

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Giavasis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Fire Chief John Sabo who made a presentation to honor eight long time Plain Township Volunteers Firefighters who recently retired. This is continued under New Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#09-102 Motion by Chairman Giavasis,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn to executive session at 5:50 p.m. from this regular meeting of March 24, 2009 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
- (c) dismissal of a public employee or official
- (f) compensation of a public employee or official
4. preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees

Seconded by Member Bossart.

Vote: Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.

#09-103 Motion was made by Chairman Giavasis to return to public session at 6:04 p.m.

Seconded by Member Leno.

Vote: Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.

WORK SESSION

ATTENDANCE:

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

Lisa introduced Craig Mottice with Huntington Insurance who once again reviewed our current medical insurance plan with the Board to see how we could save money. Mr. Mottice said the average premiums for a single plan were \$421 and family is **\$1090. Plain Township's family average is \$1259.** Average contribution is \$50 for a single and \$144 for a family. He mentioned the use of a health savings account which is a wave of the future, this is where the Township can contribute to the deductible. As an example if there was a \$2,000 deductible, the Township would be allowed to contribute \$1,000 to the **individual's account and the individual would be able to contribute** \$1,000 pre-taxed to the account thru payroll deduction. There were two things he would look at – one would be to raise the deductible from \$100 to \$200 and also evaluate the premium contributions. He said 32% of our claims are due to the prescription drugs. The average is 18% and ours is 32%. The Board had a few questions. Lisa suggested forming a committee from the different departments to meet with Craig and put together some thoughts as to how they might save money on our healthcare premiums.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#09-104 Motion by Chairman Giavasis,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn to executive session at 6:49 p.m. from this regular meeting of March 24, 2009 as authorized under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) for the purpose of the consideration of:

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- (b) employment of a public employee or official
- (c) dismissal of a public employee or official
- (f) compensation of a public employee or official
- 4. preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees

Seconded by Member Bossart.

Vote: Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.

#09-105

Motion was made by Chairman Giavasis to return to public session at 7:01 p.m.

Seconded by Member Leno.

Vote: Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Giavasis who led the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Pamela Bossart, Louis Giavasis, Albert Leno, II, Claude Shriver, Lisa Campbell, Eric Williams, John Sabo, Todd Alexander, Joe Iacino, Chuck Kegley and Steve Peroz. Media present: **Betty O'Neil**-Roderick, Akron Beacon Journal; Edd Pritchard, Repository and Cal Peters from WHBC.

AGENDA: The following was added to the agenda: New Business #2 – Orchardale; Fire Department #2 – Fire Department Chaplain; #3 – On Call Combat Firefighters; and Road Department #1 – Oakwood Plaza. The agenda was accepted.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

- 1. No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

#09-106 1. Firefighter Recognition
Motion by Chairman Giavasis,
WHEREAS Roger Flading, Kevin Lanzer, Gerry Noble, Richard Schwitzgable, Ronald Serena, Rob Skolmutch, Timothy Weir and Gene Williams as dedicated members of the Plain Township Fire Department have served the citizens of Plain Township for a combined 274 years.

WHEREAS, their commitment and passion in the performance of their duties have undoubtedly saved lives and property;

AND WHEREAS, their unselfish sacrifice of time and personal life styles have built and defined the good reputation of the Plain Township Fire Department.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees to recognize and honor these Firefighters for making Plain Township a safer community by presenting them with a Plain Township Fire Helmet as per attached inventory list.

Seconded by Member Bossart.

Discussion: Chairman Giavasis on behalf of the Board thanked the firemen and their families for their commitment to the Township over the years for their service as did Chief Sabo.

Vote: Member Leno, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes; Member Bossart, yes.

#09-107 2. Orchardale
Motion by Member Leno,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize payment to M.E. Companies in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 for engineering services for final design of the Orchardale Drive/Dapplegray Street

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Intersection Storm Sewer Improvement Project from Fund #1000-4390-306-0000.

