

Scioto Township Trustees
September 14, 2011

Chas Kaiser called the September 13, 2011 meeting of the Scioto Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call answered by Chas Kaiser, Sandra Stults, and Rodger C. Finks.

Rodger made the motion to close the Regular meeting and go into Executive meeting for employee reviews.

Chas seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

Rodger: Motion to adjourn Executive session to Regular Session.

Chas: I second. Vote: unanimous

Chas: We will now continue with our Regular meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others in attendance: Roger Wessell, Paul Haberman, Bill Bivens, Andy Zarins, Mike Kelly, Harla Lawson, Bruce Stayner, Jeff Kasberg, and Jason Hutchisson.

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

Paul Haberman: I am an Eagle Scout and I am doing my project at Bokes Creek Cemetery. I am putting up a flag pole and I am hoping to get it started by next weekend at the earliest. I will start plotting it out. Everything was approved. I've ordered the flag pole.

Rodger: How long does it take?

Paul: Four or five business days.

Rodger: Okay and what day do you want to start?

Paul: Probably weekend after next, weather permitting.

Rodger: Are you just going to hand dig everything or are you going to ---

Paul: I'm going to see if I can't get a drill. My dad's got a skid loader. I'm going to see if I can't rent from the equipment rental place in Delaware and rent for a couple of days.

Chas: If you can't, get a hold of me. Any other guidance you need from us, like placement or anything like that, or you got that plotted.

Paul: It will be in front of the sign.

Rodger: We've pretty much put it in front of the Bokes Creek sign. About four feet from the edge of the driveway, I believe. Four to five feet depending on how your walkway was going.

Chas: It would be a good idea to call oups. Do we have an address for the Cemetery?

Sandra: There is a sign there.

Chas: Do you know what the address is?

Sandra: 6063?

Rodger: I can have Gary call oups and have them check it out.

Chas: You have a 10 day notification. After 10 days you have to do the job. You have 48 hours to do the notification.

Rodger: To get it checked. If you are going to do it the weekend after next we'll have him call on Monday and it should be done by Wednesday and if you start that week-end you should be fine.

Chas: That's the 1st of October.

Paul: Yes, the 1st of October.

Chas: We'll have Gary oups it next week.

Rodger: Yeah, then they will mark any lines there or anything that might be a potential.

Paul: Okay.

Rodger: If you have any questions, you can get a hold of us and we will help you out.

Chas: You got my number, so if you need anything. How are you coming with donations?

Paul: I've gotten some but I'm still a little short. I am going to ask some businesses.

Chas: Thank you, Paul.

Rodger: Thank you, Sir.

Chas: Anyone else that would like to speak? Andy.

Andy Zarins: I want to talk about a subject I feel is rather important and being neglected that is I've heard lately you are issuing driveway permits for the one lane roads with two lane traffic. I think that is very irresponsible and I think you need a policy for that. essentially these township roads are one lane roads with 2 or 3 farm houses in a mile or so. They are being broken up into residential lots, small lots. You might go from 2 or 3 house per mile to 200 houses. A very major problem with two lanes of traffic on a one lane road. I think you should stop issuing permits for driveways. I think if you are going to issue permits you should have a program in place for requiring right-a-way, widening the roads. The ideal situation would be whoever wants and turns the farm into a residential area should widen the road. I think it will become a cow town in the future especially if you have got sub-divisions going in with a one lane road. Simple fact of the matter is in the good old days you have 3 or 4 farm houses and the farmer would make 1 or 2 trips to town a week and that would be it. Today you have 10 trips per day and 200 houses. You are looking at 2000 vehicles per day on that one lane road. I brought that up at the Zoning Commission Meeting and they said there was nothing they could do. Well, I think you can do something and you should be doing something. You are responsible for the roads. The other thing is you are getting bike riders, joggers and walkers. Sometimes these roads are so narrow and the only room you have is to pass a bicycle rider and you still don't have the four feet clearance when you pass a bicycle rider.

Chas: Do you understand the purpose of a driveway permit?

Andy: Yes, basically for someone to build a house or whatever.

Chas: No, it is not. That is not the purpose of a driveway permit.

Andy: What is the purpose?

Chas: To make sure the tile is sized properly and the tile is set back in the ditch properly.

Andy: Okay.

Chas: Right now on already approved lots, there are lots that have been split off.

Andy: Okay.

Chas: So what you are saying about the driveway permit has no bearing on the driveway permit.

