

**OHIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 2018**

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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 5, 2018 at the Ohio Township Municipal Park, 325 Nicholson Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

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.

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 regular meeting minutes as posted. The motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Sullivan read the treasurer’s report for the month of February. Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle, 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 \$169,210.55 which covers checks #25754 to #25885 (PNC Bank); Checks #1079 to #1081 for the total of \$43,792.27 (State Aid). Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle 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 282 calls. 27 Alarms, 13 Disabled Vehicles, 10 Thefts/Theft Reports, 7 Fires (including alarms founded/unfounded), 2 motor vehicle accidents, 12 Traffic Accidents, 26 Medical Emergency/Assistance Calls, 37 Traffic Citations, 6 animal complaints, 17 foot patrols, 7 vehicle/building lockouts, 10 suspicious person/ circumstances/autos, 9 assist other agencies, 12 road department callouts, 20 warnings, 9 frauds, and 58 Miscellaneous Calls.

FIRE REPORT – Assistant Chief Smith submitted the emergency and fire report for the month of February as follows: The Ohio Township Fire Department responded to 24 calls. 7 Vehicle Crashes, 3 gas odor, 1 tree down, 5 fire alarms, 2 Co alarms, 2 RIT, and 4 structure fires.

MS4 Report – Joe Jackson reported he continues with regular inspections of E & S controls, following up on private BMP inspections and continued maintenance on municipal owned stormwater infrastructure.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – The Allegheny League of Municipalities has announced that Ohio Township has been awarded the status of a “2018 Banner Community”. A Banner Community distinguishes themselves as a model community through a commitment to sustainable practices included professional development, intergovernmental cooperation, sound fiscal management and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders.

The Township Supervisors will be presented with a certificate of recognition on March 23rd.

MANAGER’S REPORT – None.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Justin Klingenberg, the road superintendent, reported the road department has been patching potholes and working on drainage issues within the township.

RECREATION REPORT – Mr. Rubino presented the following report: completed rentals for the month of February: 3 Scheduled Park Rentals for the month of March: 5

February Recap:

Zumba, Walk Live, Boot Camp, and Yoga Classes continued on weekdays through February.

Story Time with Sewickley Public Library continued its winter session on Mondays at 10am.

Kids Nutrition Kitchen classes started on Thursday, February 1st, and continued on Thursdays in at 1:30pm.

The Recreation Alliance of North Pittsburgh's Special Needs Family Fun Day was held on Saturday, February 24th at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building from 12pm-2pm. The free event included games, lunch, crafts, and a DJ. Ohio Township was represented at the event and provided games, crafts, and food.

Upcoming Events:

Pound Fitness classes will take place on Mondays at 6:15pm starting on March 12th. Other fitness classes, cooking classes, and storytime will also continue through March.

A recreation program guide for 2018 will be released in March and will cover 2018 events at the park from the spring through the summer.

The Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt is scheduled for Friday, March 30th at 8:00pm. Children ages 8-12 are invited to participate. The Annual Egg Hunt for Kids will take place on Saturday, March 31st at 10:00am. Children ages 7 and under are invited to participate. Both hunts will include fun activities, and prizes. The cost is \$3 per child for township residents and \$5 for nonresidents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing was held to discuss Zoning Text Amendments and Zoning Map Changes. The amendment calls for the creation and addition of a new zoning district (Suburban Transitional); amendments to the existing definitions of Bed & Breakfast, Kennel, & Life Care Community; addition of a new definition(Mobile Food Vendor) including associated supplemental regulations for Mobile Food Vendors; amendments to Appendix E, the table of Authorized Uses, to include the Suburban Transitional Zoning District and associated uses in the S-T District, and to allow professional office as a conditional use in the R-2 Medium Density Residential District; amendments to Article XIII, Section 1301.21, altering the density and acreage requirements for Life Care Facilities/ Senior Adult Living Communities; and lastly, amending Article VI, Section 601, to add professional office as a principal conditional use in the R-2 District.

Also discussed were several Zoning Map Changes including rezoning several parcels near the Duff Road/Mt Nebo Road/Nicholson Road area from R-2 Medium Density Residential to C-1 Limited Commercial (Lot and Block Numbers are attached).

A list of those residents in attendance who expressed their comments on the proposed zoning changes is attached. Comments from the citizens who opposed the changes included concerns with increased traffic, sight distance on Highpoint, traffic lights won't help with capacity, what types of commercial business have expressed interest, the current zoning ordinance is outdated, possibility of a voter referendum, increase in crime and to table the vote until the Mt. Nebo Road construction is complete.

Comments from those who are in favor included the changes would be a positive improvement, current homeowners voiced concern about the ability to sell their homes along Mt. Nebo as residences and that if zoned commercial would be a more favorable use.

After hearing all those in attendance, Mr. Beatty concluded the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mr. Beatty stated we have a Proclamation to declare the Month of April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month for approval. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve the Proclamation. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated that both Ordinance No. 324 and Ordinance No. 325 will be tabled. No action taken.

Mr. Beatty stated we have a 4 Lot to a 2 Lot consolidation for Pitell Homes for consideration. These lots are located along Cheryl Drive. **Mr. Hartle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reid to approve the 4 Lot to 2 Lot Consolidation. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Beatty stated we have Resolution No. 15-18 for consideration. This is a resolution appointing Eric Heinauer to the Acord Board. **Mr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartle to approve Resolution No. 15-18. The motion was carried unanimously.**

SOLICITORS REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

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 8:25 p.m. The next monthly meeting will be Monday April 2, 2018.