

Scioto Township Board of Trustee Meeting
October 8, 2003
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Richard Moxley called the October 8, 2003 meeting of the Scioto Township Trustees to order at 7:06 pm at the Township Community Center.

All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by, Thomas Brown, Sandra Stults, and Richard Moxley.

Others in attendance were: Stanley Brechtel, Ron Hutchisson, Jason Hutchisson, Terri Lowe, Ruth Stults, Robert Lowe, Tom Pugerud, Marvin McIntire, and Tim Picard.

The minutes of the September 10, 2003 minutes were read. Richard Moxley made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Sandra Stults seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

The minutes of the September 24, 2003 special meeting were read. Richard Moxley made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Sandra Stults seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

We welcome everyone to our township meeting.

Guest were asked to limit their comments to three minutes.

Robert Lowe stated that four years ago the trustees discussed putting a one quarter mill levy on the ballot for the park. Mr. Lowe suggests that the trustees place the one quarter mill levy on the May 2004 ballot. This would generate \$15,000 a year for park maintenance.

Mr. Lowe asked what we were doing with the big pond at the back of the park. Mr. Moxley informed Mr. Lowe the pond would be drained, cleaned, the dam repaired and pond refilled.

Mr. Lowe asked about the soccer goals. Mr. Moxley stated that we have one pair of goals for the field that was just seeded and we will need to purchase another pair for the back field. At this point in time the price is \$1900.00 a pair.

The Softball outfield fencing will be 300 to 320 feet from home base to center field. The estimate cost for back stop and outfield fencing will be approximately \$6000.00

Swings may go up this fall weather permitting. The rest of the playground equipment will be in place this spring.

Mr. Lowe stated we have a beautiful park and we need to maintain this park.

Ruth Stults ask who made the decision on what went into the park. Richard Moxley informed Mrs. Stults it was done by community suggestions which came from the survey the trustees sent to the township and village residents. A lot of these suggestions came from our survey. Due to lack of funds, man power and Mother Nature we are moving slower than planned.

The public asked for our walk trails to be blacked topped for walking and inline skating.

We placed a grant request to Preservation of Parks for funds to black top the large trail.

A retention pond was put in place to control water flow this year at the park, per the park blueprints. The pond will be stocked to add more to do at the park.

There was a brief discussion about hunting in the park. We will reinforce the "No Hunting" allowed in the park and signs will be posted.

Robert Lowe also asked about the old firehouse and how will it be used. Mr. Moxley informed Mr. Lowe the township would be housing their trucks in the west bays. The trucks can be cleaned and serviced in the building as well.

Thank you Mr. Lowe for your great input.

Old Business

The County computers have been installed along with the printer. We still have a few bugs to work out to the printer. The County is working on getting a clear line to us for the possibility of wireless Internet Service. The cost is about \$1000. Road Runner is \$89.00 per month for 5 computers.

The Zoning change meeting will be postponed until the November 12th, 2003 meeting. There was not enough time to get the information in to the Gazette. The Zoning Commission will re-certify the motion on Monday and Mr. Roberts will present the motion to the Board.

Richard Moxley reported that the monuments look great. Mr. & Mrs. Ramsey are doing a great job. If you have not been down to Millcreek Cemetery and looked around please do so, I believe you will be very impressed.

Sandra has asked for the camera to take pictures of the cemetery to be show this evening. The camera can not be found. Sandra Stults asked that the Sheriff's Department be called to report the stolen township camera.

Sandra Stults reported that John Ramsey does have Bokes Creek Cemetery on his schedule after his completion of Millcreek Cemetery. Sandra made the motion to have John Ramsey continue with Bokes Creek restoration per quote with the meeting with Mr. Ramsey.

Thomas Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

The delivery of the new township truck should be here in the next two weeks. The truck went back to the supplier for a complete check of the hydraulic systems, since it had set for a period of time.

The white board has been purchased and is to be installed by the end of October.

The chipping and sealing of the township roads has been completed per agreements.

Ruth Stults asked why Newhouse road from Penn Road north was not chipped and sealed. Mr. Moxley reported that this year we felt that this area will probably be on next year's rotation. Total amount for the 2 purchase orders was \$28,000.00.

Thomas Brown stated that the new Franklin Rotary Mower was delivered today, October 8th. We have been without a mower for a month.

Thomas Brown also stated that the Ohio Public Works Association hand delivered the Cooperation Agreement signed by the commissioners to provide funds of \$153,040.00 on the Russell Road Project. This was resolution 11-2003

New Business

Richard Moxley suggested that in conjunction with the white board we also purchase a Copy Cam and Controller, as they both work together. A great tool for all types of training and meetings. Instead of scribbling notes the parties can leave with a floppy disc or copies of the training. At the same time another Fire Department could be on our web sight for the same training. Our primary reason for this equipment was for the fire training. The cost if \$3644.00 for White Board, Copy Cam, which is on an arm, delivered and installed.

