

Montville Township Trustees
May 11, 2010

Present:

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

Also Present :

Deanna Harris, Resident
Mary Beth Guenther, Medina County Auditors Office
Steve Huszai, 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 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:

Mary Beth Guenther from the Medina County Auditor s office made available copies of a Value Reductions form for residents who experience destroyed or damaged property. This is available for property damage from fire, flood, tornados, storms, or high winds. Mrs. Guenther said that requests for a value reduction must have structural damage, not bushes or trees. Mrs. Guenther said that, depending on the damages, filing this form would temporarily lower the property value for tax reduction. This form could also be used for residents that may want to remove an old barn from a property.

Resident Deanna Harris asked about the affects of the township s safety services with the Cleveland Clinic being at the hospital. Mrs. Harris was concerned because she heard rumors that the Cleveland Clinic wants to un-staff a squad, going down to a lesser staffing pattern. She also heard that they would not be coming out to the new Safety Services building.

Trustee Bischof said that it had actually been brought up at the last LST meeting to add a squad. It would not be 24/7 coverage because that is not needed here. The next squad would likely go in Medina Township on the northeast corner.

Mrs. Harris asked if the parking lot of the new Safety Services building would be dedicated or planned to land a medical helicopter. She knows that a paved landing is much safer than a grassy field. With all the new medical facilities planned for Route 18, it will become more congested.

Chief Acklin did not think that was needed. He said that helicopters will land most anywhere, even on an intersection. Also, if there is a need for a life flight, patients are not flown to Medina Hospital. They would likely be taken to Metro General. Mrs. Harris said that, ideally, the helicopter would land as close as possible to a scene. Having a rendezvous point might be of benefit.

Mrs. Harris wanted to make sure that the Cleveland Clinic was not taking away any of our services that the residents are accustomed to and pay for. Trustee Bischof

said that, on the contrary, the Cleveland Clinic is very concerned about LST. He said that the EMS program in the hospital is repainting all the trucks to put their Cleveland Clinic name on them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Shuran made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 27 Regular Trustees meeting. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE: Chief Acklin requested, and **Trustee Brandon made a motion to sell the old police car #4 on eBay. This is a 2008 Crown Victoria, serial number 2FAFP71V38X105482. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Chief Acklin received a contract from AT&T to allow the Police Department to put the antennae on the cell tower. The only stipulation in the contract is that AT&T wants insurance. He said that OTARMA is upping the insurance in June anyway, which will cover their request. The chief is looking at cost estimates to have the cables run, hook up the electricity and put up a shed or equipment building. The estimate looks to be \$15,000-18,000 for the job. Zoning Inspector Emrick said that Chief Acklin may need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the equipment building, if it is conditionally permitted. Mrs. Emrick will check on that.

Chief Acklin also commented on the very nice dinner that the Highland Meadows HOA sent over to the Police Department.

Trustee Bischof asked where we are on the bidding for the Safety Services building. Chief Acklin said that it is still on hold. Discussion ensued about the need for issues getting through the legal process more quickly than they currently happen through the Prosecutor's office. Trustee Brandon said that the Prosecutor's office is extremely busy with 17 townships giving them work; the Board needs to be patient. Chief Acklin said that this delay is now costing us money, with prices for construction materials rising in the last month.

Zoning Inspector Emrick agreed with the chief's frustration. Issues that arise in the Zoning office need answers quickly, especially with builders. There was a recent incident where we didn't get punctual answers and a family building a home nearly lost their loan.

Chief Acklin said that there are townships that have law directors. He knows of two other townships with Chiefs of Police as frustrated as he is. If we organize it and get a legal firm on board for a reasonable price, they would be willing to bring this to their Boards of Trustees to work as a group of townships. The Board liked the idea, except that this will not go over well with the Prosecutor's office. Also, we have tried sidestepping with another legal firm in the past.

Trustee Brandon asked Chief Acklin about the amended agreement for 911 emergency police dispatch, which has pricing in it at \$46,365 per year. Fiscal Officer

Pawlowski recommended that Chief Acklin take a look at the revised agreement and have copies distributed to the Board for review.

ROADS: Roads Superintendent Clapper read the roads report. Mr. Clapper said that most of their time has been spent on parks and the Administrative Building with landscaping during the last two weeks.

The Roads and Police departments are looking at repair work on the barn across the street. The roof leaks and needs repair and paint to protect the wood structure from rotting. Mr. Clapper has made some calls and is working on getting estimates for the work. His first estimate is around \$11,000, which seems fair; Mr. Clapper will have more estimates at the next Trustees meeting.

Mr. Clapper said that Medina Township is talking about planning an auction. They are asking if Montville Township would have anything that could be put in the auction. Mr. Clapper would like to put a list together of items that could be put on the auction list and asked for any items that the Board is aware of. Fiscal Officer Pawlowski has an old printer in the store room that could be put on the list.

PARKS: Trustee Bischof has two scouts that are interested in building benches for the parks for their Eagle Scout award. One of the scouts is a 13 year old with very big ambitions.

The park is being used by many residents for a variety of uses. The grounds have been fertilized and seeded. A group has reserved the pavilion for a Sunday in June, so people will begin to realize that it is available for use.

