

**Montville Township Trustees**  
**April 27, 2010**

**Present:**

Trustee Jeff Brandon, Chairman  
Trustee Ron Bischof  
Trustee Jeff Shuran  
Fiscal Officer Mary Pawlowski  
Zoning Inspector Judy Emrick  
Roads Supt Dennis Clapper

**Also Present :**

Sally Albrecht, Resident  
Jay Abel, Student  
Steve Huszai, The Medina Post

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

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:**

Steve Huszai from The Medina Post asked if there was an ordinance in place in Montville Township for dangerous dogs. Trustee Bischof replied that the township does not specifically have anything, that we follow the county for dog ordinances.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Trustee Brandon made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 13 Regular Trustees meeting. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ROADS:** Roads Superintendent Clapper read the roads report. He said that we ordered 254 tons of additional salt to meet our quota for the 2009/2010 season. Montville Township and many others are under allocation this year.

Mr. Clapper said that a resident from New Haven called to request a no outlet sign to be placed on New Haven just north of Colinas Drive. Trustee Bischof and Trustee Brandon said that they had no problem with the request. **Trustee Brandon made a motion to place a no outlet sign on New Haven Drive north of Colinas Drive. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

Trustee Bischof said that the Police Department was to talk to the sheriff's office about cleaning Montville Township's roadsides. At the last Trustees meeting, discussion included the options of having the Roads Department clean the roadsides; having the boy scouts do the job; or sending letters to HOA's requesting their help. The sheriff returned Trustee Bischof's call and said that there are two deputies being laid off that could use the work. He requested that Trustee Bischof let him know what roads

the township wanted cleaned and the sheriff would have a detail of inmates overseen by one deputy at \$25 per hour. Discussion ensued about which roads need to be done. Trustee Bischof will work out which roads would be cleaned with the Roads Superintendent. The vegetation is growing and already hiding most of the trash on the roadsides. Trustee Bischof felt that this was a better solution than having the boy scouts do the job.

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski asked about the straight \$25/hour for payment. Trustee Bischof confirmed that the rate could not be different because of the union contract. Fiscal Officer Pawlowski asked about putting a cap on the total amount. Trustee Bischof said that he doesn't think that the job will take longer than a week but it could be looked at again if more time is needed. **Trustee Bischof made a motion hiring one of the sheriff's deputies to clean the Montville Township roadsides along with the inmates from the county jail at a rate of \$25/hour for a maximum pay of \$1,000. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

CEMETERY: Roads Superintendent Clapper said that they will begin plotting out the new section of the cemetery with Fred Boreman tomorrow.

PARKS: Trustee Bischof said that a scout from the 513 is interested in making benches for Cobblestone Park. He will be presenting his idea to Trustee Bischof. Another scout from the 507 is also interested in making benches for the park.

Trustee Bischof said that our mower equipment is not sufficient for keeping up with all the work at the parks. Mr. Clapper said that he has been mentioning to several people about the township's need for more equipment. A landscape contractor in Lafayette is selling a mower that is no longer needed for his business. It is an 11 pull behind mower. The Roads Department had concerns about the horsepower of our tractor being able to pull this mower, and so the Lafayette mower was brought over for our Roads Department to try.

Mr. Clapper said that they have used this mower for the last two weeks at Cobblestone and it has worked well with our John Deere tractor. This equipment is \$13,000 new; this one is ten years old, although it looks like it is a year old. The selling price is \$5,800 which includes nine new blades. Parts would be available near-by when needed.

**Trustee Brandon made a motion to purchase the used Befco cyclone flex pull-behind mower from Roy Delaney for \$5,800. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Trustee Brandon attended a joint economic planning council meeting with Medina and Medina Township. Mayor Hanwell is interested in working together on field maintenance for all the parks in the area. He is looking to find a way to share equipment and labor where possible rather than duplicate to lower costs for everyone. The Trustees considered the difficulty of sharing mowers that are used daily; the responsibility for repairs; and how well Montville Township equipment is always cared for. Discussion ensued about the pay to play systems that are in place in the city. Trustee Bischof said that many organizations have contacted him expressing interest in using the Cobblestone Park baseball fields.

