

OHIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2011

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CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER – The regular monthly meeting of the Ohio Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Tom Beatty, on Monday, August 1, 2011 at the Ohio Township Municipal Building, 1719 Roosevelt Road.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Beatty asked the secretary to note the presence of two supervisors, Jim Reid and Tom Beatty. Herb Hartle was absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS – None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Beatty announced that the minutes were posted on the bulletin board. There being no corrections, Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beatty, to approve the minutes as posted. The motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Sullivan read the treasurer’s report for the month of July. Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beatty to approve the treasurer’s report as read. The motion was carried unanimously.

INVOICES DUE FOR PAYMENT - Mr. Sullivan read the total invoices due for payment are \$184,930.44 which covers checks #14238 to #14379 (PNC Bank), Checks #1061 to #1067 for the total of \$3,966.70 (DEA).

POLICE SUMMARY – Sgt. Beck read the police summary for the month of July as follows: The Ohio Township Police Department responded to 180 calls. 20 Alarms, 3 Ordinance Violations, 6 Disabled Vehicles, 9 Animal Complaints, 5 Traffic Accidents, 15 Medical Emergency/Assistance Calls, 17 Traffic Citations, 6 Suspicious Circumstances, 3 Lockouts (Vehicle/Bldg), 5 Theft Report, 2 Traffic and Parking Problems and 89 Miscellaneous Calls.

FIRE REPORT - Chief Frazier submitted the emergency and fire report for the month of July as follows: The Ohio Township Fire Department responded to 31 calls. 8 Vehicle Crashes, 8 Fire Alarms, 4 Wires Down, 5 Outside Gas Odors, 1 Public Service, 2 Structure Fires, 2 Brush Fires, and 1 Gasoline Leak.

PLANNING COMMISSION – The July Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to there being no new business to discuss.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – The Allegheny County Health Department reported that recent samples collected tested positive for the West Nile virus. The samples were collected in Homewood and Point Breeze.

Catch basins that hold water can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes during the heat and intermittent rains of summer. People can protect themselves from mosquitoes by closing openings to their house, using window screens, applying insect repellent, wearing long sleeve tops and pants, and avoiding outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are more likely to bite.

The Health Department’s West Nile surveillance program, which includes not only mosquito sampling but also testing dead birds for the virus, will continue throughout the summer and into the fall until the first hard frost brings an end to the mosquito season.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Sullivan reported there is a home on Crimson under sheriff sale. There have been complaints from neighbors regarding the condition of this property. We continue to check the sheriff sale website and county real estate website for any update regarding new owners of the property.

The trash carts for the new trash and recycling program will be delivered to homes beginning in early September.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mr. Reid reported the road crew is working on the park road to prepare it for paving.

RECREATION REPORT - Park Rentals for the month of August – 4. Park Rentals for the month of September – 0. Preschool Arts and Crafts will be held on August 18th at 1:00 pm. August's Movies in the Park will be held on the 12th. Family BBQ will be held on Friday August 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Carnegie Science Center will be at the Nature Center on August 1st for Creepy Crawly Bugs and August 17th will be the Science Apprentice Camp. Trail Clean-Up Day will be held on Wednesday August 10th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Make Your Own Candy will be held on August 15th from 10:00 to 11:30 am. There are 8 signed up with space still available. Body Mind and Soul Lecture for August will be held Thursday the 18th at 2:00 pm and the topic is Understanding Heart Disease. Hunters Safety Class will be held on August 19th and 20th. There is still space available for this program. The 5k Run and Walk/Kids Fun Run will be held on September 10th at 9:00 am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mr. Beatty gave a report on Marcellus Shale presentations and conferences that the Supervisors have attended. The Supervisors continue to educate themselves so they have the most information available. The Governors Commission has released its report on the Marcellus Shale and a copy of the report is available in the municipal office.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Township received a letter from Township resident Cathy Jones. She congratulated the Township and the Volunteer Firemen for the great carnival held the weekend of July 15th and 16th. What a great idea it was combining the carnival and community day into one event. Another letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Miller. They recently were in need of notary services and they came to the office where LuAnn Barna assisted them with their needs. LuAnn was very helpful and an asset to the township the letter stated.

Comcast sent a letter to Mr. Sullivan outlining a new program called Internet Essentials. This is a program for low-income families with at least one child receiving free lunches under the National School Lunch Program. Participants will be able to access the internet through the Economy Internet service for \$9.95 month plus tax and fees, the option to purchase a pre-configured computer for \$149.99 plus taxes, and access to online, in print and classroom based digital literacy training.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beatty to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be September 7, 2011.