time.

ZONING REPORT

Tom: There was not BZA activity for the month of October. No October meeting of the Scioto Township Zoning Commission.

I had one zoning application and the certificate issued to 3600 Stults Farm Lane, New house, FR-1 also a drive way permit application

No written complaints. FYI County building department has issued a stop work order to Gary Lowe at 4473 Marysville road. Zoning is in place for commercial activity but a change of use permit will need to be executed to change the use from residential to commercial.

Chas: Which one if that?

Tom: It's the sort of ranch, bi-level home that has been a rental property just east of the Delaware Tractor Property.

Chas: It's the one he is doing all the work on the driveway with the brick entrance.

Tom: Exactly. It's been a residential rental property and he proposed he might have one or two offices users. His neighborhood commercial zoning is in place on that parcel. It's likely he won't have a zoning issue. Except he'll need a change of use permit. Similar to

Alex Andrews, he needed a change of use permit on his residential structure on Fontanelle Road to a commercial use.

Tom: On the agenda notes I see the question on the Drake Property. Mr. Finks isn't here but we did together do a drive by. At the time of the drive by, Mr. Finks wanted me to wait until some more of the leaves had fallen, so that the photographs would be a little more exhibited of the conditions. He certainly expressed his interest in pursuing this. Actually he left me a phone message maybe last Friday night, I can't remember, 3 or 4 days ago that when I go the pictures taken to forward them directly to the Prosecutors Office. I think without him tonight to steer the Board on what he thought the next move would be. I did take pictures yesterday from adjacent properties and road right of way those are printed and they are in my office.

Chas: Good. Has thing changed for better or for worse?

Tom: Well, one thing I will add on Halloween night Mr. Drake did finally call me on my cell phone unsolicited or solicited from apparently either two violation notices or his letter from the Prosecutor. His comment was he was going through his wife's papers and found these violation notices and he'd like to meet quickly and make himself available. I mentioned this to Trustee Finks and he said he'd be happy to meet with him with the understanding this wasn't a delayed tactic. Yes, there has been some improvement, but more recently in the last couple of days he goes backwards. One property gets totally cleaned up from old cars, tires get removed and in the pictures there is evidence there is another new car that has appeared. It certainly is a circus.

Chas: You haven't heard of any complaints?

Tom: I've gotten no complaints.

Chas: Okay, good. Thank you.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Marvin: I surely did not know we were going to have a crowd tonight. So with that in mind my scope tonight is going to change because the Fire Department is here tonight to sell the Trustees on the purchase of a new fire truck. I will talk a little about the process and a little about the history of the Fire Department.

We have talked to the Trustees about the fire truck so they know the story. I want to talk to you kids tonight and tell you the story. This Fire Department has been here since 1954. Within the last 10 years we have been replacing some apparatus. In 2002 we were able to replace a tanker. That's the first tanker we were able to purchase. All our tankers prior to that were built. All the firefighters built them. Then we steadily went on and replaced our trucks. We then replaced an engine, grass truck to a utility truck. Now it's time to replace another truck which is a 1986 model. Fire trucks are rated for 20 years. These last 6 months this group of gentlemen behind me. Those are the firefighters who

have been working on this project in unity to build a truck made of specs. To spell out exactly what we wanted on this truck. With all this said tonight we are presenting the Trustees with two specifications on 2 trucks. Bill is going to show you one spec from one vender and Jon is going to have the specs from another vendor so you can see the drawings of the two different trucks that we are presenting tonight.

As you look at them tonight they look very similar. But the bottom line is that it all comes down to dollars and cents and what we are going to sell the Board tonight and what we can afford. My job tonight is to present these two trucks to the Board and tell them a little about the trucks. There are two venders here tonight Pierce and Sutphen. Some differences between the two trucks are maybe the cab is a little bigger on one. Maybe the compartment space is bigger on the other. There are similarities and also differences between the trucks.

We set a price of a half million dollars for a truck. The Pierce truck came in at \$499,517.00. The Sutphen came in at \$484,865.00. About a \$2,500.00 difference. So as firefighters and the Chief, tonight we have to decide what truck we are going to recommend to the Board. We have decided as a group that we will ask the Trustees to purchase the Pierce truck tonight for \$482,059.00 and we'd like to do a lease purchase program on this truck for fifteen years. So that means for 15 years our payment would be \$43,417.57.

I will ask them if they have any questions on either of the apparatus and also their approval to purchase that truck.

