

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Haws, who led the audience in pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Louis Giavasis, Albert Leno, II, Scott Haws, Claude Shriver, Eric Williams, Don Snyder, Joe Iacino, Nick Campanelli, Chuck Kegley and Todd Alexander. Lisa Campbell is out on medical leave. Media present: **Ty Lee, North Neighbor News and Betty O’Neil Roderick,** Akron Beacon Journal.

AGENDA: The agenda was accepted as presented.

SHERIFF’S REPORT:

- 1. Yearly Report
The yearly report was given by Detective Hostetler. He said the total calls were 16,330 in 2011 compared to 17,110 in 2010. The reports were down to a total of 5168 compared to 5838 in 2010. Traffic citations were down 28.8% at 2315. Crash reports were up 4.9%; robbery-in-progress report was 1; burglary was down 2.54%. Vehicle maintenance stood at under 0.5¢ per vehicle. Thirteen of the cars have over 100,000 on them. Vehicle replacement was discussed. Investigations were at 237 cases assigned with 115 being closed with arrests and out of the 237, 118 were burglaries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- #12-054 1. Amendment to Management Package
Motion by Mr. Haws,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to amend the Management Package as attached.
Seconded by Mr. Leno.
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Security of Building
Interim Administrator, Joe Iacino said with the dispatch center moving probably by **April to the Sheriff’s office there was concern** and we needed to start planning on how we will be securing the building after and before homeowner association meetings, Holly Hill sign-ups, etc. There was discussion about card swiping type machines to automatic door locks. They will be getting with Mr. Skolmutch and come back with more ideas at the next meeting.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:

- #12-055 1. Pending Warrants
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 \$254,515.92 as attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.
Seconded by Mr. Haws.
Vote: Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes.
- #12-056 2. a) Regular Payroll
Motion by Mr. 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.

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

- #12-057 3. Medical Claims
Motion by Mr. Haws,
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> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 01/24/2012 | 21657 | \$19,544.77 |
| 01/31/2012 | 21674 | 7,123.15 |
| 02/07/2012 | 21679 | 22,003.98 |
| 02/14/2012 | 21781 | 7,253.35 |

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

4. Financial Report – was given. There were no questions and it was accepted by the Board.

- #12-058 5. Appropriation of Permanent Funds
Motion by Mr. Haws,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Plain
Township, Stark County, Ohio that to provide for the current
expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during
the fiscal year, ending December 31, 2012, the following sums be
and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the
several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and
during said fiscal year, as attached.

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

ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Dominion East Ohio – AMR Cost Recovery Charge
A letter from Dominion East Ohio talking about an automatic reader device with the recovery charge being 55 cents per month. Currently it is 57 cents. This will allow them to read the meter without them coming into the building.
2. Stark County Health Dept. – District Advisory Council Meeting
This meeting will be held March 1st at the Stark County Health Department at 7:30 p.m.
3. Stark County Health Department – Phase II Stormwater Program
We will no longer have charges to us in the future but we can still call them should we need them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- #12-059 1. Monthly report was given.
2. Health Care Reimbursement – Robert Ramey
Motion by Mr. Giavasis,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to reimburse Robert Ramey \$287.55 for his Health Care Memberships according to Provision 37 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement to be taken from Account #2111-4220-599-0000.
Seconded by Mr. Leno.
Vote: Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Leno, yes.
- #12-060 3. Pre-Hiring Process – 2nd Step – Class II Firefighter/Paramedic
Motion by Mr. Giavasis,

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WHEREAS,
James Russell II, Adam Farley, Brandon Ogden, Adam Gladysz, Ronald Difrancesco, Jonathan Hofstetter have successfully **completed the Township’s assessment of the skills and medical** physical needed to perform essential job functions;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio that James Russell II, Adam Farley, Brandon Ogden, Adam Gladysz, Ronald Difrancesco and Jonathan Hofstetter be hired as of this date as Class II Career **Firefighter/Paramedic’s** with a twelve (12) month probationary period.

