

OHIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2015

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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, January 5, 2015 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 all three supervisors, Herb Hartle, Jim Reid and Tom Beatty.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS – Mr. Dave Pilarski, 154 Brighton Drive, asked the Supervisors to revisit the punch list regarding the catch basin located between his home and 156 Brighton. He states that it is “sinking”. Mr. Sullivan stated that the Township will look into this and determine who is responsible to make any corrections, if necessary.

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 December. 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 \$316,507.76 which covers checks #20032 to #20153 (PNC Bank), Checks #1234 to #1240 for the total of \$11,867.32 (DEA), and Checks #1055 to #1057 for the amount of \$28,504.64 (State Fund). Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid approving the invoices due for payment. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Sullivan reported that the skid steer will be paid off in the spring leaving only the bond refinancing payments.

POLICE SUMMARY –The police summary for the month of December is as follows: The Ohio Township Police Department responded to 226 calls. 24 Alarms, 7 Disabled Vehicles, 3 Domestic Disturbances, 3 Theft Reports, 6 Fires (including alarms founded/unfounded), 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 Suspicious Circumstance, 3 Animal Complaints, 13 Traffic Accidents, 21 Medical Emergency/Assistance Calls, 26 Traffic Citations, 2 Lockouts (Vehicle/Bldg), 5 Traffic & Parking Problems, 2 road department call outs, 24 foot patrols, 3 welfare checks, 3 civil disputes, 2 wires/poles down, 4 suspicious auto, and 70 Miscellaneous Calls. Chief Micklos stated that Allegheny County reported 3700 calls this past Saturday due to the ice storm.

FIRE REPORT - Chief Frazier submitted the emergency and fire report for the month of December as follows: The Ohio Township Fire Department responded to 17 calls. 3 Vehicle Crashes, 6 Fire Alarms, 2 Structure Fires, 1 Natural Gas Leak, 2 Carbon Monoxide Alarms, 1 wire down, 1 containment detail, and 1 smoke investigation. Chief Frazier reported the fire department responded to a total of 246 fire/rescue calls in 2014.

PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no December Planning Commission meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Effective January 1, 2015, the Allegheny Health Department’s new open burning regulations took effect.

The regulation, in place since 1970, is broadened to apply to any fire or combustion which occurs in a chiminea, fire pit, outdoor fireplace or grill as well as its longstanding application to any fire or combustion from which air contaminants pass directly into the open air without passing through a flue.

The size of a wood fire can be no more than 3 feet wide, 3 feet long and 2 feet high. The setback requirement is at least 15 feet from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area. Materials that may be burned are limited to clean wood, propane or natural gas, with exceptions for charcoal in outdoor fireplaces or grills used for cooking and for fire logs, paraffin logs or wood pellets used in outdoor fireplaces.

The full text of the revised open burning regulation and other information related to wood burning are posted on the Health Department's website at www.achd.net/air/.

MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mr. Reid noted the road department has been working on snow removal and equipment maintenance. During this past Saturday's ice storm, the road crew needed to install the chains on the trucks in order to salt the roads.

RECREATION REPORT – Completed rentals for December – 3. Park rentals for January – 3. Since 2015 rental pricing was set last month we have had 15 rentals scheduled for 2015 so far. Dates are being set for 2015 programs and some programs are anticipated to start in February. Fitness, arts and crafts, and educational classes through the library are expected to start soon. Major events in the Spring include the annual egg hunt and the father/daughter dance. Residents with suggestions and ideas for new programming can reach out to the Parks and Recreation Director, Andy Rubino.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Beatty stated we have Resolution No. 1-15 for approval. This is a resolution authorizing the execution of a contribution agreement between the Commonwealth of PA DOT and Ohio Township. **Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle to approve Resolution No. 1-15. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have Resolution No. 2-15 for approval. This is a resolution re-appointing John Sullivan to the Ohio Township Sanitary Authority. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve Resolution No. 2-15. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have Resolution No. 3-15 for approval. This is a resolution re-appointing Tom Larkin to the Ohio Township Planning Commission. **Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle to approve Resolution No. 3-15. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have Resolution No. 4-15 for approval. This is a resolution setting real estate millage at 2.29 for 2015. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve Resolution No. 4-15. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have Ordinance No. 316 for consideration. This is an Ordinance for the continued participation in the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve Ordinance No. 316. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have the Avonworth Soccer Association Rental Agreement for consideration. This is a one-year term with automatic renew each year. One change to the agreement is the allowance for the soccer association to use a shelter to sell concessions with the stipulation that all litter must be removed and the shelter left in clean condition. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve the ASA Soccer Rental Agreement. The motion was carried unanimously.**

SOLICITORS REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. Sullivan reported the township received a letter from a Neville Island business owner commending Det. Hanny. Det. Hanny responded to a burglary with theft of several

thousand dollars' worth of lumber and tools at a construction site. Det. Hanny processed the scene, took fingerprints and located the suspect. All stolen items were recovered.

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 7:47 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be February 2, 2015.