Seconded by Chairman Giavasis.

Discussion: Mrs. Campbell announced that through a Community Block Development Grant received, the project will only cost the Township \$7,000.

Vote: Member Bossart, yes; Member Leno, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.

BICENTENNIAL UPDATE:

- 1. Update of Events

Mr. Campbell gave an update of the Bicentennial festivities and said they are coming along very as planned. He reviewed each **month's activities saying the church bell ringing was on March 16;** coming up will be the Earth Day Tree Planting on Wednesday, April 22; the Cruise In Car Show/Balloon Liftoff on Saturday, June 6th and the Bicentennial Parade, Festival and Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 18.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

#09-108 1. Pending Warrants
Motion by Member Bossart,
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 \$302,096.66 as attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Seconded by Member Leno.

Vote: Chairman Giavasis, yes; Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes.

#09-109 2. Regular Payroll
Motion by Chairman Giavasis,
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 \$220,000.00.

Seconded by Member Bossart.

Vote: Chairman Giavasis, yes; Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes.

#09-110 3. Medical Claims
Motion by Member Leno,
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>
3/17/09	15226	\$23,265.68
03/24/09	15227	18,012.52

Seconded by Chairman Giavasis.

Vote: Chairman Giavasis, yes; Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes.

4. Investment Report – was given and accepted by the Board with no questions.

#09-111 5. Transfer of Funds
Motion by Chairman Giavasis,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the following transfer of funds:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1000-4110-599-0000 – Other Expenses	1000-4110-591-0000 – Bicentennial	\$ 12,394.00
1000-4110-599-0000 – Other Expenses	1000-4210-370-6010 – Contract - Police Services	.80
1000-4610-599-0000 – Other Expenses	1000-4610-322-0000 – Garbage & Trash Removal	600.00

Seconded by Member Bossart.

Vote: Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1. Online Access to Meeting Minutes
Mrs. Campbell pointed out a recent article in the Canton

Repository gave Plain Township a very good mark in online access to meeting minutes on their website.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- #09-112 1. Tuition Reimbursement – Stephen Ash
Motion by Member Leno,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to grant the request for tuition reimbursement of Stephen Ash attached hereto and authorize payment in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 to be taken from Account #2111-4220-599-0000.
Seconded by Member Bossart.
Vote: Member Leno, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes; Member Bossart, yes.
- #09-113 2. Fire Department Chaplain
Motion by Chairman Giavasis,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the hiring of Reverend William R. Pawson of Westminister Community Church as a Plain Township Fire Department Chaplain whose duties are defined on the attached job description.
Seconded by Member Bossart.
Discussion: Chief Sabo introduced Reverend Pawson to the Board who is a Plain Township resident.
Vote: Member Leno, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes; Member Bossart, yes.
- #09-114 3. On-Call Combat Firefighters
Motion by Chairman Giavasis,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the hiring of:
Kevin Andrzejczyk
Kenneth Clapsaddle
John Forberg
John Guiffre
Mark Neading
Jack Patterson
Daniel Rhodes
Timothy Rice
David Schwitzgable
Sean Venosdale
Scott Wagner
Randy Wilson
To the newly created position of On-Call Combat Firefighter/EMT as per the attached job description effective April 1, 2009 at 12:01 a.m. for a one year probationary period at \$10.00 per hour.
Seconded by Member Leno.
Vote: Member Leno, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes; Member Bossart, yes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

- 1. Oakwood Plaza – Chairman Giavasis said he talked with the owners of the Oakwood Plaza and he would like to meet with the Road Department to see about putting in a road accessing the plaza to Easton Street and how wide it would need to be. Mr. Iacino said he did not think the Township had the authority that he would have to go through Regional Planning. After discussion it was decided that Chief Sabo and Joe Iacino would meet with the owners to discuss this as this had been talked before when there were thoughts of building a fire station on Township property.

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

- 1. Special Nuisance Abatement Meeting

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Mr. Peroz said the dates for these will be emailed to the Trustees as they were not available on the computer at this time.

