

Scioto Township Trustees  
End of Year Meeting  
December 30, 2009

Sandra Stults called the year end meeting of the Scioto Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 30, 2009

All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others in attendance: Bruce Stayner, Mike Carsey, Jason Hutchisson, Brenda Jervis and Marvin McIntire.

Our main order of business tonight is to do the temporary Appropriations for 2010 to take to the Auditor's Office and pay bills. I have one other little thing, if you guys don't mind; we had two people retire from the Fire Department this year. So I have a little think here thanking them for their many years of service and I would like us to sign this. The two are Richard B. McIntire and Gary Beckley. I can read it or you can just sign. Just read and sign.

Rodger: I can not sign that, you spelled my name wrong.

Sandra: Did I do that again?

Rodger: Yep.

Sandra: Sorry, sign after the fact. Program is in computer and I will redo them. So let's get going on this. What would you like to say, sir?

Rodger: The appropriations, Susie got the appropriation budget and we went through today. I do not know if you have copies or not.

Sandra: When did you go through this?

Rodger: We ended up going through and matching figures today.

Sandra: Ok.

Rodger: This afternoon, so—

Sandra: The other two of us need to see those figures. Will you go make a copy for us real quick?

Rodger: I can.

Sandra: I would appreciate that.

Rodger: Does anyone else want a copy?

Marvin: Yes.

Rodger: No, these are the numbers you are proposing correct?

Sandra: Ok, got ya.

Rodger: We had auger and spreader motors go down on the International. We have since replaced both of those this month. The cutting blade on the big Ford has been replaced. It was worn down to half inch mold board. The International is also worn down and will replace after first of the year. A fuel line on the big Ford split and it has been replaced and backup and going. I have ordered Glefosfiate, a generic for Round up, ordered ten (10) gallon at the price of \$12.00 a gallon at this point. It's pre-ordered, uh this is for next year's usage uh, and we will get a bill probably in February, March or April. Uh, that is the cheapest I have found and it is off a dealer over by Wapakoneta. So uh, I called Bruce today about the run time on the generator. I found out it runs from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Uh, I would like to increase that run time if we can, if anybody knows how to do it for every Tuesday so it runs from 6:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Marvin: I do not know how to change the computer setting. We could run it manually for two hours.

Rodger: Well, if we can find out an exercise—

Marvin: We could call W. W. Williams and have them come up and reset the program for that.

Rodger: I do not know. I do not know anything about it. If we had books around we could probably figure out how to reset the program and if we can not figure out to run the program more often.

Marvin: The papers are in there-----

Rodger: I will take a look at it.

Marvin: It says the exercise run is 30 minutes. That's it unless they reprogram that some how.

Rodger: I will take a look and see if I can figure it out. I am sure we can figure out how we can get it to run every Tuesday, you know, for those 2 ½ hours.

Marvin: The reason is why?

Rodger: Uh, when you guys are in there is a lot of electric usage, uh, and if we could just off set that with the generator, uh, our electric bills are kind of high. But then again you know, it is kind of a way to see if we can reduce to a point.

Marvin: Well we will have to do that manually.

Rodger: We can. There is probably a way to do it but I do not know how.

Bruce: You just want in exercise mode. There is no way. It is not putting anything under there.

Rodger: There is not an automatic, uh?

Bruce: There is no automatic loader.

Rodger: There is not an automatic switch over like a brain house.

Bruce: You can go in there and flip the on and it will kick it over to the generator.

Rodger: How does it do it automatically when we loose power?

Marvin: All in the box.

Bruce: Has a program in it saying I have lost power, I need to entergize.

Rodger: There is probably something there we can do, uh, we just do no know how. Uh, we will see if we can figure it out and then, uh, then if we can not we will go the other say.

Marvin: You said two (2) hours.

Rodger: Two and a half hours 6:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. You guys are usually always here two (2) hours, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. what ever you guys are here. Uh, you know, its not going to be a, we just need to find out if it is going to be a cost saving on our electric bill.

Bruce: You will probably spend more in fuel than a cost saving in electric.

Rodger: I do not know, I do not know, I, I, I,----

Jason: We won't be able to train out back. No one will be able to hear.

Rodger: I don't know how much fuel that will consume in that time period either.