Seconded by Mr. Haws.

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

- #12-061 4. Payment – Allen & Hartzell, Inc.
Motion by Mr. Leno,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize payment to Allen and Hartzell, Inc. for the supplemental insurance policy in the amount of \$6,454.00 to be taken from Account #2111-4220-222-0000.
Seconded by Mr. Haws.
Vote: Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Leno, yes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

- 1. Monthly Report was given.
- 2. Seasonal Weight Restrictions
Mr. Iacino reported on the Stark County Engineer’s seasonal weight restriction compliance which is going to require that we have a 25% signage on the road reduced weight when it is freezing or thawing. The Department is getting a list of the roads in the Township that this would be applicable to. We will have the expense of getting the signs; however, the Stark County **Engineer’s Department will take it from there.**
- 3. Stark County Engineer Annual Meeting
This will be on Friday, April 27th at 9 a.m. with Road Superintendents and on Saturday, April 28th at 9 a.m. with Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers.

- #12-062 4. Purchase of Fuel
Motion by Mr. Haws,
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. Giavasis.
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes; Mr. Haws, yes.

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

- 1. Monthly Report was given.
- #12-063 2. RPC Annual Dinner
Motion by Mr. Haws,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize any Zoning Department Staff, Administrator, Fiscal Officer, Law Director, members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Plain Township Board of Zoning Appeals, and members of the Plain Township Zoning Commission to attend the Stark County Regional Planning Annual Dinner Meeting on Wednesday,

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March 21, 2012 at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge and to further authorize payment of \$27.00 per person to the RPC Seminar and Meeting fund in an amount not to exceed \$540.00

Seconded by Mr. Leno.

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

PARKS & RECREATION:

1. Monthly Report was given.
2. Cruise In Car Show
This was discussed. Mr. Haws said that though this is the 4th year **for it, he needed to bow out. He didn't want to commit to it** and not be able to deliver first class. However, he was aware of a person who would step forward. He said it was very important that we consider sponsorship again. Mr. Leno talked to this and said it was a great program and exposed the Township. People enjoyed the car show. We will be moving forward with this and it was stated that either the weekend of July 1st or the first weekend in August would be considered. This will be held at the Diamond Community Park.
3. Middlebranch Trail Grand Opening
Mr. Alexander announced that on June 2, 2012 the Middlebranch Trail will be opened. It is a connecting trail of Stark Parks. It is a 10 mile trail. There will be a celebration on June 2nd.
4. Concession Stand Report
Mr. Alexander thanked Joyce Ichikawa for her fine work managing the concessions at Diamond Park. The concessions had gross sales of \$47,169.31 and a net profit of \$21,088.02 contributing \$2,979.70 to various volunteer organizations.

LAW DIRECTOR:

No Report

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE:

1. Monthly Report was given.
2. Purchase Commercial Vehicle Diagnostics
#12-064 Motion by Mr. Haws,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the purchase of Diagnostic Scanning Equipment from Snap-On Tools not to exceed \$5,978.96 to be divided between the Road Department and Fire Department, Road Fund 2021-4330-740-0000 in the amount of \$2,989.48; Fire Department Fund #2111-4760-740-0000 in the amount of \$2,989.48.
Seconded by Mr. Giavasis.
Vote: Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The Jerry McClain Companies – Stephanie Metzger
A thank you to the Zoning Office and especially to Stephanie **Metzger's help.**
2. Stark County Association of Realtors
A letter describing their mission and showing their contact information.
3. Fire Prevention – Thank You

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This thank you was also from The Jerry McClain Companies to Troy Slabaugh for his attendance and showing support of their Assisted Living Project.

4. **Earth'N Wood** – 2011 Yard Waste Summary & Survey
A letter showing the collection totals for the 2011 yard waste program.