Andy: Then you shouldn't issue the permit if you don't have adequate road way.

Chas: It's already on an approved lot split.

Andy: Okay.

Chas: They have to put a driveway to get off the road. The driveway permit is to ensure the pipe is sized correctly and in the right spot.

Andy: That's one feature.

Chas: That just the purpose of the driveway permit, Andy. Don't argue with me.

Andy: Why not?

Chas: Why not argue with me? I'll have you thrown out of here.

Sandra: The three minutes are up.

Chas: SIT DOWN.

Andy: Okay.

Chas: Anyone else have anything tonight?

Harla: I have two hats on tonight. One is representing the Library and say hi.

Sandra: Will you tell us who you are?

Harla: Sorry, Harla Lawson, Delaware County District Library, the Ostrander Branch. We had a great summer reading program. It went really, really well. Lot of programs coming up for the fall. I also want to mention the Ostrander Civic Association will have a Meet the Candidate Night on September 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m here at the Community Room.

Jeff: When is that?

Harla: September 28th on a Wednesday evening.

Jeff: Township only?

Harla: School Board, Township, keeping it local.

Chas: Mike.

Mike Kelley: I brought that. You guys know what it is, I guess. It was just lying in Fairview Cemetery.

Rodger: In Fairview? I thought you said Bokes Creek

That's all I have.

Rodger: What, no money changes.

Susan: Esther is on vacation so can't do anything until she comes back from vacation.

ZONING:

Tom: There was no BZA meeting. I had one variance application processed. 8137 Degood Road in the FR-1 District, to reduce the front set-back of an already non-conforming structure to add a front porch. Public hearing has been scheduled for September 29, 2011.

August 8, 2011 meeting of the Scioto Township Zoning Commission. Final review of proposed zoning text amendments and Public Hearing date set for September 12, 2011.

I had two Zoning applications received and I issued the two zoning certificates, 5833 Houseman Road, deck, FR-1 and 3921 Burnt Pond Road, new home, FR-1.

I had two driveway permits processed: 1558 Carr Road and 3921 Burnt Pond Road.

No written complaints, Mr. Drake 2nd violation notice sent and confirmed receipt.

There was one piece of Zoning that came from last meeting and that was Zoning Compliance and I said I would look at a form or a check list. In looking at some old records I found an old Hansel Waugh form that actually raised the question. You would think that the compliance check or that little zoning check for setbacks for physical sight visit. In Hansel's papers it was pre-dig. In most other jurisdictions I work in that check is post- foundation. Know what I mean? It's after the foundation. Our Zoning Resolution doesn't count over hangs, doesn't count hand labor. It counts structure at the earth. When the foundation is in you have something to measure to. It's a little after the fact if you anticipate an error. But does the Board have a preference going forward? My question about that is you can go out and say it's staked pretty well, but that doesn't mean that's where it is dug. That's the question for the Board. Do you have any feelings about that?

Chas: Most excavators won't dig unless it is staked. If it is staked normally you are within a foot to six inches of the stake. I would say pre-dig.

Tom: Give the applicant the most chance of avoiding an error.

Chas: It's a lot easier to fix if it's pre-dig instead of post-foundation.

Tom: Okay.

Rodger: Speaking of driveway culvert, did they replace that one on Carr Road?

Chas: Yes, they did. They put concrete down.

Rodger: Okay. I haven't been up there since I saw it the other day.

Chas: It was too shallow and already bowed and we made them put concrete in. I got a call that it was done. It was followed up on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Bill Bivens, Lt. standing in for Marvin. He wasn't feeling well this evening and went home early.

One of the things I'd like to talk about tonight is one of the new Firefighters, Thomas Vasbinder. Tom is taking a military leave of absence. He has been deployed back over to the desert for 4 or 5 months. He'll be back sometime around mid January or early February.

You should have a bill for the abatement for the Fontanelle House.

Rodger: We signed the check tonight.

Bill: It's completed. We are working on a training schedule. We have several good lectures coming up and skilled activities we will be doing with the guys up there. We will probably be hitting it pretty hard up there between now and December about every week. We've got some driver's training classes coming up in October. We put that off and November and December if the weather is nice right after the first of the year we will be in it. We are planning on burning it down sometime around March or April. We'll get some good time in it. We may pick up some Saturdays just depends on how things go.

Chas: You are going to take that pile of stuff out back and use it to burn?

Bill: Yes, we are. If it lasts that long.

