

**Montville Township Trustees**  
**February 9, 2010**

**Present:**

Trustee Jeff Brandon, Chairman  
Trustee Ron Bischof  
Trustee Jeff Shuran  
Zoning Inspector Judy Emrick

**Also Present :**

Deryl & Sally Albrecht, Residents  
Jessica Hughes, Resident  
Debbie Hughes, Resident  
Atty. Greg & Sue Happ

Trustee Brandon opened the regular meeting of the Montville Township Trustees, which came to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustee Bischof offered a prayer. Trustee Brandon welcomed residents to the meeting and stated that the meeting is being recorded for transcription purposes only.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:**

Mr. Greg Happ was retained to do the title work on the Safety Services property and signed an agreement with the USDA to do so for Montville Township. He wanted to explain what is happening with U.S. Department of Agriculture construction loan. Chief Acklin had asked Mr. Happ to update the Trustees on what is happening.

A complete title search on the property was requested. Any easements on the property must waive off the restrictions. Mr. Happ did the title search, and all easements applied to the property were successful to committing to a waiver.

The proposed driveway for the Safety Services building intersects the two easements to Ohio Edison. Through negotiations with them, as long as a gate is put up for which they will have access, Ohio Edison is willing to waive any objections.

Since Montville Township will now be issuing bonds for sale, the closing instructions from the USDA require an owner's policy be issued to Montville Township as the owners of the property. All the title insurance rates are set by the State. There is an increase to the policy cost once it goes from lender to owner. The USDA wants the title policy issued as a condition of closing prior to closing. This must be paid so they can issue the policy to Montville Township and the title company will insure Montville Township \$3.5 million on the property prior to the closing. Mr. Happ brought the invoice for title insurance to the Trustees.

Mr. Happ said that the township could save one half a percent if this closes by the deadline which is sometime in March. He promised Chief Acklin that he would push everyone involved, including the prosecutor and bond council, to get it done in time. This amounts to a savings of \$500,000 over twenty years. Mr. Happ said there are about ten items to be done before the sale of the bonds. There is a document which is a short checklist of items before construction could begin. Once we have the prosecutor's signature that those items have been completed to sell the bonds, we should be able to go out for bids.

Trustee Bischof said that he did not understand where there would be a fence having a gate. Mr. Happ responded that the easement for Ohio Edison indicates that a structure could not be built inside their easement. This easement runs over the

parking lot. There is a proposed fence around the parking lot where the police cars will be; a fence is considered a structure. Ohio Edison will give the township a written waiver, based on the architect's drawing showing a secondary gate on the south side that they will have access to get in should an emergency arise.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**POLICE:** Trustee Shuran said that, in his conversation with Chief Acklin, all that he needed covered this evening was Mr. Happ's update on the USDA to the Board.

**ROADS:** Trustee Bischof reported that the Roads Department had spent 369.75 hours on plowing roads. We now have six trucks plowing, the newest one being added just a week ago. Roads Superintendent Clapper has returned from a month's medical leave and had no problem getting back plowing; he is unable to do any heavy lifting. To date, we have purchased approximately \$20,000 worth of salt this season. Our salt bins are full.

Trustee Bischof said that a Homeowners association has hired a private plow company to plow their private roads. The snow plow company pushes the snow piles out to the township roads, which causes a problem with our snow removal. The Homeowners Association has been told that moving the snow out to the township roads is not acceptable.

Trustee Bischof reported that one of our trucks had the front end go on it and another truck had a transmission problem. Fortunately, we obtained the parts and our new roads employees were able to repair the trucks themselves. We did not have to send the trucks out to a shop for repairs.

Resident Sally Albrecht commented that the Roads Department is doing a great job in Blue Herron. Mrs. Albrecht also appreciated the no parking sign that was placed on the top of the hill, which helps tremendously. There had frequently been cars parking there and if someone passed the car to go around while someone was coming up the hill quickly, it could be very dangerous.

**PARKS:** Trustee Bischof has been working with Rep. Bachelder on the ODNR grant we have applied for this year. Last year, we received \$56,000 from this grant, which was the second highest grant awarded in the State of Ohio.

There is a problem with the driveway going into the elementary school and back to the park. The school took care of the design and construction of the driveway, and in the wintertime, the township would plow the driveway. The repairs would be split 50/50. The drive is literally disintegrating. Water is underneath the road and it is coming apart. Our snowplow driver told Trustee Bischof that he may be down to dirt in some areas.

The base for the road should be different than for the parking lot. The road has only 4 inches of asphalt; it needs to be dug up and replaced. They are holding a bond for the driveway, but Trustee Bischof is not sure that it will cover the work.

Trustee Bischof has presented an Eagle Scout award to Aaron Aronis and Nick Ashley, both of whom did bench projects at our park. Montville Township has helped eleven Eagle Scouts with their civic projects, all of them in our parks.