Richard Moxley moved to purchase this self contained unit at \$3644.00 delivered and installed.

After a short discussion on the way this equipment works and knowing of the multi function of this equipment and how it would be of a great benefit to the Fire Department, the Comprehensive Planning Committee, Thomas Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous. Purchase Order 34-03.

David Yost sent a letter about the noise ordinance update. We currently have a noise ordinance that was passed July 12, 2002 by James Roush, Richard Jones, and Robert G. Lowe which was Senate Bill 42, General Assembly Bill 123.

As used in this Resolution, plainly audible means any noise or sound produced by any source that can be clearly heard by a person using normal hearing faculties.

No person in the unincorporated territory of Scioto Township shall make and no landowner or lawful occupant of land shall permit at any premises to which a D permit has been issued by the division of liquor control or that is zoned for residential use, the making of any noise or sound, which by reason of volume, pitch, frequency, intensity, duration, or nature annoys or disturbs the comfort, peace, or health of a person of ordinary sensibilities and not a resident of the property from which the noise or sound emanates . The noise or sound must be plainly audible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet or more from the property from which the noise emanates. (example: horns, radios, loudspeakers, yelling, shouting, musical instrument (drums), combustion engines and gunfire.)

Discussion followed by Thomas Pugerud, Ruth Stults, Stanley Brechtel, and the trustees.

Richard Moxley moved to pass the new Noise Ordinance. Thomas Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Richard Moxley has been researching the Trustees and Clerk health care benefits. On September 1996 a motion was made by James Roush to have insurance for the Trustees and Clerk. Motion was seconded by James Hall. Vote was Unanimous. On September 2001 Richard Jones made the motion to adopt the Ohio Revised Code for Health, Dental and Vision Insurance to cover the Trustees and Clerk. Robert G. Lowe seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Richard Moxley states we need to clarify the Insurance for the Trustees and Clerk per Ohio Revised Code 505-601. If the board of township trustees does not procure an insurance policy or group health care service, the board of township trustees may reimburse any township officer or employee for each out-of-pocket premium that the officer or employee incurs for insurance if all of the conditions are met:

- A. The board of township trustees adopts a resolution that states that the township has chosen not to procure a health care plan and has chosen instead to reimburse its officers and employees for each out-of-pocket premium that they incur for insurance.
- B. That resolution provides for a uniform maximum monthly, or yearly payment amount for each officer or employee, beyond which the township will not reimburse the officer or employee.

- C. The township will reimburse all officers and employees of the township. The township may not reimburse officers and employees for benefits other than those listed in (A).

Sandra Stults talked to Merry Maids about the house cleaning of the building. The quote was \$135.00 weekly. Which included the kitchen floor, day room, all offices and bathrooms.

Richard Moxley's option was we would be better off if we hire someone on an as needed basis at a set amount. Thomas Brown said he has a strong feeling about cleaning his office and he would rather take care of his own house cleaning.

Thomas Pugerud brought up that we need to look at our own personnel. We could have a rotating list of firemen to clean. All offices have lockable desks, and if there are papers on the desk, the desk does not get cleaned. The restrooms are our biggest concern. By using a volunteer fireman we would have a fireman on duty for better response time. Thomas Brown said he sees good points about this and also some questionable avenues.

Thomas Pugerud feels the fireman would take better pride in the building by seeing how others leave the building.

Thomas Brown made a motion to table the hiring for cleaning the building. Richard Moxley seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Richard Moxley's next order of business was to put a snow blower on the Kubota. The cost from Buckeye Tractor is \$1940.00. 42" snow blower attachment.

Thomas Brown made the motion to buy a snow blower for the Kubota at the price of \$1940.00 from Buckeye Tractor, and equipment to be kept at the 16 Houston address.

Discussion: Thomas Pugerud and Jason Hutchisson brought to the trustees attention you may want to look into purchasing brooms, which are much better for wet snow.

This motion was tabled.

Fire Department Report

Thomas Pugerud informed the trustees that truck # 6 has a leaking valve and needs repaired. This can be repaired for \$750.00 by a local gentleman from Smart Cole Road and worked for Suffens. Richard Moxley made the motion to have # 6 repaired and Thomas Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

The annual fireman open house and Ostrander Business Association Halloween Party will be held October 31st at 16 Houston Street from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Our final Health Department inspection will be next Wednesday, October 15th .

Marvin McIntire asked for a change order for the new fire chassis, cost of \$6084.00. . The main change will be the three air operated dump valve controls. Thomas Brown made the motion for the change order on the new truck. Richard Moxley seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous. Purchase Order 35-03.

Thomas Brown made a motion to pay bills Richard Moxley seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Thomas Brown made a motion to adjourn. Richard Moxley seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Susan P. Beckley, Clerk