

**WORK SESSION**

Attendance: Scott Haws, Louis Giavasis, Albert Leno, II, Claude Shriver, Eric Williams, John Sabo, Joe Iacino, Chuck Kegley, Todd Alexander and Steve Peroz. Edd Pritchard with the Repository was present.

This work session had to do with Fire Station planning.

Chief Sabo opened the work session by saying that this was definitely a preliminary stage and that he was just going to lay out some new ideas for the site for different stations.

A - He said we have been planning for a site for some different stations. "We were going to talk about building or adding onto existing buildings." He read portions of the master plan which talked about the additions or adding onto various fire stations so that the fire stations would be located for a 25 year grow-out. He also went over reasons for the passage of the levy and read articles from the Akron Beacon Journal and also the Canton Repository. Melinda Smith from Harris Day was present to go over the new plan that he proposed. Chief Sabo explained that there would be approximately be two million dollars spent and that we were probably in our 5<sup>th</sup> year of sitting with that money to be used for the buildings. So he said that there were actually four things that needed to be approached:

#1 - he wanted to talk to Todd Alexander with regard to the park on Schneider

#2 - they wanted to talk to the architect

#3 - they wanted to talk to Al Leno

#4 – and what was presented tonight

So the presentation had to do with placing a new fire station near the Schneider Street park or on the Schneider Street park property. It was discussed that when first told by about this, Mr. Leno was very upset until he calmed down. It was explained to him that a fire station doesn't really need to look like a fire station, it can look like part of a park perhaps done in a "Lincoln log" fashion or a rusted fashion. He now feels it's an excellent idea and would be a great service to the community. Chief Sabo went over different ISO ratings and how they would change if this would to come to fruition. It also includes storage space to be used by the Parks Department. Melinda from Harris Day handed out a three page hand-out and talked about restrooms that would be incorporated to it with flush toilets with a private entrance for the public. There will be another work session on April 27<sup>th</sup> to consider the location and the project. The Board of Trustees overall were very inspired by these preliminary plans and the ideas. It was an exciting and electric discussion about how to properly in the future protect our citizens in the way of Fire Safety.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OPENING:** The regular meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Giavasis who led the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Scott Haws, Louis Giavasis, Albert Leno, II, Claude Shriver, Eric Williams, Lisa Campbell, John Sabo, Joe Iacino, Chuck Kegley, Todd Alexander and Steve Peroz. Media present: Edd Pritchard, Repository and Betty O'Neil-Roderick, Akron Beacon Journal.

**AGENDA:** Added under Communications #3 – Solid Waste District. Agenda was approved.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

1. MS4 Information

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Mrs. Campbell wanted to inform the Sheriff's department that there are inspectors out in the Township that wear a red vest. They are doing inspections and they do have the proper credentials so if they calls this is legal and they will be within the Township for sometime.

2. Speeding – 55<sup>th</sup> & Gledhill  
This was a complaint registered with Mr. Haws, the Sheriff's deputies will get someone out there and take a closer look at that.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Ohio Public Utilities – Aqua Ohio  
A letter from Ohio Public Utilities saying that they had received our letter from the Township regarding the Aqua Ohio price increase and that will be placed in the file.
2. Dept of Liquor Control – Samantha's  
That is a request for a new liquor license. No hearing will be requested.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Property Maintenance Code  
Lisa was instructed by Mr. Giavasis to get the Property Maintenance Code from Jackson Township. After detailed discussion it was decided to get more information regarding the Property Maintenance Code via the Law Director. This topic will be brought up again for discussion with the Board. Mr. Giavasis felt very strongly that we needed to do something with some of these homes that are in foreclosure and owned by a bank. That it wasn't fair to the properties around them and having their property values depleted. Mr. Leno agreed, however, he said that sometimes it was difficult for people in certain areas of the Township and he didn't know quite how to put it. Todd said people that have the disparity in the standard in living, Mr. Leno said that that's what he meant they can't afford to do the necessary upkeep on their property. The Law Director will get more information on various property codes and how they have worked.
2. Cruise-In: June 5, 2010  
Mr. Haws went over the cruise-in that will be held on June 5, 2010 at GlenOak high school, and there is a flyer attached to these minutes.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

1. Pending Warrants  
#10-146 Motion by Mr. Haws,  
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 \$229,243.86 as attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.  
Seconded by Mr. Leno.  
Vote: Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes.
2. Regular Payroll  
#10-147 Motion by Mr. Haws,  
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 Mr. Giavasis.