Now, we have committed as a Fire Department to make an extra payment every other year. In hopes of paying that truck off in 10 years. We built a budget, scheduled a payment for this yearly payment, but every other year we'd make an extra payment to be able to pay that truck off in 10 years.

To the Board, I'll put it in your hands. Do you have any questions?

Sandra: I would like to ask the boys a question. Where does this money come from to buy this truck?

Scout: Paycheck.

Scout: Every body's paycheck.

Sandra: That's right, every bodies pay check. They give a little to the Fire Department. They take the money and take the best care of us as they can.

Scout: I think what they both meant were taxes.

Sandra: Yes, very good. As the Fire Chief has said, we have met with the firefighters individually. The firefighters have explained to us all about the trucks and they are the ones that know more about the trucks than I do. I'd like to make a motion that we purchase the Peirce fire truck under the lease purchase plan that they recommended.

Chas: Do you think there is a possibility of doing more than an extra payment every other year?

Marvin: I think, here's the concept as a Township Board and a Fire Department head, we should be carrying over one third of our budget each year. We need to look at our budget at the end of each year to see if we have any extra money to put towards that payment. If the answer is yes, then yes we should put money toward the payment of that truck and maybe paying it off even earlier. So maybe it's 8 years instead of 10 years.

Chas: As long as we are all conscious of the aspect. I think we can defiantly move forward with this.

Marvin: I believe so.

Chas: The main goal.

Marvin: That's the main goal. Because we know in 10 more years we need to replace another truck.

Chas: What do we do with the old trucks, guys?

Scout: Sell them.

Chas: I don't know let's ask the Fire Department.

Marvin: There are a couple of things we can do with them. We can give them to another Fire Department who isn't quite as fortunate. They can go to the scrap yard for scrap price, or we could put it up for auction and ask for sealed bids. That's our three options

Chas: I will second Sandra's motion.

Fiscal Officer: Can we have a vote please, Sandra, yes Chas, yes Rodger, absent.
Motion passed.

Marvin: Do you want to sign the paper work now or later?

Chas: Now is fine. While we are doing that can you guys give us a little overview on how the Fontanelle Road house for training is going?

Bill: I'll talk about that.

Chas: Okay. Explain to them what it is all about.

Bill: The house training has been going very well, What we have been fortunate enough to have one of our residents in our township donate an old farm house that they no longer have use for. The Fire Department, itself and a couple other departments as well. Radnor has been here. There have been members of other department here to participate in the training. Ashley and Concord have sent personal up for training. At our regular drills we go out early. Then 3 or 4 hours later at that location, we have a new smoke machine, we take it up and smoke the house up for fire conditions. Then we send the guys in to do some search and rescue, hose line advancement, ladder work and things like that. It has been going well; we've been hitting it a couple times a month. We are slowing now because the weather is starting to get bad on us. But when we have nice days, we will certainly be back up there. Our plans are depending on some other events that may occur; our plans are to burn it down March or April. Any question on the house?

Audience: You are actually going to burn the house down?

Bill: Oh yes, yes. It's a lengthy process; we have to go through the EPA, get the asbestos removed which has already been done. Then we will burn it down to the ground.

Scout: Who is the owner?

Bill: I don't know the owner. It's on Fontanelle Road.

Scout: Do you use houses if they are donated?

Bill: If they would like to donate a house, yes we would do it for the training.

Scout: I've seen a training fire (couldn't hear the rest of his comment.)

Bill: Good, it's fun to watch, isn't it?

Scout: (can't hear his comment)

Bill: Yes, it's very interesting and we'll have some fun. We'll learn something. We are doing these people a small favor by getting rid of the house for them. They are doing us a huge favor by providing us with a very valuable training resource. If we would try to build something like this, it would take thousands and thousands of dollars.

Sandra: Who knew firefighters burnt down houses? See you learned something.

Marvin: So, the Board of Trustees just signed the contract. We are now ready to send all that paper work off the Pierce Manufacturing. That truck will be deliver in 210 calendar

days vying there is no strike or weather conditions. That's about 6 or 7 months. Board members do you have any more for the Fire Department tonight?

Chas: The one thing I interrelate with you, Bill and Jon the other night was the training aspect of possibility implementing a CDL package because we are hauling about one third more weight. If I can be of any help to that let me know.

Bill: Sure.

Chas: I would be more than happy to offer my lot for driving.

Marvin: Okay, we may need that. We have a hard time finding a lot big enough for our own apparatus.