Trustee Bischof said that he has had inquiries from a church interested in using Whitetail Park. They complimented the wonderful facilities available but wanted to know when the playground equipment will be built. Trustee Bischof also said that the playground company that gave us the drawings for the \$30,000 playground will be having sales again in May, including equipment installation.

UTILITIES: Trustee Shuran said that a resident wanted to put a separate meter in for when he waters his lawn so he doesn't have to pay for sewer on water that is used on his lawn. Trustee Shuran indicated to the resident that the system does not work that way.

LST: Trustee Brandon said that he attended the LST meeting last week at the hospital. Currently, Montville Township is operating at \$6,700 under budget for the year. The total program is operating at approximately 1.2% below budget. The only expense not in line was an increase in the operating expense for minor equipment, which was for purchasing software upgrades.

Montville Township is at 9.3% of the total LST program. We have had 84 calls this year for ambulance, 32 of which were in March. When a unit had been operating out of Station 3, the response time in Montville Township was better. Trustee Brandon said that, for whatever reason, LST felt that their department runs more efficiently when all of the units are dispatched from the hospital and so they are back to operating in that way.

FIRE: Trustee Brandon said that he had a conversation with Chief Painter, who said that the City is looking at an automated medical priority dispatch and would like Montville Township to be operating under this same program when it gets under way.

The Fire Department's duty crew coming to calls had also been discussed with Chief Painter. Trustee Brandon said that the City carries medical liability insurance for the duty crew and, if they are not allowed to assist in Montville Township, they would have to drop the liability insurance which means that they will have to call LST any time there is a fire since the duty crew would not be allowed to assist.

Trustee Brandon had two responses from the Prosecutor's office about paying the duty crew costs. Fiscal Officer Pawlowski said that the first letter from the Prosecutor said that we cannot pay any emergency medical services by the Fire Department out of the fire levy. After the last Trustees meeting, Fiscal Officer Pawlowski asked if the LST portion of the Fire Department bill could be paid out of the ambulance levy and the Prosecutor's response was yes.

Mrs. Pawlowski asked why the duty crew's service is not available 24/7 if it is so important for them to be available for first shift Monday through Friday. Trustee Bischof said that they are attempting to be as close to a full time department as possible. They are bending over backwards to give better fire service; that is why they have a duty crew out. They are paying for 2-3 firemen to be there during the day while it is difficult to get volunteer firemen who are working.

Discussion ensued about the billing for the LST crew and for the truck coming from the Fire Department. Trustee Brandon maintained that, if we go back to the old

way, the Fire Department will not medical assist at all and drop the insurance for the township. They will call LST to assist the fire runs and Montville Township will pay for the LST call each time. Trustee Shuran said this doesn't sound like the old way; this is a third way. Also, Montville Township owns part of the LST Department; they don't run LST by themselves. Discussion continued about billable and non-billable LST runs.

The question came up again about the duty crews assisting the LST was illegal because it is not in the fire contract with the City of Medina. The Trustees considered having wording in the Fire contract to allow the Fire Department to assist LST, perhaps trying it for a six month period.

**Trustee Bischof made a motion to pay the City of Medina from the Ambulance Levy \$1,516.20 for LST runs: balance due of \$1,007.14 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2009; and the balance due of \$509.06 for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion.** In discussion Trustee Bischof asked what it would take to eliminate the issues about these duty crew runs. Trustee Shuran said that we had an agreement and that they changed it for no reason and started billing Montville Township for something we did not agree to. They need to stop billing us for billing what we never agreed to. Fiscal Officer said that if the Trustees want them to continue doing what they have been doing, they will need to make a Resolution deciding on which way they want to go on this. **The motion was passed, 2 ayes, 1 nay (Shuran) and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski said that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution to pay out of the Ambulance levy. She requested that the bill be broken down for LST calls and fire calls so she will know what levy to pay it out of.

**Trustee Brandon moved Resolution 042710.01 paying the City of Medina Fire Department for Emergency Medical Services from the Ambulance Levy Fund #2101.** Trustee Shuran said that it was interesting to him that an organization that is concerned about eliminating the duplication of services is doing just that. Trustee Bischof feels that it is not duplication of services; it is additional services. It is added help to EMS when it is needed, particularly for heart attacks. Fiscal Officer Pawlowski said that they are still responding to calls such as broken arms, because they are first on the scene.

