

**WORK SESSION**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Pamela Bossart, Louis Giavasis, Albert Leno, II, Claude W. Shriver, II, Eric Williams, Lisa Sabina-Campbell, Joe Iacino, Steve Peroz, John Sabo, Todd A. Alexander, Chuck Kegley.

Tom Pieper, President of the Plain Township Historical Society was present with several other Society members.

The work session convened at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Pieper introduced himself and said we were here to talk about the 2009 Bicentennial Celebration in Plain Township. Plain Township was founded March 16, 1809. He presented the Board and those present with agendas and ideas from a former meeting and turned the meeting over to Al Leno. Mr. Leno stated that he thought this was a great thing for Plain Township and shared some of his experiences having chaired a committee for the Hall of Fame Board. Lisa said that she had met with Jim Wilson, the owner of Oakwood Square and asked him if he would be willing to put together the carnival at the same time as our bicentennial celebration in 2009 and his answer was absolutely. She also indicated that she would review with those interested, a **business owners' list** of those in the Township to see which business owners would like to serve on the committee and get involved. Mr. Leno expressed his desire to work with the committee and said that his experience has taught him that once the committee is formed, it is exciting and rolls right along and everybody does their job. Tom said that they had planned on some historical publications and also making a list of historical homes in the Township. There were suggestions about individuals to be asked to chair the steering committee; also a co-chair and then six to eight committee chairmen. The idea about a time capsule and planting an elm tree was discussed as well as the sale of elm trees. Mr. Bryan Rice will also be asked to be involved with this committee. There was detailed discussion and very good discussion and ideas that came about. The next meeting will be at the February 26<sup>th</sup> with the Historical Society to continue their planning.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OPENING:** The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bossart, who led the staff and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

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Media present: Cal Peters, WHBC; Natalie Lariccia, the Repository; **Betty O'Neill**-Roderick, Akron Beacon Journal.

**AGENDA:** Added to the Agenda **for the Sheriff's Report** was #2 – Middlebranch Road by Mr. Leno.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

1. North Gate at Alpine

There was discussion by Mr. Alexander as to the unlocking

**of the north gate at Alpine. He said that he didn't think** it was that much of a detail during the winter months, however, he was contacted by someone who walks in the morning and they like to enter that way because of the traffic, etc. in the morning entering over at the south gate. He said that our people would be opening, if the Sheriff, as a team effort would just check to make sure it is locked.

2. Middlebranch Road  
Mr. Leno that he was in the area of Middlebranch Road and Alpine today that the traffic was backed up from Middlebranch School all the way to Alpine and almost to Easton Street. He was concerned as to any emergency vehicles being able to get thru to go to a scene out that area. This was due to the school reduction in busing and is probably going to go on for some time. After detailed discussion, Mr. Sabo said this would not be the first time they have encountered a problem like this and certainly they would have to go much slower to get to an area of an emergency and they would take all precautions. The Sheriff **present said there really wasn't anything** they could do except supervise the situation and hopefully, this will be a minimal concern if the buses start running again if the busses start running again and pick these children up. There was a lot of concern by the Trustees and those present that it is just a matter of time until time until something very seriously happens.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nothing on Agenda

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Vehicle

#08-041 Motion By: Mr. Giavasis,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Plain Township Board of Trustee, Stark County, Ohio to purchase a Chevy Colorado from Taylor Chevrolet on state contract #GDC093E in the amount of \$13,794.50 from Fund #1000-4110-430-0000.  
Seconded by Mr. Leno.  
Vote: Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

2. Tax Incentive Review Council

#08-042 WHEREAS, Plain Township currently is a participant in an enterprise zone with other jurisdictions; and  
WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code requires a tax incentive review council to organize and review existing tax incentive agreements and recommend changes to the Ohio Department of Development; and  
WHEREAS, two members are required to be appointed from each township within the zone;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio that Pamela Bossart and Albert Leno be appointed to represent Plain Township on the Tax Incentive Review Council; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to appoint Lisa Campbell as alternate

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member to the Tax Incentive Review Council.

Seconded By: Mrs. Bossart

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

- 3. Job Ready Sites Program Notification – Mrs. Campbell went over this program and said that it is normally for large industrial areas and Plain Township does not have an area that would comply for this.

**FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:**

- 1. Pending Warrants –

#08-043 Motion by Mr. Giavasis,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the payment of pending warrants in an amount of \$317,378.69 as attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.  
Seconded by Mrs. Bossart.  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes.

- 2. Regular Payroll –

#08-044 Motion by Mr. Leno,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize payment of the regular payroll in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.  
Seconded by  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes.

- 3. Payment of Medical Claims –

#08-045 Motion by Mr. Giavasis,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize payment for the following medical claims as provided by AultCare:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01/15/08	12449	\$33,311.92
01/22/08	12458	29,727.02

Seconded by Mrs. Bossart.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes.

- 4. The Investment report was given and accepted by the Board.
- 5. Sunny Corner Deli – Liquor Permit – held to the next meeting to see if there are any complaints as it is across from Avondale School.
- 6. EMS Refunds

#08-046 Motion By Mr. Leno,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize a refund as follows for overpayments for Emergency Medical Services as requested by Ohio Billing, Inc.:

<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
The Salvation Army	\$ 670.00

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AultCare(for Vicky Sakellariou)

282.42

Seconded By: Mrs. Bossart.

Vote: Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes.