Bruce: If you running it under load, you are probably looking at a gallon and a half or two gallon an hour.

Rodger: We can figure it out in a few months. It is not something to go, you know, it is a trial, to find out if it is cost effective or not.

Bruce: Basically our fire trucks, if we are on a fire scene and we are not pumping and the trucks are just running, it is right at a gallon an hour just setting there idling.

Rodger: Well.

Bruce: We can go right back and fill it up with fuel and figure about how many hours you were at there by the number of gallons you put in the truck.

Rodger: We have always figured on the semi, if we let them run and idle over night it takes about a gallon of fuel. I don't know what the fire trucks are and I do not know what this is, I have no clue, but the uh, it was always an option for you know, for drivers to run over night or plug in and it came down to wear and tear on the trucks, uh, sitting there idling you know, uh, you loose more on wear and tear then you do on electricity, so it was more efficient to plug them in, now on this verses lighting the building when you guys are in, uh. It is not, I do not know. I am just looking for options here.

Rodger: And uh, someone mentioned to me that the Fire Department has a hiring freeze. It that true or not true?

Marvin: True.

Rodger: Then I am going to ask why?

Marvin: We have paper work at the Prosecutor's Office to get some clarification.

Rodger: Paper work to Prosecutor, what paper work?

Marvin: Some paper work, some questions, paper work.

Rodger: Ok, that means we are not going to look at anyone at the present time?

Marvin: We will take applications. But will not hire until we get clarification of this issue.

Rodger: What issue is that?

Marvin: I don't believe it needs to be discussed unless you want to go into Executive Session for discussion.

Rodger: Guess I'd like to know what it is, uh, I didn't know there was.

Marvin: It was brought up at the November meeting and that I was going to take some paper work in and that was one of them and asked for your approval to go to the County Prosecutor.

Rodger: I remember going to the County Prosecutor, I did not know that there was ---

Marvin: We will take applications, but we are just not hiring until we get clarification on this issue.

Rodger: Guess, I didn't know there was a hiring freeze. That's the first I'd hear it.

Marvin: I brought it up in November; we had an issue to get dissolved.

Rodger: I knew we had an issue it just didn't know you guys were not looking at anyone else.

Marvin: I don't think we want to until this is resolved this issue at this point.

Rodger: Ok, I understand I just sort of, someone mentioned hiring freeze and I didn't know anything about it.

Marvin: We can talk about it in private.

Rodger: That's fine, if you are going on a freeze like that you know, state it out here.

Marvin: I did in November. I did state it.

Rodger: Guess I don't remember.

Marvin: We stopped hiring and had paper work to get ruling on so did state it.

Rodger: Guess I didn't hear it, so I didn't know, so, Ok and that is all I got.

Sandra: I am looking to see what we paid last year on these things.

Rodger: A word of caution that.

Sandra: Yeses.

Rodger: You need to balance that with the estimated total we will have for next year. So.

Sandra: I know.

Rodger: Just so you are aware. The General Fund has to be cut by \$78,000.00 for this year.

Marvin: Taxes still 22% down?

Rodger: Uh, in areas. Across the board no, in areas yes, I don't remember the exact, I can't state it was exactly 22% but it was somewhere in that range. I am going to say Motor Vehicle, License Fund yes; we didn't have the revenues out of that. Gasoline tax we didn't get the revenues out of that and Local Government we didn't get the revenues. Various points, I think the financial report that Susie puts out every month sits on the table showed that.

Rodger: Did you get the snow plow on? I know Mike had the wrong wiring harness or something.

Marvin: Bracket.

Rodger: Hadn't heard for sure if he'd gotten everything in.

Marvin: Bill was turned in so the check could be cut for 2009.

Rodger: Was about \$300.00 less or something like that.

Marvin: \$400.00 because of the bracket.

Rodger: I make a motion we pay bills.

Ted: I second the motion.      Vote: unanimous.

Marvin: I E-mailed all of you a little about the fire on Thursday night. That was our ladder we lost and not Concord's. Either way we were going to pay for it. So we have a new ladder on order. It is \$565.00 plus shipping. It's ordered and on it's way. Concord pulled our ladder off our truck.

Sandra: Are we changing numbers on Travel & Meeting Expenses, on here it is 130-330 over here it is 130-430?