Bill: Fair week, we will be participating this year. We will have a truck there during the day for sure on Thursday. We've already got our letter from Tri Township. We've done that traditionally in the past. We are trying to find out if they need us on Wednesday as well. In the last several years we have provided an apparatus and man power. There is also one evening we will provide an apparatus and man power for a demo derby or something like that. We've done that traditionally in the past.

I do have two Purchase Orders tonight. The first one is to Testa Trucking for \$3,500.00 for the annual inspection and maintenance of the fire apparatus. This is for all of them. There is no change in the price from last year.

Rodger: Motion to have the annual service on the vehicles done by Testa Trucking, Inc. for \$3,500.00.

Chas: I second. Vote: unanimous

P. O. # 09-14A-2011 Testa Trucking \$3,500.00

Bill: The second one is for \$1,300.00 to the Delaware Area Career Center. I believe Marvin talked to you about this in his evaluation as to what we want to do this year. The average cost for an EMT to go to a refresher course is \$350.00 and we have 8 EMT'S on staff right now. For \$1,300.00 they will send instructors out here, which I am one of them. We will probably work out a reduction into it if I teach any of the classes. We'll send the instructors out here and get all 8 of them done at the same time which results in some cost savings and the guys won't be having to be driving to the Career Center all the time. Also keep the guys here in the village in case we have a run so they can respond. It's a win-win for everybody, I think.

Chas: It's a win-win.

Rodger: I have a question for you on that. Is that just for the fire department or is it open to the public?

Bill: If you have an emergency medical technician card and live locally.

Rodger: This is just a refresher?

Bill: This is just a refresher, not an EMT class. I'd say if they live in the township and have a card I'd say yes, they are welcome to do that. We will probably send out some invitations to the mutual aid departments who have EMT'S on their staff that would like to attend the class.

Rodger: I didn't know if it was open to the township. Would it cost the \$1,300.00 for just our department or for the out siders.

Bill: That's for the class period. That covers the instructor's fees, whatever the Career Center needs to make above that. That's the fee for the whole class. If you bring more people in we can do that. Marvin and I talked about bringing in Radnor or other people and charging a fee. Just decided to open it up and go from there.

Rodger: If Radnor sends anyone in, we would appreciate a donation.

Bill: They come in and help us with the Fish Fry once in a while. The average length of the course is 36 hours. We are getting a pretty good deal on that.

Rodger: Motion to pay Delaware Area Career Center \$1,300.00 for the EMT Refresher Training for 2012.

Sandra: I second.

Vote: unanimous

P.O. # 09-14B-2011 Delaware Area Career Center \$1,300.00

Bill: I do want to mention, we did have some people in the All Horse Parade over the week-end. It was the 911 Memorial Celebrations. It went very well. Very short and to the point lasted about 5 minutes at the Court House. There are some pictures floating around. Sig. Jon Melvin and Willie did the re-enactment. We had several members of the Department marching behind the float. Along with other members of the different departments. Jack Guyton was able to arrange for the Pipe and Drum Corp Band out of Columbus. They did a very nice ceremony. We took our bell in it was rung 5 times in honor of the fallen firefighters. It went very well.

Susan: I will say our “Scioto” boys stood out beautifully in their white dress shirts. Good job to all who participated.

Bill: Yes, they did. That’s all I got, unless you have questions.

Chas: Just a follow up on the home owners on Fontanelle, we need evaluation of their structure alone for the donation letter for taxes. If they can get that appraised somehow prior to you guys or maybe off their taxes. There should be a structure evaluation along with the property evaluation to determine in mathematical means that we can say what their structure was worth for training.

Bill: I understand.

Chas: Thanks, Jeff for leading me on that.

Chas: Marvin said you guys had markers for the hydrants.

Bill: Yes, what it is is a metal pole with a small flag on it. I think what we are going to do is put them out on the highways in some of the areas that tend to drift pretty well. We will be getting with you guys to see where some of those spots might be.

Sandra: Degood Road.

Bill: There are no hydrants up there. When they run water up there, we’d certainly put them up there. Would have been nice, I might not have moved. Especially since you worked on the road. It is certainly nice. Looks really good. It will be nice for the fire service to get the truck down the road. I think he ordered 12 or 18. We don’t have enough for all the hydrants. We’ll probably order more each year and slowly put them on. But the ones in my neighborhood aren’t such a big problem. But out along the highways where it tends to drift a little bit and they get plowed under, we will certainly mark those.

Chas: We talked last month about mutual aid contract renewals. Has anyone followed up on that, do you know?

Bill: You will have to ask Marvin. I don't know. I haven't heard anything, but I'm sure he is working on it. I'll make a note to mention it to him.

Chas: Okay, that's all I got.

Rodger: Thank you.

Bill: Thank you for your time.

OLD BUSINESS

Chas: Assessment taxes for Fry Road.

Rodger: No, it didn't get in. It's on my desk. I was going to get it in, got busy and then forgot. Hopefully on Friday.

Chas: Sandra, Park bleachers. How many parents did you get involved?

Sandra: Actually, just a few in the planning. Since we done the work during the week and not the week-end we didn't have any parents show up to work on them.

Chas: If there is some parents that still want to get involved, the gravel and dirt under the stands that needs to be leveled out. If they want to make it nice for them.

Sandra: Absolutely, the one doesn't look level.

Chas: Actually it's level. I took my level and it is level. I couldn't believe it myself.

Sandra: I was going to take a level out and check it.

Rodger: The one on the north side?

Chas: Yes.

Rodger: I asked Gary about that and he said it was level.

Chas: They shot it with the laser, but I didn't believe it until I put the level on it.

Rodger: I didn't believe it either, but he said he put a level on it. I believe he put the level on it.

Chas: On old business I have down check list on new builds. He is working on. that right?

Chas: Drive way permits. Has anything been mentioned to Esther for an account?

Susan: No, I haven't been able to get a hold of her. She wasn't working when I have been trying to get a hold of her.

Chas: I'd like to see if we can put that in the Road and Bridge Fund.

Chas: Concrete for the park. Len has been notified. They had 5 yards the other day, but I thought that was too much. And it was late in the day. We have got some foundations we need to do. Push comes to shove we may have to do those ourselves.

Rodger: They can mix for the cemetery foundations. Those need to get in within the next week or two. We could withstand 3 yards out there but I don't think anymore than that.

Chas: Or wait for a small amount and the extra put in the back for a turn around. But I'd want it smoothed out and leveled.

Rodger: I don't know if they'd have problem taking the rest down to Kim or not.

Chas: Yes.

Rodger: They would?

Chas: One drop, one stop.

Rodger: Okay, I didn't know.

Chas: Unless we'd form something else up but I'd like hate to form something else up and not get done.

Rodger: If it's one stop.

Chas: I'll talk to Len again about that.

Rodger: Actually we could form up an area in the barn and put it in the barn and start a floor in the barn with any remainder.

Chas: Going to have to have some help on that one.

Rodger: That will be a bit much. I'd say let's just leave it back there.

Chas: Any other old business?

Sandra: Yeah, Ohio EMA just sent me a letter stating the FEMA Grant was approved for flood Mitigation Acquisition/Demolition Project. That's the 3 houses on State Route 257. The amount we have been given is \$701,099.99. There is no local cost share for this grant because it is 100% Federally Funded. I have a meeting with the State Hazard Mitigation Officer tomorrow down at the State EMA Office to start the implementation Requirements. They will explain how it is to be done. There is going to be an opportunity for the firefighters to do some training in the houses. I wanted to see if there was anything inside of them we could salvage out of them to give to the Re-Store. Like plumbing, toilets, showers, banisters and things like that.

Chas: That would have to be something they would have to come and get because of liability purposes.

Sandra: I'll ask them about that tomorrow also to see if I can do that. Anyway it went through. Now I need a –

Chas: Is there a time line?

Sandra: I'll have to find that out tomorrow. I do need a Resolution. See exhibit A.

Resolution 09-14-2011 The State and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Rodger: I second.

Susan: Sandra, you made the motion?

Sandra: Yeah.

Rodger: I am a little confused on your letter. They have allocated \$701,000.00?

Sandra: Yeah, That is for the acquisition and demolition.

Rodger: Acquisition and demolition.

Sandra: Taking it to the ground.

Rodger: So we can use up to that amount to buy it and demolish it.

Sandra: Three.

Chas: What's the value of the accusation? Are they all abandon yet?

Sandra: No, there are people in two of them. We have been working with the families for the past year. They all agreed with it and were fine with it. We were able to get money for them for moving expenses.

Chas: Through FEMA?

Sandra: Yes, through FEMA. Everything is going to be paid for.

Chas: Is there a chance of going over this grant amount?