Trustee Bischof said that some of the paper forms in the bulletin board are getting waterlogged at the bottom. The bulletin board is getting moisture between the Plexiglas and the wood.

Trustee Brandon mentioned the need for weed control on the infields at Cobblestone Park. Trustee Bischof asked Roads Superintendent Clapper to contact the Medina Township field supervisor to advise us on their weed control methods and cutting infield lines on their ball fields. We are likely not playing any baseball on the fields this year, but we do need to handle this problem. Mr. Clapper thought that Medina Township drags their fields after every game and after every rain.

Trustee Brandon said a second Highland Meadows resident has asked how to separate their private property from the park property. Trustee Bischof said that Dave Lewis could define where the line is but he would not want to put up too many signs. A suggestion was made that residents may post private property beyond this point signs if they wished but children would likely ignore signs. Mr. Clapper said that kids are cutting through to go home from school. Trustee Shuran was not in favor of signs.

Trustee Bischof said that we could find a way to have a defined property line through the woods. He agreed with Trustee Shuran that it is a wild area and kids going home from school would not even look at a sign.

Trustee Bischof brought up the township road district. At a previous meeting, resident Jeff Russell had said that a Resolution had been made in error dealing with the no parking signs. Trustee Bischof said that a file copy Resolution had been located

which was adopted on August 11, 2005 by Trustee Shuran, Trustee Reed and Trustee Bischof: now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Trustees and in Montville Township that the following will be added to the criteria to be used within the road district passed March 23, 2004: no parking signs shall be installed on the hydrant side of the road in subdivisions with curbs and serviced by water.

UTILITIES: Trustee Brandon commented that the electric aggregation passed for Montville Township, as it did in most townships.

ZONING: Zoning Inspector Emrick requested, and **Trustee Shuran made a motion setting the public hearing for May 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. for Outdoor Wood-fired Hydronic Heaters (OWHH) and Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) revising the following chapters: Chapters 210 Definitions; Chapter 330 Supplemental District Regulations; Chapter 410 Single Family Residential Districts; Chapter 412 Planned Neighborhood Development Regulations; Chapter 430 Commercial District Regulations; Chapter 510 Sign Regulations; Chapter 710 Zoning Certificates; and Chapter 720 Development Plan Review as recommended by the Montville Township Zoning Commission. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion.** In discussion, Mrs. Emrick said that each Board member has received a copy of all documents pertaining to this particular text recommendation of text amendment. **The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Mrs. Emrick gave her zoning report. The township is at 23 new home starts, which is down 2 new home starts compared with the same period in 2009. Overall permits are up by 2 with a total of 122. Trustee Bischof asked if there was a report on the highest new home starts in the county from 2009. Mrs. Emrick said she did not know, but Montville Township is leading the county this year. The highest number that Montville Township ever issued was 233 for one year, in 2004.

Trustee Brandon received a complaint from an Emerald Lakes resident about noise from Hill n Dale. The resident had also written to Mr. Bachelder's office, who replied to the resident that local governments have the authority to establish and enforce ordinances to address related issues, noise complaints, etc. within their borders. Also, he said that, unfortunately, due to ORC, the State cannot intervene in this matter. Trustee Shuran said that ORC says that townships do not have anything to do with ordinances; cities do ordinances.

Trustee Brandon has asked the Prosecutor's office to review and summarize Mr. Bachelder's comments. Trustee Brandon said that this is not the first complaint he has received about Hill n Dale. The Board discussed other noise complaints throughout the township, from the shooting noise at the south end, and the Medina Bird Club but there is not anything that could be done about it.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski reviewed the April Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports. Copies of April reports provided for each Trustee: Fund Status & Fund Summary; Appropriation Status; Revenue Summary. The Fund Status report as of May 11 was provided to each Trustee.

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski requested, and **Trustee Brandon moved Resolution 051110.01 approving supplemental appropriations as presented. Trustee Shuran seconded the Resolution. The Resolution was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski requested, and **Trustee Bischof moved Resolution 051110.02 increasing appropriations \$300,000 in Fund #2081. Trustee Brandon seconded the Resolution. The Resolution was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski certified that she knows of no payments for final judgment.

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski requested, and **Trustee Shuran made a motion paying Horne & King \$8,399.92 for services on the Safety Services building December 1 through March 15, 2010. Trustee Bischof seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski requested, and **Trustee Bischof made a motion paying Albers & Albers \$1,371 for services on the JEDD. Trustee Brandon seconded the motion.** In discussion, Mrs. Pawlowski said that JEDD to the commissioners was put on hold. **The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

Fiscal Officer Pawlowski requested that ads for meetings go through the zoning office. Any other way bypasses the system. Mrs. Emrick commented that she has three phone numbers to contact her, as well as a fax machine and special meeting forms at home.

Trustee Brandon made a motion approving BC and PO s as presented and to pay bills totaling \$83,123.68. Trustee Shuran seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

At 9:03 p.m. Trustee Brandon adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Klafczynski

Approved by:

Date

Attested:

Date: