

**OHIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2020**

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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, February 3, 2020 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS – None. Mr. Beatty wanted to address a comment that was heard recently regarding Mr. Tom Larkin and his service to Ohio Township. Mr. Larkin has been the current Fire Marshall for 22 years; he is a retired Fire Company Chief after serving 40 years; he continues to be an active volunteer firefighter for 61 years; for the last 15 years he has been the current Emergency Management Coordinator; he is a current member of the Planning Commission for 15 years; he is an active member of the Allegheny Fire Chiefs Association and Member of the By-Law Committee; he is a retired police officer serving 17 years and former president of the North Suburban Fireman’s Association. Mr. Larkin has lived in Ohio Township for 61 years where he and his wife raised their 3 daughters and he has 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. The Township of Ohio wishes to thank Tom Larkin for his many years of continued service to this community.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Beatty announced that the minutes were posted on the bulletin board. Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle, 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 January. 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 \$297,107.13 which covers checks #28994 to #29165 (PNC Bank), Check #1327 for the total of \$1,643.31(DEA) and Checks #1097 to #1099 for the total of \$41,071.65 (State). 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 January is as follows: The Ohio Township Police Department responded to 199 calls. 35 Alarms, 5 Disabled Vehicles, 13 Thefts/Theft Reports, 4 false fire alarm, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 10 Traffic Accidents, 18 Medical Emergency/ Assistance Calls, 33 Traffic Citations, 2 Traffic & Parking Problems, 3 animal complaints, 2 vehicle/building lockouts, 2 disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace, 6 suspicious person/circumstances/autos, 8 assist other agencies, 5 road department callouts, 3 welfare checks and 46 Miscellaneous Calls.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Penfield submitted the emergency and fire report for the month of January as follows: The Ohio Township Fire Department responded to 20 calls. 7 Vehicle Crashes, 5 fire alarms, 1 natural gas odor, 2 structure fires, 2 containment details, 1 physical rescue, 1 vehicle fire, and 1 animal rescue.

MS4 Report – Joe Jackson reported he is currently preparing for our DEP inspection coming up this month. He also gave a project update on the Sewickley Crossing development. A majority of the stormwater pond is on grade. The contractor needs one more day to finish remainder.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Ohio Township has been designated a 2020 Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities. On March 6th the Board of Supervisors will attend a community recognition event where they will be presented with a certificate acknowledging the Township’s commitment to sustainable practices including professional development, intergovernmental cooperation, sound fiscal management and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders.

MANAGER’S REPORT – Mr. Sullivan reported the municipal office will be closed on February 17th in observance of the Presidents Day holiday. Mr. Sullivan also reported that he along with Jason Hines and Bob Huffmyer (both members of the Planning Commission) met with Franklin Park Manager Rege Ebner and members of the Franklin Park Planning Commission to discuss the potential of a joint Comprehensive Plan. Representatives of the Department of Economic Development were also in attendance. A grant will be applied for through DCED to assist in the work.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Justin Klingenberg reported with the mild winter season, the road department has been able to work on equipment and facility maintenance and preparing for the upcoming DEP inspection.

RECREATION REPORT – Mr. Rubino presented the following report: Completed Park Rentals for the month of December: 12 Scheduled Park Rentals for the month of January: 10 Scheduled Park Rentals for the month of February: 11

Recap:

Fitness classes including Yoga, Silver Sneakers, Pound, and Walk Live continued through January. Sewickley Public Library’ Storytime at the Nature Center started its winter session in January. Storytime takes place on Mondays at 10am in the lower level of the Nature Center. A new session of painting classes for adults started on Thursday, January 23rd.

Upcoming Events

Two Recreation Alliance of North Pittsburgh events are coming up in February. A Special Needs Valentine’s Day Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 7th from 6-8pm at the Nature Center. Individuals of all ages can register for \$5 per person. The Winter Special Needs Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday, February 22nd from 12-2pm. This free event includes lunch, games, crafts, music and more. The theme of the event is winter/hockey related, celebrating the anniversary of the Miracle on Ice. Family Fun Day is also open to all ages and takes place at the Cranberry Municipal Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Beatty stated we have the Municipal Records Retention and E-Mail Retention Guideline Policy for Consideration. **Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle to approve the policy. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have the Teamsters Road Department 4 Year Agreement (2020 to 2023) for consideration. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve the agreement. The motion was carried unanimously.**

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mike Witherel reported “on January 30, 2020 the developer of the proposed senior living facility on Josephs Lane requested an extension of the conditional use granted February 4, 2019. Such uses are for one calendar year, and expire unless permits have been issued or the supervisors grant an extension. No permits have been issued so that the conditional use grant expires today unless extended”. The request to extend the conditional use was denied by the Township Supervisors.

Mr. Witherel has drafted an amendment to the zoning ordinance to remove the term “life care facility/ senior adult living community” as a conditional use in a C-2 zone. This amendment has been forwarded to the County for review and the Planning Commission will review at their February 17, 2020 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – None. Mr. Sullivan spoke of some misinformation that is being heard about the traffic light at Mt. Nebo and Nicholson Roads. This traffic light is the result of many years of hard work by

the Supervisors of Ohio, Mr. Sullivan, and PennDot. This improvement was in the planning stages long before any housing development along Nicholson Road was introduced.

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 7:55 p.m. The next monthly meeting will be Monday March 2, 2020.