

**Montville Township Trustees**  
**December 22, 2009**

**Present:**

Trustee Ron Bischof, Chairman  
Trustee Jeff Brandon  
Fiscal Officer Mary Pawlowski  
Zoning Inspector Judy Emrick  
Police Chief Tom Acklin  
Roads Superintendent Dennis Clapper

**Also Present :**

Bob Sackett, Resident  
Jeff Russell, Resident

Trustee Bischof opened the regular meeting of the Montville Township Trustees, which came to order at 7:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustee Bischof offered a prayer. Trustee Bischof welcomed residents to the meeting and stated that the meeting is being recorded for transcription purposes only.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:**

Resident Jeff Russell of Highland Meadows revisited the parking regulations that were brought up at the previous Trustees meeting. Mr. Russell pointed out that there are currently no defined regulations for parking in Montville Township, which is an opportunity for the township to create fair, understandable and consistent parking sign regulations.

Trustee Bischof maintained that the Trustees have the final authority to govern the placement of no parking signs in the township. They also listen to the expertise from the departmental heads and follow their recommendations. Chief Tom Acklin stated that he had nothing further to add from what he had said at the last meeting. Discussion ensued, and the Trustees maintained their position of not creating written regulations for the placement of no parking signs in the township.

Trustee Bischof reviewed the research done from previous Trustees meeting minutes and found that no motion had been made regarding the placement of no parking signs on Highland Meadows Drive, and this situation needed to be rectified. **Trustee Brandon made a motion to place no parking signs on the hydrant side of Highland Meadows Drive. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Trustee Brandon made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 8 Regular Trustees meeting and the December 8 Special Trustees meeting. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

UTILITIES: Trustee Brandon reported on the electrical aggregation meeting which he had attended on December 9<sup>th</sup>. County Commissioners Steve Hambley ran the meeting and spoke about Medina County electric aggregation. In 2000, the county had voted on aggregating electric. At that time, Montville Township had passed the change, as had as five other townships in Medina County.

Currently, the commissioners would like to put electric aggregation back on the ballot by township. If passed, Montville Township would have a nine year contract with First Energy and there would be a 6% reduction on electric bills for residential homes. Residents would have the option to opt out. Additionally, a one-time grant would be provided by First Energy through the County of \$30 per household, which the county would split with Montville Township. Commercial businesses would receive a 4% reduction on electric.

In order to put this on the May ballot for First Energy Solutions to become the electric supplier for Montville Township, the commissioners must be notified by February 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued. Zoning Inspector Emrick asked if First Energy could raise their rates over the nine year period. Chief Acklin asked if they were creating a co-op. Roads Superintendent asked if there was an alternate company to purchase electricity from.

Trustee Brandon said that a county-wide task force would be formed and will be composed of representatives of each interested township. Trustee Brandon expects that the task force would be able to provide answers to these types of questions. Trustee Bischof said that the bottom line is that electricity rates will be reduced for communities that become involved.

**Trustee Brandon moved Resolution 122209.01 supporting the efforts of the Board of Medina County Commissioners to affect a governmental electricity aggregation program for Montville Township. Trustee Bischof seconded the Resolution. The Resolution was passed 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

LST & FIRE: Trustee Brandon said that the City is looking forward to receiving their new fire truck in January.

ZONING: Zoning Inspector Emrick said that she had no formal report this evening. Mrs. Emrick has received back the petition from the property owners from University Hospitals to join the JEDD.

POLICE: Chief Acklin requested, and **Trustee Brandon moved Resolution 122209.02 authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving and/or extending its Safety Services Center facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve. Trustee Bischof seconded the Resolution. The Resolution was passed, 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

**Trustee Brandon made a motion hiring Hall Public Safety to remove the equipment from Car 5 into the new police car at a cost of \$3,214.00. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

Chief Acklin said that he would like to purchase a police car to replace Car #2. Ordering new cars takes approximately 4 to 5 months and so Chief Acklin would like to begin the process now. Chief Acklin said that Statewide Ford s price was \$1,000 less than from Montrose.

**Trustee Brandon made a motion to purchase a 2010 Crown Victoria for the Police Department from Statewide Ford Lincoln Mercury at a cost of \$21,166. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion.** In discussion, Trustee Bischof asked the total cost of a police car, including police equipment. Chief Acklin said that a car costs \$25 26,000 when taking the old car s equipment and putting it in the new car. Purchasing everything new would cost \$31 32,000. **The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski requested, and **Trustee Brandon moved Resolution 122209.03 increasing the Fiscal Officer s bond for this elected term to \$220,000 at a cost of \$101. Trustee Bischof seconded the Resolution. The Resolution was passed, 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski said that, on May 26, there was not a cost put in the motion for hiring Hiring Bricker & Eckler as bond council for obtaining the Limited Tax General Obligation Bond for the Safety Services project. This must be done in the next Trustees meeting.

ROADS: Roads Superintendent Clapper read his roads report (attached). Mr. Clapper said that he has ordered 150 tons of salt; the township uses approximately 40 to 60 tons of salt each time they plow the roads.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING: Roads Superintendent Clapper requested, and **Trustee Bischof made a motion hiring Yorktown Heating and Cooling Furnaces to install two York 95% efficient furnaces in the basement of the Administration Building; supplying two thermostats and install the LP kits in the furnaces and humidifiers and air filters, and permits at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

CEMETERY: Mr. Clapper reported one burial in the cemetery last week.

PARKS: Mr. Clapper said that he received the Nature Works sign for the park. Fiscal Officer Pawlowski said the sign could be put it up in the spring. A picture of the posted sign will need to be taken and be sent to ODNR to close the file. Trustee Bischof noted that we have already applied for the second Nature Works grant through ODNR.

Trustee Brandon said that Joe Demeter from Paradise Tree Farm had donated trees for Cobblestone Park. The Trustees had decided to add 20 more pine trees to the donated trees for the park. **Trustee Brandon made a motion approving an additional \$250 to pay for the pine trees added to the donated trees for Cobblestone Park. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

Trustee Bischof said that the Boy Scouts have terminated their plans for working on a pavilion for Cobblestone Park, as the project was too big for a 13 year old boy. This Boy Scout will plan on making benches for the park instead. Trustee Bischof is looking to find playground equipment for White Tail Park; he hopes that the park will have a playground installed by spring.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski requested, and **Trustee Bischof made a motion to pay the Horne & King \$75,972 for services on the Safety Services Building. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski requested, and **Trustee Bischof made a motion to pay Lewis Land Professionals \$9,162.87 for services at Cobblestone Park. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski pointed out fund #2902 and 2903 on the Fund Status report on Parks. The amount remaining available for parks is at \$21,291.04. Trustee Bischof said that nothing else is planned for the park. When more grant money becomes available, the next phase for the park will be fencing for the baseball fields. Discussion ensued about paying the boy scouts for projects, summer help, cutting and maintaining the grass at the park.

Trustee Bischof asked what is done with inheritance monies. Fiscal Officer said that the inheritance money goes into the General Fund. Trustee Bischof said that he felt inheritance monies are a gift to the township and perhaps those funds could be put to good use in the parks rather than paying for a truck, for example. Fiscal Officer Pawlowski said that those inheritance monies could be moved from General Fund with a motion. Trustee Bischof said that he would like to discuss this further when Trustee Shuran could be involved.

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski said that The Ohio Division of Liquor Control is requesting a response from the Trustees by January 4<sup>th</sup> for the renewal of a liquor permit for BP of North America, 2900 Medina Road. The Trustees had no problem with the liquor permit being renewed. Fiscal Officer Pawlowski will notify Liquor Control.

**Trustee Brandon made a motion approving BC and PO s as presented and to pay bills totaling \$207,832.80. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

At 9:14 p.m. **Trustee Bischof made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

At 9:30 p.m. **Trustee Bischof made a motion to return from Executive Session. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

**Trustee Brandon made a motion renewing VSP insurance with new rates at \$12.11 for single and \$27.41 for family. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

**Trustee Brandon made a motion hiring the Hartford Group for life insurance effective January 1, 2010, a 15% savings on current cost with three year rate guarantee. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

At 9:36 p.m. Trustee Bischof adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Klafczynski

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