

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the **CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*

Held October 10, 2011

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The Concord Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 10, 2011 at the Concord Township Administrative Building. Chairman Karen Koch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called; in attendance were Trustees Karen Koch, Joe Garrett and Bart Johnson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes; motion passed.

Public Input

Mark Tingley, of the Buckeye Valley Local Schools, explained details on the upcoming income tax levy on the November ballot. The tax will result in an increase of 0.5%. The school district is collecting \$1 million less in state funding than it did ten years ago, and \$400,000 less from a year ago. More operational money is a must to prevent major cuts to programs. If the levy passes, it will only cost \$17.00 per month based on a \$40,000 per year income.

Old Business

Trustee Johnson expressed concern with the road department truck going on auction. He asked if the truck could be traded-in at Ricart instead, so the department would not be without a truck. Ricart will give a \$5,000 trade-in value for the current Dodge, resulting in a grand total of \$22,189.00 for the new Ford truck. Mr. Johnson moved to not auction the road department truck on govdeals.com and trade in against the new truck instead. Per Mr. Betts at the Prosecutor's Office, the township can trade in the truck under Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Garrett seconded this motion. Vote: Koch-yes, Johnson-yes, Garrett-yes; motion passed.

Trustee Johnson reported he met with Mr. Betts about collecting liquidated damages from National Contracting Group (NCG). The township sent NCG a bill for the damages per contract. NCG has yet to schedule a final punch-out inspection with the township. Zoning Inspector, Ric Irvine, mentioned the top of the lobby beams were found to be full of insulation, wood, dust and debris while cleaning last week. Mr. Johnson said the township is also working on the lobby windows since they still leak. The window company, Advanced Glass, is preparing a bid to put in the correct windows. Mr. Betts advised to get an opinion from Advanced Glass and another company, then figure out which route to go. Advanced Glass has been good to work with so far. Long term, Johnson feels the best option is to rip out the glass and replace. Mr. Garrett asked who would build a house and design the wrong window? Would you be OK with that? Zoning Inspector Irvine agreed that when comparing owner versus designer versus liability insurance, it just seems the design is incorrect, and Advanced Glass just put in the glass per the architects' specifications.

New Business

Mr. Irvine reported September's zoning activity totaled nine permits, five for new houses. Violations with Mr. Betts' help are being followed, and Irvine has been making sure the township candidates are not placing election signs within the road right-of-way. Mr. Irvine has also received complaint of a rodent issue near Golden Way Drive in Scioto Reserve, since the Scioto Reserve Homeowner's Association has not mowed the open space since spring.

Trustee Johnson commented on the First Energy transmission lines that have possible routes through Concord Township. Ms. Koch and Mr. Johnson have both been in contact with First Energy and PUCO about the routes. Ms. Koch noted there are some existing easements that First Energy could use. Distinct maps of properties along the routes are not available.

Zoning inspector, Ric Irvine, mentioned the County has been purchasing land along the Sawmill Parkway extension. The City of Delaware also wants to annex along Sawmill Parkway. The parkway extension will run along Liberty Township and into the City of Delaware, just along the edge of Concord Township. Residential areas may expand into Concord after the extension is finished.

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Trustee Johnson attended a seminar held by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. In 2005 for every home that was for sale, there were five potential buyers. In twenty years, with an aging population, that ratio will be 1:1. Lifelong communities were discussed, which build walking communities, where someone can buy a starter house, a move-up house, and a move-out into senior living all within the same community, similar to the Jerome Village concept. Current baby boomers have no one to buy their homes. Johnson stated the statistics and discussion presented at the seminar were very interesting. Based on the seminar, he felt our zoning code was not conducive to ^{that type of development of} the future, which allows eating up too much land, no density, no townhomes, etc. Mr. Irvine agreed that the current code focuses on more spacious and spread-out development. Mr. Garrett was not sure that type of development would be good for Concord Township. The developments may bring in more people now, but down the road people will always want more space. Zoning member, Frank Niday, commented there would not be enough sewer taps in Concord to handle that type of community anyway. Mr. Irvine said that would not be an issue since the sewer plant can be expanded. Mr. Johnson summarized the developments were trying to prevent rural sprawl and to keep people in the community. Johnson and Garrett agreed with Irvine that the economy is still not conducive to development and the township will probably look the same in fifteen years, with perhaps the exception of Jerome Village.