Fiscal Officer requested the Trustees make a resolution to decide to go with the duty crew or not. Trustee Shuran thought that it was already agreed on, since we just paid for the services. Mrs. Pawlowski said that those were old bills that were paid; and they have already proceeded with using the duty crew for the first quarter 2010. She felt that the Trustees should make a decision and tell the Fire Chief, Mayor Hanwell and the hospital which way they want to go.

Discussion continued about LST target response time and their inability to be there first. Trustee Bischof read the report that on March 11 at 11:30 p.m. LST went out to a call for a cardiac chest pain. He was sure that the Fire Department did not come out for that call because it was not during daytime hours. Fiscal Officer Pawlowski agreed that the service was not available for this call, as many things are also going on between 5 and 8 p.m. and there is no first response time for those hours either. Trustee Bischof said he would ask the question of why a heart attack is more

important during the day than it is at night. He believes that Dr. Levine would agree that too many hands are better than not enough. Discussion ensued.

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski said that we are not saving money when first responder goes out and there is a problem where LST is still needed to transport a patient. We pay for the fire truck and for LST. Trustee Bischof said that the question is not whether or not we are saving money but rather if we are giving residents the service that they deserve.

**Trustee Brandon amended Resolution 042710.01 paying the City of Medina Fire Department for Emergency Medical Services for first responder service for the remainder of 2010 from the Ambulance Levy Fund #2101. The Resolution was not seconded.** Trustee Bischof felt that there were unanswered questions that needed to be answered before proceeding.

ZONING: Zoning Inspector Emrick requested, and **Trustee Brandon made a motion accepting Phase 1 replat Number 4 creating Block A1 of Northampton Highland Estates subdivision. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion.** In discussion, this is a Drug Mart replat. They are combining the Williams property with the property that Drug Mart had purchased at the corner of Lexington Ridge and Route 3. **The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Zoning Inspector Emrick requested, and **Trustee Bischof made a motion releasing the performance guarantee in the amount of \$42,000 for the private streets in Phase 1 of the Trails at Montville being held in escrow by Champaign Bank. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion.** In discussion, Trustee Bischof asked if that was the street off of Route 3. Mrs. Emrick said no, that the street would be blocked shortly. ODOT told them that they could not use that as an entrance to their subdivision. Trustee Bischof asked if this would create another Cobblestone incident there as well. Mrs. Emrick said that they are working on putting in turning lanes. Once the turning lanes are in, the street will be paved and made a permanent street. ODOT wants this right of way returned to the way it was. **The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Zoning Inspector Emrick requested, and **Trustee Shuran made a motion releasing the performance guarantee in the amount of \$27,950 for the landscaping improvements in Phase 1 of the Trails at Montville being held in escrow by Champaign Bank. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Zoning Inspector Emrick gave her zoning report. She said that several issues had been discussed with the Assistant County prosecutor. The Kunkel issue will be addressed next week with the Health Department and the prosecutor's office.

As part of the new zoning resolutions that have been passed, discussion ensued about purchasing a decibel meter that would hold up in court if needed. There are decibel requirements at the property lines. Mrs. Emrick also said that the actual decibels of wind turbines have to be a certain amount at the edge of a property. A meter will cost approximately \$400.

POLICE: Trustee Shuran said that we are currently waiting for the Prosecutor s office to return paperwork on items. There were no other issues.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski received a letter regarding the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks requesting the township share the cost with the city. **Trustee Bischof made a motion paying the City of Medina \$2,500 for the township s share of the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

**Trustee Bischof made a motion paying the hospital \$12,392.29 invoice for March LST. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.** Trustee Bischof said that LST has about seven or eight vehicles. The logo is being changed on the vehicles to promote the Cleveland Clinic, and the Cleveland Clinic will be paying for the repainting.

Trustee Brandon showed the Trustees the 2009 BWC safety award to Montville Township for outstanding safety performance and 100% achievement for outstanding effort by supervisory personnel and operating the entire year without a lost time injury.

**Trustee Bischof made a motion approving BC and PO s as presented and to pay bills totaling \$94,152.87. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 naves and 0 abstentions.**

At 9:22 p.m. Trustee Brandon adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Klafczynski

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