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Vote: Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes.

#10-148 3. Medical Claims  
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 Benefit Services:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
03/30/10	17729	\$ 18,867.60
04/06/10	17739	12,529.30
04/13/10	17826	18,204.47

Seconded by Mr. Leno.

Vote: Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes.

4. Financial Report – was given and approved by the Board with no questions.

5. Dept of Liquor Control – Grinders  
That may be sent on because it is just a change of stock ownership.

#10-149 6. EMS Refund – Summacare Inc.  
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>
Summacare, Inc. (for Tala Alaskari)	\$ 480.00

Seconded by Mr. Haws.

Vote: Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. No Report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

#10-150 1. Monthly Report was given  
2. Resignation – Kenneth S. Clapsaddle  
Motion by Mr. Giavasis,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to accept the resignation of Kenneth S. Clapsaddle as a Plain Township Paid-On-Call Firefighter/EMT effective March 12, 2010 with regret.

Seconded by Mr. Haws.

Vote: Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Leno, yes.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

#10-151 1. Monthly Report was given  
2. Purchase of Fuel  
Motion by Mr. Leno,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the purchase of gasoline, oil, and diesel fuel at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 from Fund 2021-4330-420-3070.

Seconded by Mr. Haws.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Haws, yes.

3. Nimishillen Township – Roadway Sweeping  
Joe said he was contacted via letter by the Nimishillen Township Trustees who wanted to know if we would do their road sweeping

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for them and they would pay us. After little discussion the Trustees said that they were not willing to do that, we just purchased a new street sweeper. Certainly in an emergency we would help them out, but they needed to go ahead and do their own street sweeping because we did not want to have our own equipment diminished in the maintenance area because of going over and helping them out. There will be a letter sent to Nimishillen declining their request to sweep their streets.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT:**

1. Monthly Report was given

2. Nuisance Payments

#10-152

a) 5735 Beverly Avenue NE  
Motion by Mr. Giavasis,  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio has given notice to the owner of property located at 5735 Beverly Avenue NE (Parcel #52-17379) to abate the nuisance on this property (Resolution #10-126) on March 23, 2010; and  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees provided for said abatement through the services of Plain Township Maintenance Department at a cost of \$357.09; and  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees incurred costs for services and notification in the amount of \$77.80;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to instruct the Fiscal Officer to forward to the Stark County Auditor the Report to County Auditor of Township Action Regarding Abatement of a Nuisance certifying the total cost of \$433.89 to be placed on the property owner's tax duplicate.

Seconded by Mr. Haws.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

#10-153

b) 2102 Blake Avenue NW  
Motion by Mr. Giavasis,  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio has given notice to the owner of property located at 2102 Blake Avenue (Parcel #52-05210) to abate the nuisance on this property (Resolution #10-127) on March 23, 2010; and  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees provided for said abatement through the services of Plain Township Maintenance Department at a cost of \$317.60; and  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees incurred costs for services and notification in the amount of \$243.55;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to instruct the Fiscal Officer to forward to the Stark County Auditor the Report to County Auditor of Township Action Regarding Abatement of a Nuisance certifying the total cost of \$561.15 to be placed on the property owner's tax duplicate.

Seconded by Mr. Haws.

Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

#10-154

c) 7395 Rolling Ridge Road NE  
Motion by Mr. Giavasis,  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio has given notice to the owner of property located at 7395 Rolling Ridge Road NE (Parcel #52-11032) to abate the nuisance on this property (Resolution #10-128) on March 23, 2010; and  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees provided for said abatement through the services of Plain Township

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Maintenance Department at a cost of \$266.25; and  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees incurred costs for services and notification in the amount of \$225.15;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to instruct the Fiscal Officer to forward to the Stark County Auditor the Report to County Auditor of Township Action Regarding Abatement of a Nuisance certifying the total cost of \$491.40 to be placed on the property owner's tax duplicate.  
Seconded by Mr. Haws.  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

**PARKS & FACILITIES:**

1. Monthly Report was given.
2. Alpine Clean-up  
Todd went over this and said that they had finished the Alpine clean-up today
3. Earth Day  
Todd reminded that Earth Day will be coming up this Saturday.

**LAW DIRECTOR:**

No report

**CENTRAL MAINTENANCE:**

1. Monthly Report was given  
Mr. Kegley also said that the new Cruiser was in service and that it ended up that the insurance company paid approximately 22 % of the new cruiser that had to replace the one that was crashed and that the Township paid the balance of that cost.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. SR #43 Improvements Project  
Mr. Iacino said that he would be attending the meeting on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the planning and the widening of State Route 43.
2. Secretary of State  
The 2010 Issues Report is available and also is posted on the web.
3. Solid Waste District  
A letter from David Held of the Solid Waste District with a CD and a copy of their draft plan. The Township has 90 days to approve or disapprove the plan. Lisa will be reviewing that.

**CONCERNS OF CITIZENS:**

1. Judy Pocock – of 4207 Plain Center  
Was here again to complain about the property at 4001 Martindale Road. She said it's a mess and now the steps to the front porch have been removed, and it's a real eye sore to the people in the area and it also causes a low morale to the residents. Mr. Giavasis said he agreed and that it is a mess and thus the reason looking into Property Maintenance Code.
2. Judy Pocock – of 4207 Plain Center

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She wanted to know what the Township was going to be doing to inform people about the Plain City Corporation issue. Mr. Haws said that they could only state what the Ohio Revised Code says and requires when there is a Statutory form of government and that the question answers have been posted on the website.

3. Roy Barr – of 39<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Presented a complaint about the March 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes, whereby Mr. Giavasis testified in a commission where the commission had talked about liquidating Township government. He wanted to know if the letter was sent out. Mr. Giavasis said he didn't know whether the letter went out or not. Mr. Giavasis stated the facts regarding expense comparison to Township and municipalities. He said that there is absolutely no question that the government will increase in size if incorporated. He compared North Canton of 16,000 people on a 40 million dollar budget to Plain Township with 38,000 people and an 18 million dollar budget and he does not feel that there is anyway possible that the government would grow by leaps and bounds. Discussion ensued as to the aspects of the incorporation. Mr. Barr stated that Sam Sliman has told him on several occasions that his property will be an extension to the City of Canton and that did not sit well with him. Mr. Giavasis and other Board members stated that they did not blame him for that. The Board thought that they all have the same goals in their heart to protect the Township and have the same interest. However, as elected officials they have to look at whatever the citizens want. Mr. Giavasis went over the history of annexation fights which began in 1993, Mr. Haws pointed out the Ohio Revised Code requirements for an incorporated municipality within the State of Ohio and Mr. Leno also agreed with the other two Board members in the fact that this is going to be too costly for the citizens should it pass and the people just simply not be able to afford nor would the government be able to afford to provide the services without escalating the cost. A point of order, Mr. Shriver stated that due to the length of this discussion the tape would be available and that if someone wanted to there is a fee involved but if they wanted a copy of the tape there could be a duplication made and that is on tape number two of April 13, 2010.

**CONCERNS OF TRUSTEES:**

None

**CONCERNS OF FISCAL OFFICER:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Regular Meeting March 23, 2010  
#10-155 Motion by Mr. Giavasis,  
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 23, 2010 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 23, 2010 as presented.  
Seconded by Mr. Leno.  
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, Yes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

PLAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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- #10-156      Motion by Mr. Giavasis,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees,  
Stark County, Ohio to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.  
Seconded by Mr. Leno.  
Vote: Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

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Scott M. Haws  
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