#08-047 7. Street Lights – Saratoga Hills Phase III

Motion By Mr. Giavasis,  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees created the Saratoga Hills Lighting District on March 8, 2005 (Resolution #05-112); and

WHEREAS, a request to add four additional lights in Phase II was approved on November 27, 2007 (Resolution #807-676);

WHEREAS, a request has been received from Lemmon & Lemmon Inc. to add one light in Saratoga Hills Phase III;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to approve an additional metered street light to be located as follows:

2955 Cloverhurst Street NE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Plain Township Board of Trustees to authorize the Plain Township Fiscal Officer to certify this cost as a special assessment to the property owner to the Stark County Auditor and to inform American Electric Power to install the additional light.

Seconded By: Mrs. Bossart.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mrs. Bossart.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

#08-048 1. 2007 Annual NPDES Report  
Motion By: Mrs. Bossart,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with ME Companies to write the 2007 NPDES Report and to address all comments from the EPA; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize payment to ME Companies in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid from Fund #1000-4110-599-0000.  
Seconded By Mr. Leno.  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis.

#08-049 2. Planning Commission Dues  
Motion By: Mr. Giavasis,  
WHEREAS, on December 7, 1999 (Resolution #99-666) the Plain **Township Board of Trustees resolved that it is in the Township's** best interest to join the Stark County Regional Planning Commission;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the payment of \$3,000.00 in membership dues to the Stark County Regional Planning Commission for the year 2008 from Fund #1000-4110-599-0000.  
Seconded By: Mr. Leno  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

#08-050 1. Purchase of Medic Box  
Motion By Mr. Giavasis,

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2008 Lifeline Highliner Ambulance Conversions from Pfund Superior Sales under Ohio State Term Schedule #7723300208 – Index #STS 233, in the amount of \$120,467.00 to be taken from Account #2281-4230-740-0000.

Seconded by Mr. Leno.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mrs. Bossart.

#08-051

2. Medical Physicals

Motion By Mr. Leno,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the state-required medical physicals for firefighter/paramedic candidates at AultWorks, Aultman Hospital and Aultman West not to exceed the amount of \$5,500.00 to be paid from the 2281-4320-599-0000 account.

Seconded By: Mrs. Bossart.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mrs. Bossart.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

1. The Annual Report was submitted. This is also the report that is **submitted to the Stark County Engineer’s office.**

2. Sale of Scrap Metal

#08-052

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10(A) provides that the Board of Trustees may sell property at private sale, if the Board determines that: 1) the property is no longer needed; and 2) the value of the property is less than \$2,500.00; and WHEREAS, the Township has accumulated scrap metal which it no longer needs and which has a salvage value of less than \$2,500.00;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio that said scrap metal is sold.

Seconded By: Mr. Giavasis.

Vote: Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Leno.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT:**

1. Notice of Public Hearing – this is a variance hearing to be heard on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Township Hall.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

1. JSWMD Grant – Joint Solid Waste Management District Grant was given by Mr. Alexander. This year he applied and was granted \$2,400.00 and we were very proud of that.

2. Storm Water Report – There will be meetings held on February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> of this year at the Diamond Community Center and he will see that flyers are distributed.

3. License to Operate – The license to operate the public water system at the Diamond Community Parks was received, will be included in these attachments and displayed at the Diamond Community Center.

**LAW DIRECTOR:**

No report given.

**CENTRAL MAINTENANCE:**

No report given.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Ohio Township Association – Since we are a member of OTARMA, we have been granted two free on-line classes of our choice to be used by staff or department heads.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#08-053 Motion by Mrs. Bossart,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to waive the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held, January 8, 2008 and make them a part of the record as if read in their totality; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held, January 8, 2008 as presented.  
Seconded by Mr. Leno.  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

#08-054 Motion by Mrs. Bossart,  
  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn to executive session at 7:34 p.m. from this regular meeting of January 22, 2008 as authorized under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) for the purpose of the consideration of:  
1. (a) appointment of a public employee or official  
(b) employment of a public employee or official  
(f) compensation of a public employee or official  
3. a conference with the law director or other retained counsel concerning pending or imminent court action  
Seconded by Mr. Giavasis.  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

#08-055 Motion by Mrs. Bossart to return to regular session at 8:27 p.m.  
Seconded by Mr. Leno.  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#08-056 Motion By Mrs. Bossart,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to increase Michael Lasick’s hourly rate to \$7.35 per hour, effective immediately.  
Seconded by Mr. Leno.  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

#08-057 Motion By Mrs. Bossart,  
WHEREAS, on Ocotber 9, 2007 (Resolution #07-606), the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio authorized payment of \$6.85 per hour to part-time recreation supervisor Colleen Geabler; and  
WHEREAS, on January 1, 2008 the Ohio Minimum Wage was increased to \$7.00 per hour;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain

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Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to increase **Colleen Geabler's hourly rate to \$7.00** effective January 1, 2008.

Seconded By Mr. Giavasis.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

#08-058

Motion by Mrs. Bossart,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio shall hire Teresa Santora as the Plain Township Road Secretary at an hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour plus full benefits for a probationary period of 90 days starting February 4, 2008.

Seconded By Mr. Leno.

Vote: Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

#08-059

Motion by Mrs. Bossart,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adopt the attached Management Benefits Package.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached Management Benefits Package be effective immediately, however, it is the intent and desire of the Plain Township Board of **Trustees that for all provisions requiring an employee's anniversary** date to accrue for the necessary benefits, this contract be deemed to have been effective at the **employee's most recent past anniversary** date so that the benefits within this package will be effective and accrued as if this package were in place for purposes of the accrual of benefits dependent upon anniversary dates in calendar year 2007.

Seconded By: Mr. Leno.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

#07-060

Motion by Mr. Leno,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn at 8.29 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Bossart.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mrs. Bossart, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

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Pamela S. Bossart  
Trustee

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Louis P. Giavasis  
Trustee

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Albert P. Leno, II  
Trustee

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claude W. Shriver, II  
Fiscal Officer