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt a Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. The township's current tax levies include 0.80 mill Road & Bridge, 1.00 mill Road & Bridge, 2.90 mill Fire Services, and 4.50 mill Fire Services. Mr. Garrett seconded the adoption of this Resolution. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes; passed.

A letter was received from Dublin Jerome student, Alex Dunnan, regarding concern of the speed limit on Concord Road. Trustee Garrett noted the Board has no power to change speed limits since they are set by the county. A speed study was completed on Concord Road a year or two ago, and the county felt a change in the current speed limit was not warranted. The Trustees recommended Alex send his letter to the County Engineer, Chris Bauserman, with a copy to the Trustees and County Commissioners.

The Working Partners, drug-free workplace, program was discussed through Frank Gates. Businesses receive lower BWC premiums when they are enrolled in a drug-free program. Since the township employee handbook and firefighter union contract already address drug-free workplace, an additional program may not be needed. Fiscal Officer, Jill Davis, will review the details.

A report was given for the Director of operations, Todd Cooper:

- 1- Mr. Cooper requested approval for road maintenance agreements for the 2011-2012 winter snow/salt season with Delaware County and the City of Delaware. In previous years, Concord Township maintains both sections of Bellpoint Road east and west of the Scioto River for the County, and the County maintains the township's portion of Dix Road from the county line to Mills Road. Concord Township also maintains all of Owen Fraley Road for the City of Delaware, and the City provides all the necessary materials for Owen Fraley's ice removal. These agreements are based on ease of equipment turn around, safety, convenience and common sense. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to approve the snow/salt season maintenance agreements with both the Delaware County and the City of Delaware. Vote: 3-0; passed.
- 2- Mr. Cooper requested approval to sign "Request for Engineering Assistance" (REA) forms for the County Engineer's Office. This was suggested by county liason, Eldon Johnston. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to grant signing approval to Mr. Cooper for the REA forms. Vote: 3-0; passed.
- 3- Mr. Cooper reported the new tennis court filler coat and seeding was completed last Wednesday. Two more applications of color are needed. Weather permitting, the project will be complete (including fencing) by Friday.
- 4- Parking lot coating and striping will begin Wednesday, weather permitting.

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5- The State of Ohio is working on getting the check cut for the zoning trailer. The Road Department has all utilities disconnected and the trailer ready to move.

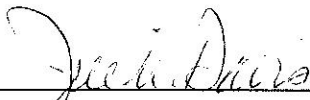
Ms. Davis requested park grant information from Trustee Garrett for filing by the end of year.

Trustee Johnson asked if the township would be renewing its contract with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for 2012. Ms. Koch moved to not renew the contracted deputy services for 2012. Mr. Garrett seconded this motion. Ms. Koch feels the citizens are not getting their money's worth, and the township should have a voice in the chain of command. Concerns were already addressed with the deputy, superior and sheriff, and those concerns were not met. Mr. Garrett agreed, stating if the township is paying extra for a deputy, they should be making a presence in our community. The Sheriff's Office cannot show us what we are paying for. If the township sees issues or there becomes an issue where safety assistance is needed, the township can contract for the same amount of money with other areas. Garrett noted Liberty Township does not contract for deputy services through the County. Vote: Koch-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes; passed.

Chairman Koch certified the Fiscal Officer provided current financial reports for the township. Completing business the Fiscal Officer certified funds have been appropriated and money is in the treasury to pay the bills. Therefore, Mr. Garrett moved and Ms. Koch seconded to approve purchase orders and pending warrants #945-948, void 8137, 8177-8230, all totaling \$97,195.55. Vote: 3-0; passed.

As there was no further business, Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Garrett seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Koch-yes; Garrett-yes; Johnson-yes. Meeting adjourned.

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