Chas: You want it big enough and tight enough and use your mirrors.

Marvin: We can investigate that

Chas: Okay.

Bill: On that, Brian is the agent, has the certification for instructions for Volunteer Fire Insurance Company.

Chas: Brian Dilley?

Bill: Yes. He does have a map with some obstacles that we are suppose to do. But as Marvin said it is hard to find a place is very difficult.

Marvin: That is close.

Bill: We used to use the old Wal-Mart lot over in Marysville. Now they have built the Lowe's and the other stores.

Marvin: Also talked to Rob Leeds this year about doing it out in the field, but the weather has been a factor. Have to catch up with that next spring.

Chas: The Dean Holben place out here too. That's a fairly sizeable lot also.

Marvin: On Houseman Road?

Chas: Matter of fact a few of my guys learned to do their backing up with their trucks and trailers out there. Now since it is vacant on that one side there is plenty of room.

Marvin: Okay. Thank you. That's all I got.

Chas: Thank you, Marvin.

Marvin: Do you guys (scouts) have any more questions?

Chas: If you guys (scouts) want to see the Fire Department after the meeting is over let them know. They would be happy to take you out there.

Marvin: We'll take you on a tour before you leave, Okay? Thanks for coming tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

Chas: The mowing contracts. Christopher Betts sent us an E-mail on that. Sandra did you get a chance to look at that?

Sandra: Yeah.

Chas: Are you satisfied with that?

Sandra: Yeah.

Chas: We need to get back together with Mr. Betts and have him send us the final draft on the contract language so we can pursue, hopefully by the December meeting. As long as we come up with some dates we may be able to discuss that at the December meeting and get that rolling.

Mike Kelley: That would be good and have it approved by the end of January. Earlier than you did the last time. Last year we were mowing the next day.

Chas: Are you all done mowing now?

Mike: Yes.

Chas: Appreciate it.

Chas: Sandra any updates on the FEMA Grant?

Sandra: We have found an appraiser that can do the long form that was required. He is in the process of appraising now. The first one he is doing is the middle house, the one owned by the bank. The bank has set a date to meet with the appraiser at the property. We have 3 houses that FEMA is going to buy for the Township because they are right along the river and they keep flooding.

Chas: What does FEMA stand for?

Sandra: Federal Emergency Management Agency. So when there is an emergency like a flood, tornado, hurricane, and thing like that these are the Federal people who come to help. These people keep calling and saying their house is flooded again because there his

is right there along the river. They build their houses in what we call the flood plain. So we are buying the houses from them so they can go and buy a house somewhere else. We are going to take those houses and guess who is going to burn them down?

Scout group: The Fire Department.

Scout: Why do you burn down a house that is flooded?

Sandra: They aren't flooded right now. They are dry right now. We are going to take them down and there won't be anything left of the houses. It's going to be an open field and we are going to have another park. Guess what is at that location? A place to launch canoes. It's going to be a great place to launch their canoes into the river that people can have access to. That's where we are on that.

Sandra: On the cemeteries real quick. I had a call from somebody who said he was visiting his mother's grave site and stated one of the stones has been broken, Alice something or other at Newhouse Cemetery. I did write the name down and the date of her death. I am going up to check it. I'll let you know what I find.

Chas: Maybe take one of the guys with you.

Sandra: One of the guys will be driving me up. We have township workers and township trucks. One of the township workers will drive me up to the cemetery to see what is going on.

Chas: On the radios. I spoke to Eldon Johnson. We are not expected to get up to speed until probably the first of the year. The county is having problems and there are no good excuses. He gave me a numerous list of them and basically they are just excuses.

Sandra: If we have a snow event when our drivers are out before the end of the year what happens?

Chas: We can still talk.

Sandra: Talk to each other.

Chas: Can't correspond with the county, all on the same band. Having trouble with contacts with signals and the Commissioners. It's a snowball effect. It is going to happen. He guaranteed me it was going to happen.

Sandra: It was supposed to be last year.

Chas: They are in the same boat as we are. We were forced into buying the new radios and we are not getting what we purchased. It will come to a head and he is hoping by the first of the year. He said end of December and I look for it to be sometime in January. That's the update on that.

