

OHIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
August 5, 2019

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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 5, 2019 at the Ohio Township Municipal Building.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Beatty asked the secretary to note the presence of supervisors, Jim Reid, Herb Hartle and Tom Beatty. Mr. Beatty took a moment to introduce Rep. Valerie Gaydos who was in attendance.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS – A petition was presented to the Supervisors from the Communities of Avonworth Heights, Rebecca Drive and various other property owners within the township. This petition is in regards to the proposed senior living facility on Cotton Lane off of Josephs Lane (see project file for petition). Several members of the opposition were in attendance and spoke. Those who spoke were: Greger & Theresa Erickson, 111 Lynhurst Drive, Dustin & Steffi Frawley, 210 Windgap Road, Gary Short, 212 Windgap Road, Ed Campbell, 115 Rebecca Drive, Peter Arlia, 108 Northfield Drive, Gregg Behr, 207 Lynhurst Drive, and Adam Fisher, 212 Lynhurst Drive. Their comments were: concerns of landslides, reduced property values of neighboring properties, the current state of the home on the property and safety issues with it, when was the conditional use approved for this area, use of Allegheny County Comprehensive Plan, when did this property become commercial and since it is commercial, how did the home get there; family conflict of interest.

Mr. Kevin Braun, 190 Washington Way and Ms. JoAnne Freel, 115 Summer Seat Lane, both spoke of ambulance response time to the township. Mr. Beatty informed them that he has approached Ross/West View Authority to set up round table discussions to address their issues.

Mr. Paul Weidman, 114 Highpoint Road, spoke about the recent paving on Crawford Road, the removal of the speed humps, speeding on Crawford Road.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Beatty announced that the minutes were posted on the bulletin board. Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid, 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. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid, 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 \$264,151.88 which covers checks #28173 to #28328 (PNC Bank). Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid approving the invoices due for payment. The motion was carried unanimously.

POLICE SUMMARY –The police summary for the month of July is as follows: The Ohio Township Police Department responded to 254 calls. 30 Alarms, 6 Disabled Vehicle, 3 Thefts/Theft Reports, 4 fraud reports, 4 false fire alarms, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 5 Traffic Accidents, 17 Medical Emergency/ Assistance Calls, 69 Traffic Citations, 6 Traffic & Parking Problems, 2 domestic disturbances, 6 suspicious person/ circumstances/autos, 8 assist other agencies, 2 welfare checks, 3 building/auto lockouts, 7 wires/poles/trees down, 7 animal complaints and 70 Miscellaneous Calls.

FIRE REPORT – The emergency and fire report for the month of July is as follows: The Ohio Township Fire Department responded to 37 calls. 10 Vehicle Crashes, 7 fire alarms, 1 golf cart rollover, 1 boat river call, 1 flooding, 1 confined space rescue, 1 water condition, 1 water rescue, 3 traffic hazards, 3 vehicle fires, 6 trees down, 1 landslide, and 1 transformer fire.

MS4 Report – Joe Jackson reported he conducted dry-weather outfall screening of 13 storm outfalls with no illicit discharges detected.

PLANNING COMMISSION – The minutes of the May Planning Commission meeting are posted on the bulletin board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – The Avonworth Historical Society is sponsoring a lecture on the history of West View Amusement Park the evening of August 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The event will be held at the Anchor and Anvil Coffee Bar in Ben Avon. Photographer / Journalist Tom Steiner will be the guest speaker.

As part of the night's activities, AHS is raffling off a 26" x 30" framed collage of West View Amusement Park photos created and signed by Mr. Steiner. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available here at the municipal building and will be available the night of the lecture. Winner need not be present.

Mr. Hartle mentioned the upcoming golf outing supporting the Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Company. This is the 19th year for the golf outing at Diamond Run. Information is available at the municipal building.

Mr. Hartle also mentioned that Allegheny County Councilwoman Cindy Kirk will be hosting a public meeting on Tuesday August 13 at 7 pm at the Ohio Township Nature Center. This meeting is an information session regarding the current road work status on various roads in the area (Mt. Nebo, Arndt, Reis Run). All are welcome to attend.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Sullivan reported the municipal building will be closed on Monday September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Justin Klingenberg reported the road department has completed the Crawford Road paving, roadside mowing is in progress and congratulations to Joe Yakich who recently passed his CDL Class A driving test. Another member of the road crew will be going for his test this week and we wish him good luck.

RECREATION REPORT – Mr. Rubino presented the following report: Completed Park Rentals for the month of July: 13 Scheduled Park Rentals for the month of August: 17

Recap:

Silver Sneakers, Pound, and Yoga Fitness Classes continued through July.

The Ohio Township Community Day took place on Saturday, July 20th at 5pm. Activities included a fire truck parade, Touch-A-Truck event, vendor booths, food trucks, demonstrations, live music, axe throwing, a cornhole tournament, bounce houses, a firework display, and more. Despite it being a hot and humid day, there was a good turnout and lots of positive feedback from vendors and participants.

The second summer movie in the park played on Thursday, July 25th at dusk. Our final movie, Wonder Park, is scheduled for Thursday, August 8th at dusk. It'll show behind the Nature Center.

A learn to draw and paint session of classes started on Tuesday, July 16th, and will continue on through August.

Ohio Township participated in the Recreation Alliance of North Pittsburgh's Special Needs Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 3rd from noon to 2pm. The free event took place at Franklin Park's Blueberry Hill Park, and activities included outdoor games, lunch, and themed crafts.

Upcoming Events

Fern Hollow Nature Center is hosting a Nature Explorers Camp at the park on August 5th through 9th, from 9am to noon.

A senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th. It is a free event, and the special guest will be instructor and artist Ron Jesiolowski, who will do a basic nature drawing lesson for the group.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. Beatty opened the public hearing to discuss proposed ordinance #334, authorizing the incurring of Nonelectoral debt for the purpose of providing funds for a capital improvement project by the issuance of general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$6,300,000. This would result in a \$160,000+ savings to the Township. This ordinance repeals Ordinance #333 (passed at July meeting). **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve Ordinance #334. The motion carried.**

There were no comments from the public. Mr. Beatty closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. Sullivan noted receipt of a letter of thanks from the family of Officer Daniels. Corporal Don Manz played the bagpipes at the funeral.

Mr. Sullivan read a letter of thanks from Allison Park Church. The church sent a \$500 donation to the township as a contribution to Community Day.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the work on Mt. Nebo Road from Arndt Road to Lowries Run has been delayed and when it starts, the time for the work will be from 8 pm to 6 am instead of during daylight hours.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next monthly meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 2019.