Trustee Bischof said that the Roads Department had some down time when it wasn't snowing and wanted to clear the trees for the new Safety Services building. Trustee Bischof asked our Project Manager, Roger Riachi, to diagram which trees needed to come down, which he did. Trustee Bischof has this diagram. Chief Acklin had been concerned that the easements may change the location of the building but, according to Mr. Riachi, the building will not move. The parking lot's configuration may change but nothing else.

Trustee Bischof would like to consider purchasing trees from the brochures that come from the Department of Soil and Water. Perhaps we could plant about \$200 worth of these trees in a nursery type plot at the park and let them grow. We could then replant them when they are two or three feet tall. Trustee Bischof will bring this up again at another Trustees meeting.

**UTILITIES:** Trustee Brandon had no other meetings with the county aggregation task force for electric. He said that the issue will be on the May ballot in Montville. Residents may opt-out of the program for free. Residential customers can potentially save 6% on their electric bills. The County Commissioners have not yet decided who will be paying for the \$150 per precinct to have the issue on the ballot.

**LST & FIRE:** Trustee Brandon received a letter from the City of Medina regarding the 911 Emergency Police Dispatch and Communications agreement with them. They sent two copies of the agreement, one of which is to be signed and returned. Included is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Montville Township for the purpose of providing 911 Emergency with Police dispatch and communication services to Montville Township. The contract provides dispatch service to the township 24/7 through December 31, 2012, and the township agrees to pay a monthly fee for any lines added for township use or benefit for \$26.74 per month.

Zoning Inspector Emrick asked if this was a different agreement from last year. Trustee Brandon didn't think that we did this last year, but the agreement apparently expired December 31, 2009. Mrs. Emrick asked to see the proposed agreement and noted that there was no cost indicated in the agreement. Trustee Shuran wondered if they had spelled out any differences from the last agreement. Trustee Brandon then read the agreement aloud. Trustee Shuran wondered if the Prosecutor's office should look at the agreement before approving it. Discussion ensued. Trustee Bischof didn't see a problem with it; he recommended voting on it and then faxing it to the Prosecutor's office. He said that, when the contract went out the first time six years ago, all the attorneys had looked it over. The Trustees agreed to pass it contingent upon being approved by the Medina County Prosecutor's office.

**Trustee Brandon moved Resolution 020910.01 entering into an agreement for 911 emergency dispatching services with the City of Medina, contingent upon the approval of Medina County Prosecutor's office. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Trustee Brandon requested that the Board approve the LST budget for 2010. The 2009 budget for LST services was \$173,340; actual amount spent on LST for 2009 was \$172,932. It has been proposed that the 2010 budget for LST for Montville Township be \$168,308, which is 2.9% decrease from last year. Part of the reason for the decrease is that call volume was down from 2008 to 2009. Montville Township is the only entity in the group having a decrease in call volume.

Trustee Brandon said that Montville Township's LST response time has improved over the last four months since a crew has been relocated to Station 3 just south of the square. Our target response time is 9 minutes for an ambulance. In the report Trustee Brandon has today, all zones show a response time below the 9 minute target.

There has been a total of 87 runs from Station 3 since the crew had been relocated; 17 of those runs had been to Montville Township.

**Trustee Brandon moved Resolution 020910.02 approving the 2010 proposed budget of \$168,308 for Medina Life Support Team. Trustee Shuran seconded the Resolution. The Resolution was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Trustee Shuran said that it was discovered in the last quarterly bill that Montville Township has been overbilled by Medina Fire and asked if anything has been done to rectify the problem.

Trustee Bischof said that these incidents have been happening for about eight months. Dr. Levine was planning to attend this evening's meeting but did not come since Chief Acklin is on vacation. Dr. Levine will be attending a future Trustees meeting to explain why the duty crew has been responding. If, after hearing from Dr. Levine, the Montville Board of Trustees decides that this is not what they want to do, then they will just drop it.

**ZONING:** Zoning Inspector Emrick reported that Judge Kimbler has given Montville Township 30 day extension on the Overholt case to prepare documents to move forward with the situation. Also, the Kunkels have made sufficient progress on their clean-up and, after talking to the Prosecutor's office, it was decided to wait until spring to move forward with this case.

Trustee Bischof said that the city of Medina would like to have some regionalism with the four contiguous townships and the County. A committee meeting was held recently with representatives from the townships and with two individuals from Kent State University. A web site could be set up where interested companies in other states could research economic development in our area. Grant money is available to create such web sites and offices for people to call. Future meetings will be held to further develop this idea, as well as training and education, and how to become more business friendly.

With regards to the JEDD Zoning Inspector Emrick said that the township did receive University Hospital and Summa signatures. We are now waiting for the City of Medina to get the schools signed on. As soon as they have their documents together, we will forward it to the Medina County Commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS:

**Trustee Brandon made a motion approving the renewal of VSP for 2010-2011 at \$12.11 per employee and \$27.41 for family. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

**Trustee Bischof made a motion paying Miami Valley International \$71,078 for the 2010 International 7400 Series truck. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

**Trustee Brandon made a motion approving BC and PO s as presented and to pay bills dated February 2 totaling \$90,812.79. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

At 8:58 p.m. Trustee Brandon adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Klafczynski

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