

**OHIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 11, 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, March 11, 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 began the meeting by first explaining the recent property tax increase from 2.29 to 3.09. The Fire Company, due to membership decline, asked the township for more financial help. The amount of financial support rose from \$193,800 to \$400,000; the Mt. Nebo Road Widening project, union contract negotiations, hospitalization, pension and MS4 stormwater mandate also contributed to the need for the tax increase.

Chief Rob Penfield from the OTVFD explained the current situation with membership and the time requirements of a volunteer firefighter. The Fire Department is solely maned by volunteers who dedicate their time completing required training, responding to emergencies, meeting attendance, and their own time commitments, there just isn't enough time for fundraising activities.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS** – Several residents were in attendance and many had comments. The majority of those in attendance were from the Traditions of America community Sewickley Ridge. Mr. Ray Ratica, 107 Freedom Lane expressed his thoughts of being blindsided by the tax increase; Mr. Gerry Marshall, 109 Presidents Drive, apologized to his community members for not passing on the information about the tax increase from a previously attended meeting; Mr. Tom Shipley, 201 Freedom Lane, requested more information on the website including the budget details; Mr. Matt Klein, 105 Overlook Drive is a newer resident and asked about the Mt. Nebo Road Widening project and requested more information on the website. Ms. Joyce McCormick, 157 Independence inquired about the fire company financial support. Ms. Paula George, 176 Freedom Lane thanked all the volunteers and requested information be inserted into the bills. Ms. Marilyn Mosso, 228 Overlook Drive wanted a breakdown of where the tax money will be spent. Mr. Steve Helm, 129 Presidents Drive thanked the volunteers and stated the fire company needs more Christmas trees to sell; Mr. Paul Weidman, Highpoint Road noted the millage rates of surrounding communities and thanked township officials for being frugal. Ms. Lynne Short, 112 Freedom Lane wanted more information on the insurance rating of the fire department; Ms. Sue Abele, 114 Union Court inquired about the availability of commercial property within the township.

**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 February. 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 \$154,850.22 which covers checks #27431 to #27569 (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 February is as follows: The Ohio Township Police Department responded to 241 calls. 31 Alarms, 19 Disabled Vehicles, 5 Thefts/Theft Reports, 4 false fire alarms, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 4 Traffic Accidents, 21 Medical Emergency/ Assistance Calls, 31 Traffic Citations, 8 Traffic & Parking Problems, 2 domestic disturbances, 4 foot patrols, 6 suspicious person/ circumstances/autos, 9 assist other agencies, 6 road department callout, 12 warnings, 2 criminal

mischiefs, and 75 Miscellaneous Calls. Chief Hanny reminded everyone about the increase in scam phone calls and for residents to be aware of the scam type phone calls and to not give any information over the phone and to contact police if they have any questions.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Penfield submitted the emergency and fire report for the month of February as follows: The Ohio Township Fire Department responded to 37 calls. 6 Vehicle Crashes, 2 fire alarms, 1 vehicle fire, 3 structure fires, 4 trees down, 10 wires down, 3 carbon monoxide alarms, 2 water conditions, 3 gas leaks, 1 containment, and 2 brush fires.

**MS4 Report** – Joe Jackson reported he completed a presentation to Avonworth 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class at Avonworth Primary Center.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** – Avonworth School District is presenting Disney's *The Little Mermaid* as this year's spring musical. Senior Citizens within the Avonworth School District are invited to a dress rehearsal at 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. A light meal at intermission will be served. Reservations must be made in advance by March 27<sup>th</sup> by calling Cindy Donovan at (412) 369-8738 x-1504. The regular show dates are April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. For tickets, email [avonworthtickets@gmail.com](mailto:avonworthtickets@gmail.com) after March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – Mr. Sullivan reported the municipal office will be closed on April 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Justin Klingenberg reported the road department has been working on the snow removal and maintenance on the equipment. There was a small slide on Crawford Road that has been repaired and the crews are out filling potholes.

**RECREATION REPORT** – Mr. Rubino presented the following report: Completed Park Rentals for the month of February: 12 Scheduled Park Rentals for the month of March: 9

**Recap:**

Pound, Beginner Yoga and Meditation, Boot Camp, Walk Live, and Zumba classes were held through February. Classes will continue on weekdays in March.

Sewickley Public Library Storytime's winter 2019 session will continue on Mondays at 10am in March. Kids Nutrition Kitchen's classes will continue through March on Thursdays at 1pm.

The Recreation Alliance of North Pittsburgh's Special Needs Valentine's Day Dance was held on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Nature Center. 35 participants enjoyed the music, decorations and refreshments.

The Recreation Alliance's Special Needs Family Fun day was also held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12-2pm at the Ross Township Municipal Center. The dinosaur themed event included games, a free lunch, crafts, and other activities.

Fern Hollow Nature Center held their first Maple Sugaring event at the Ohio Township Community Park on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am.

**Upcoming Events**

A Drawing and Painting Nature Workshop will start on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Classes will take place from 11:15am-1:15pm, and will run on Tuesdays until April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Classic Silver Sneakers Flex classes will begin on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Classes will be ongoing on Mondays, with more to be added on other days if attendance is up.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Beatty stated we have a 2-lot consolidation on Shannopin Drive for consideration. **Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle to approve the 2-lot consolidation. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have Resolution 10-19 for consideration. This is a resolution appointing Eric Heinauer, 706 Harmony Road, to the Avonworth Community Park Executive Board. **Mr. Hartle made a motion to approve Resolution 10-19. Mr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – None.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m. The next monthly meeting will be Monday April 1, 2019.