Sandra: No. There is nothing that is going to cost us. That was the deal and the agreement.

Chas: In that agreement was that maintenance after the fact?

Sandra: Basically they will turn the land over to us. The most we could do would be a small gravel parking lot if we wanted to make a parking lot out of it. I wasn't planning on keeping it like a lawn or anything. I was thinking mainly of having it natural. There is a nice deck out by the river. There is a place to put canoes in and out. Also the fire department has expressed an interest in using it to put their boat in and out of the river.

Rodger: As long as it doesn't cost is anything.

Sandra: I made that abundantly clear to them.

Rodger: Is there any re-hab? Are any of those funds available for, you know, say we wanted to go through there and put a lot of seedlings in there and just let it grow up?

Sandra: I don't know. I'll know more tomorrow.

Rodger: Okay.

Chas: It will grow up naturally if you let it.

Rodger: Yeah, but you usually get cotton wood and other crap.

Susan: Vote please? Vote: unanimous.

Chas: You are talking to them tomorrow?

Sandra: Yes, one of the guys from EMA in Delaware and I are going down tomorrow to talk to them.

Chas: Any other old business?

Rodger: Oh yes, there was one thing I wanted to bring up. We had a request from a gentleman on Degood Road about filling in the ditch line.

Chas: Vincent Trucking.

Rodger: I don't remember his name. I'd have to go back and look at the minutes.

Chas: It's Vincent Trucking.

Rodger: We might want to go up and look him up and say yeah, you can do that now and see how that works out. After the roads been done and they have done the berming. You want to do that or do you want me?

Chas: Yes, I'll take care of that.

NEW BUSINESS

Chas: We have consideration by the Board for policy restriction on any township equipment to township officers and employees only for township business.

Sandra: Okay. We already have rules and regulations in our Township Personal Manual. Article 15 Specific Rules and Regulations. Article 15.10 Use of Township Equipment.

The use of Township equipment, uniforms, or supplies for personal business or private use is strictly prohibited without prior permission of the Department head and/or a majority of the Board of Trustees. Violators are subject to disciplinary action. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to office equipment, computers, automobiles, trucks, tractors, mowers, tools uniforms, supplies and cell phones.

Chas: Are we all in agreement that we should follow article 15.10.

Sandra: Yes.

Rodger: I'm going to say, I would like to delete without prior permission from department head or the majority of the Board of Township Trustees. The Township equipment should not be used by anyone for personal, business or private use.

Sandra: That is put in there in case there is a situation that comes up. There is nothing in like that absolute and all four rules have that in it.

Rodger; I understand.

Sandra: Department Head or the majority of the Trustees.

Rodger: I'm going to say, I'm not real fond of that whole blurb. That leaves it open to use of Township equipment for other purposes. Leaves us open for a lot more---

Sandra: Only if you have the majority of the Trustees.

Rodger: Right. Ugh, what's your---- I don't like that part but Chas what do you think?

Chas: Well, like Sandra says, majority vote, so I can't see two Trustees saying its okay to use something for personal business. Maybe left open for a situation. But I don't know what the situation would be. As long as we are all in agreement and my letter is subject to disciplinary action. Here on out. None. We agree?

Rodger: I agree.

Sandra: I agree.

Chas: Me too. Move on the approve the amendments.

Rodger: Don't think we need to approve them. We need to set a Public Hearing.

Chas: Set hearing on the Zoning amendments. Have you guys gotten a chance to look at all the articles?

Rodger: I saw it was just housekeeping.

Chas: Basically brings it up to Ohio Revised Code Standards.

Rodger: I didn't read each one of them specifically. Most of it looked like housekeeping. Our next meeting will be Oct---?

Chas: October 14th.

Rodger: I guess we need a motion to have the Public Hearing at our next meeting, October 14th to discuss the amendments to the Zoning Resolution. How's that? Also have the Fiscal Officer advertise the Public Hearing to start at 7:00 p.m.

Chas: That's fine. Is that a motion?

Rodger: Yes.

Sandra: I'll second. Vote: unanimous

Bruce: It's October 12th.

Rodger: Yep, it's the 12th. I amend the motion to October 12th.

Sandra: Second the amendment. Vote: unanimous.

Chas: Thanks Bruce. Any other new business?

Rodger: Motion to pay bills

Chas: Second Vote: unanimous

Rodger: Motion to adjourn.

Chas: Second.

Vote: unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Susan Beckley, Fiscal Officer