Rodger: Should be 130-330.

Sandra: Ok. I can understand cutting, but I need to know what we spent last year on these different things so we can decide to do them. I just can't look at a bunch of numbers and say "yes".

Sandra: On this on Rodger, 2011-760-740, I had zero last year, but for \$350.00. I think we are off line the other expenses come to \$3000.00 and this is \$4000.00.

Rodger: Where?

Sandra: B-4 Maintenance, says 2011-760-740 it says zero.

Rodger: We moved it out there and moved it to a different spot.

Sandra: So that is really the one line ahead of them?

Rodger: We didn't spend out of that line item and moved it into contracts (November or October, past couple of months)?

Sandra: I'm sorry guys, I really do want to take a look at this.

Rodger: Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Scioto Township, of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 the following sums be and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year, as follows. Provided by the Fiscal Officer of Scioto Township.

Sandra: I'm saying I really need more time to take a look at what you had in mind. You've had plenty of time. I've been going over these too with my own numbers. I understand the park; we have certain park funds in there that can only be used for the park.

Rodger: No.

Sandra: We have grant money that has been put in there that can not be taken out.

Rodger: No, there is not. That was discussed with the State Auditor and money was expended from the General Fund and the State Auditor Reprehensive, Michelle came in and said it was originally expended from the General Funds and it could go back into the General Fund. If you want to get that technical there is more than the amount that we received from the grant in the Park Fund.

Sandra: How did you interpret what Michelle had to say?

Susan: When I got the paper work I understood it was to go to the Park Fund. But she seemed to say no, it was out of the General Fund.

Sandra: Ok, as long as Michelle clarified that for us. That's fine. There is enough in here to cover Medicare, Pers for each of the people that are employed. As for the fire fighters their budget is completely out of their levy. As far as you see we are ok with this on your side.

Marvin: This is the first time I have seen it. The only thing I question is that Rodger mentioned making two vehicle payment on the truck. I don't have a problem, but I would like to wait until the end of the year for the second payment to see if we still have the funds. With the taxes down 22%, I prefer to wait till end of year.

Rodger: This is a temporary appropriation.

Marvin: I understand.

Sandra: That's not due until August.

Marvin: You want to make two payments in August?

Rodger: Two principal payments.

Sandra: So two principal payments and one interest. Let's see how the money comes in. This is a preliminary appropriations and a lot of this depends on what comes in and what people pay their taxes. Ohio Township Association had predicted 20% less this year than last year. Then the Governor decided to take the tax decide they promised at the beginning of the year and postponed it. So I know it made a lot of people mad, but it sure saved our butts, on how much we were going to have to work with. December 7<sup>th</sup> I believe she said the last they told us was we were looking at maybe 5% less instead of 20%. So that will help us a lot. On the whole it looks pretty durable. I am worried about the money on insurance, of course. But we don't know what that will be by adding Chas and his family. I'm fine with trying to take it down less. I'm fine with it and understand it. I believe we should be frugal in the spending, but we also have to make sure we have the money set back for things, trucks breaking down and things like this.

Rodger: Madam Chair, if we are going to talk this to death, that's not fine with me. Either we get a second or I would like to make a motion to adjourn. No one wants to second the resolution and you know we're gone through, you know, explanations aside, uh, if you want to adopt the temporary appropriations by Resolution let's get a second or not, uh, otherwise I'd like to go home.

Sandra: So do I, every second Wednesday of the month. I do want to find more money for the insurance, health insurance before voting on it. So what fund do we have that we can do that from?

Rodger: NONE! Absolutely none, or we could set it up so the Township Trustees do all the mowing and take salaries away from cemeteries, park and the town hall and that should give you your \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. So I guess your going to have to make up your mind whether you want to do the mowing or you want to take a decrease in health insurance. And for go much of the maintenance on anything within the Township as far as buildings, grounds and cemeteries. So uh, and if you were so concerned as you say about being fugal the health insurant this year would not have exceeded that. So again I ask for either a second for the resolution or a second for the motion to adjourn.

Ted: I will second to adjourn.      Vote: unanimous.

Rodger: I would like the chair to make the explanation to the auditor as to why we did not have a resolution to the Auditor in time.

Fiscal Officer: Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.