Chas: I am going to check with Eldon on the Fiber Optic Cable letter we have. To make sure everything is being done in the right-a-way and out of our area for possible construction in the future. Make sure these Fiber Optic Lines are buried deep enough that they won't be a problem. We are getting the fiber optic lines on Mills Road, Ostrander Road, Calhoun Road, Newhouse Road and Penn Road. It is all being done under the supervision of Delaware County. We want to make sure there is no problem with our construction here in the future in case of a road widening or culvert installation or something like that so I am going to follow up with Eldon on that one.

Chas: Sandra, do you want to talk briefly on the Ohio Community Wildlife Conference?

Sandra: Okay. The Ohio Community Wildlife Cooperative is a meeting of the community leaders and planners. It's a one day conference focused on the roles of local government in managing human-wildlife conflict. It is being held at OSU this year. I have attended these in the past. One of the topics is the importance of Codes & Ordinances, Free Range Cats and best practice for hiring nuisance wildlife companies. Last year the people in Dublin were all upset because the geese were not flying south and staying on the ponds at the office building and making a mess. (goose doo). There is a registration fee and I paid that out of my own money. I will not ask the township for reimbursement.

Chas: Thank you.

Chas: Tom, have we had any trouble with the Code Ordinance with nuisances if wild life in the Township?

Tom: I haven't had any calls. I don't think there is any test in the Zoning Resolution that would give the Township any specific authority in Zoning to address the wild life.

Chas: Didn't know if there was anything in there or not.

Chas: We got a release waiver and hold harmless agreement for the possible purchase of dirt from the park from Mr. Betts. If we have an excess of dirt the township is allowed to sell that dirt to help balance the pros and cons of that. Hopefully that might be a little bit of revenue maintenance for us. I've got that agreement and I'll forward on to Susie incase she gets some phone calls. She'll need to get an agreement signed. It's up to the purchaser to load, haul and pay for that dirt coming from the park.

Chas: 2012 budget. We obviously all know that is coming up here soon. I want to meet at least next month with Esther, (our State Auditor) with Susie and get a good handle on what we have appropriated for 2012 and make sure we can do or afford what we are doing. We need to discuss our insurance benefits, our new upcoming Trustee. Mr. Brown was elected last night as our new Trustee for the next four years beginning January 1, 2012. He will replace our Trustee Finks who couldn't be here tonight.

Chas: I want to set an open Public Hearing date for the Re-Certification of the new amendments that was passed on by the Zoning Commission for 6:30 p.m. on December 14, 2011, which will give us our 30 days notification.

Sandra: If the newspaper gets it right this time.

Chas: Spoke to Ed.

Susan: Talked to Ed and he also brought in paper work.

Chas: As long as we are all on the same page I believe we will be in good shape.

Tom: If he prepare next Monday night's meeting and the days fall right in place.

Chas: That will be our thirty days, I believe.

Tom: I think so. Number wise it's from the 15th through the 14th. Makes the 30 days.

Sandra: I have some new business. It has been brought to my attention that the bathroom on the Fire Departments side, the john isn't working.

Chas: It's not working at all nor is it just hammering?

Jon: It is hammering so much it does not shut off.

Chas: Okay. Spoke to Sunbury, and when the repairman is in the area he is going to give me a call. There is a hammering valve that can be put into place or we may need to replace the whole toilet. There may be an O rings that has gone bad. I will try to pressure him to make a stronger effort to get out this way to take a look at it.

Marvin: See the lights were repaired?

Chas: Yes, what was the issue?

Marvin: I don't know, I was going to ask you.

Chas: Nothing on my part. I called Simco but they never got back with me. Did they just start working?

Marvin: Yes.

Chas: Before the election?

Marvin: I wonder if Simco didn't come out and look at them.

Jon: I adjusted the timer.

Sandra: What they are talking about is the flags out in front of the building. The American Flag, you can't have it up after dark unless you have a light on it. Our lights haven't been working. With the lights working we can leave the flags up all night and not have to take them down after dark. Check the flags on your way out.

Chas: I will make another phone call to Bill over at Sunbury Plumbing and see if we can't get someone out here quicker.

Marvin: I thought if they were out this way they would stop.

Chas: That was about a week ago he said when someone was out this way he'd call me. He has my cell number. I told him Monday through Thursdays were great. By appointment would be fine also.

Chas: Do we have anything else?

Sandra: Motion to pay bills.

Chas I second.

Susan: Vote please: Sandra, Yes Chas, Yes Rodger, absent.

Sandra; Motion to adjourn.

Chas: I second.

Susan Vote please: Sandra, Yes Chas, Yes Rodger, absent

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Susan Beckley, Fiscal Officer