CONCERNS OF CITIZENS:

1. Suzanne Garver – 5915 Linder Circle NE – asked where we brought the salt for the roads and where we kept it.
2. Tony Paone – 5676 Linder Circle NE – read an article regarding methane in the water and wanted to know who notified the Township. Where they notified by the State, County or Health Department regarding the methane in the water. Mr. Giavasis said he talked with Paul DePasquale who is with an investigator. We have not been contacted by ODNR, however, he did say Mr. DePasquale said there many sources for the methane; it could be pre-existing and that ODNR was the only official agency that could do the actual testing to find out the origin of the problem.

CONCERNS OF TRUSTEES:

1. House Bill Amendment 386, HB 50 and OTA-CLOUT commissioned report on cost of government Bill 386 which is a bill that says that 50% of the money from casinos would come back to municipalities. This bill is of special interest to the Trustees and should be to the Township as it is not really explicit as to how much of that 50% of the money would go to the Township. Mr. Giavasis reported as of today there was a vote and it did go back to committee so the township would still have a chance to voice their concerns. With regard to HB 50, Mr. Haws said this had to do with some annexation language that would give more rights to the township; however, when it came it out it was washed out and rather weak. He expressed the need for the Trustees of all townships to be more vocal at the State level. He also talked about the CLOUT meeting he attended. There was a report from the Toledo University that attempted to claim the township government was more expensive; however, there was no backing to prove it. The Ohio Township Association will commission a study. Mr. Giavasis pointed out that our budget for 40,000 residents is \$18 million and the City of North Canton has a \$40 million budget and they only have 17,000 residents. He said if you just look at those numbers it will probably tell you that township government is more effective.

CONCERNS OF FISCAL OFFICER:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting January 24, 2012

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#12-065 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 January 24, 2012 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 January 24, 2012 as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Haws.

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

#12-066 2. Special Meeting – February 7, 2012
Motion by Mr. Haws,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to waive the reading of the minutes of the special meeting held February 7, 2012 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 February 7, 2012 as presented.
Seconded by Mr. Giavasis.
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#12-067 Motion by Mr. Haws,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn to executive session at 7:14 p.m. from this regular meeting of February 14, 2012 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
4. preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees

Seconded by Mr. Giavasis.

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

#12-068 Motion was made by Mr. Haws to return to public session at 7:23 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Leno.
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

#12-069 Motion by Mr. Haws,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn to executive session at 7:40 p.m. from this regular meeting of February 14, 2012 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
4. preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees

Seconded by Mr. Giavasis.

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

#12-070 Motion was made by Mr. Haws to return to public session at 9:22 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Leno.
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- #12-071 1. Shaun Card
Motion by Mr. Haws,
WHEREAS, Shaun Card was hired on October 11, 2011 as a full time maintenance worker in the Parks & Facilities Department and has successfully completed the 90-day probationary period on January 8, 2012;
THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees that Shaun Card be paid the hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour with full benefits beginning February 15, 2012;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees that Shaun Card be paid the hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour retroactive to January 8, 2012.
Seconded by Mr. Leno.
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.
- #12-072 2. Terrence Nickles
Motion by Mr. Haws,
WHEREAS, Terrence Nickles was hired on October 11, 2011 as a full time maintenance worker in the Parks & Facilities Department and has successfully completed the 90-day probationary period on January 8, 2012;
THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees that Terrence Nickles be paid the hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour with full benefits beginning February 15, 2012;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees that Terrence Nickles be paid the hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour retroactive to January 8, 2012.
Seconded by Mr. Leno.
Vote: Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

- #12-073 Motion by Mr. Haws,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Leno.
Vote: Mr. Haws, yes; Mr. Leno, yes; Mr. Giavasis, yes.

Louis P. Giavasis Trustee	Albert P. Leno, II Trustee	Scott Haws Trustee
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ATTEST: _____
Claude W. Shriver II
Fiscal Officer