PARKS & FACILITIES:

- #09-116 1. Plain Local Baseball/Softball Motion Member Leno,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the following exclusive rights to outdoor fields at Diamond Community Park:
 - The Challenger League will have exclusive rights to Field 1 during the spring season and we will waive the \$500.00 fee. In addition, the Challenger League will supply the home plates, pitching rubbers, and infield dirt and lime.
 - Plain Local Baseball will have exclusive rights to Fields 2, 3, 4, and 5 during the spring season and will pay \$500.00 per field for a total of \$2,000.00 and, in addition, Plain Local Baseball will assist with the purchase of infield dirt and the **repair of the field’s fence as their budget allows.**

Seconded by Member Bossart.
Vote: Chairman Giavasis, yes; Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes.

LAW DIRECTOR:

No Report

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE:

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Jackson Township Professional Firefighters – a thank you to Chief Sabo for sending firefighters to their Fire Expo
- 2. Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund – a memo from Stark County Regional Planning Commission regarding CORF application and funding
- 3. Stark County Prosecuting Attorney – regarding a Crimewatch meeting held on March 18th at Diamond Community Park
- 4. 2009-2011 Stark County CDBG – notice of public hearing on March 25 at 11 am. Lisa and Joe will attend this meeting.
- 5. Stormwater Mapping Requirements – Stark County Regional Planning Commission will hold a meeting on April 2nd to offer assistance with the creation of a comprehensive storm sewer system map.
- 6. Stark County Health Department and Stark Parks – will hold a meeting on April 6th on Rabies Awareness.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS:

- 1. Tim Brumbaugh – 41st Street NW, Katherine Darrah of 4306 Paige Ave NW and Nikki Smith of 8408 Arcadia NW were **present. Mrs. Darrah spoke about the “No Parking” sign placed on Paige Ave NW on both sides of the street and mentioned that most people living there are two-car families with single car driveways. Mr. Iacino indicated that this was done because there have been problems in the winter time when the snow ban is in effect. He has had to have the Sheriff go to doors and remove vehicles from the street so the plow could get through. Also Chief Sabo said it is creating a problem for emergency vehicles but when they did this, they knew it might cause a hardship for the residences. He and Mr. Iacino agreed to go back out and re-evaluate the situation.**

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2. Rick Griffith of 4210 Plain Center NE and Walter Gill of 4300 of Plain Center NE were present to register a complaint of noise and commotion going on at the home at the corner of Martindale and Plain Center Road. They are running all-terrain vehicles with loud mufflers all hours of the day and evening. It also appears they are running some type of a business with trees that come and go. After discussion, the Board will help them with this by having Mr. Peroz take some pictures and contacting the Sheriff and set up a meeting the County about the fill causing drainage problems. Mr. Giavasis will drive by in the evening.

CONCERNS OF TRUSTEES:

None

CONCERNS OF FISCAL OFFICER:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting March 10, 2009
#09-116 Motion by Member Leno,
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 March 10, 2009 and make them 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 March 10, 2009 as presented.
Seconded by Member Bossart.
Vote: Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes; Chairman Giavasis, Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Motion by Chairman Giavasis,
#09-117 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn to executive session at 7:56 p.m. from this regular meeting of March 24, 2009 as authorized under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) for the purpose of the consideration of:
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 Seconded by Member Leno.
Vote: Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.
Motion was made by Chairman Giavasis to return to public session at 8:20 p.m.
Seconded by Member Bossart.
Vote: Member Leno, yes; Member Bossart, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

1. Motion by Member Bossart,
#09-119 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.
Seconded by Member Leno.
Vote: Member Bossart, yes; Member Leno, yes; Chairman Giavasis, yes.

Pamela S. Bossart
Trustee

Louis P. Giavasis
Trustee

Albert P. Leno, II
Trustee

ATTEST: _____
Claude W. Shriver, II
Fiscal Officer