

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting of March 18, 2008

The meeting of the Parkman Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Trustees-Kevin O'Reilly, Lucinda Sharp-Gates and Patrick Joyce, Fiscal Officer-Nancy Wheelock, Tom Evers, John Augustine, John Gable, Gayle Gable, Guy Roper, Kathy Roper, John Sabo, Moe Arnett, Marvin Mullet, Debbie Wilson and Larry Weaver. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Kevin to waive the reading of the March 4, 2008 regular meeting minutes and to approve as corrected. (Resolution No. 08-46) Motion carried unanimously.

Public Discussion

Larry Weaver, resident of Owen Road, discussed the water drainage problem on Owen Road with Road Superintendent, Tom Evers and the Board of Trustees. Mr. Weaver feels the property owners should take responsibility to redirect their water runoff from the roadway.

Guy and Kathy Roper, residents of Curtis-Middlefield Road in Trumbull County, were in attendance to advise the Board on the poor condition of Swine Creek Road in Parkman Township. Curtis-Middlefield Road in Trumbull County changes to Swine Creek Road in Geauga County. The Roper's expressed their concerns on the safety of the road. A discussion was held on speed limit reduction and road maintenance.

Marvin Mullet, resident and property owner of 16170 McCall Road, informed the Trustees on the events he has encountered over the years with his property deed search. Mr. Mullet reported that he has had his six parcel property surveyed and researched the history of the road (lane) known as West Street, which borders his property. Mr. Mullet advised that the Gingerich property and his property are the only properties using West Street as a right of entry to their property. Mr. Gingerich can also access his property from Main Market Road (US Route 422) and Mr. Mullet has applied for a variance from ODOT to move his driveway access to McCall Road (State Route 88). Marvin Mullet asked the Board to consider vacating West Street. The Board of Trustees advised that they may consider vacating West Street. This matter will be discussed further at a later date.

Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer
  - a. Appropriation Transfer -- The Fiscal Officer presented an appropriation transfer for approval. Lucinda moved, seconded by Patrick, to authorize the following appropriation transfer:

2031-330-230-0000 to 2031-330-211-0000 - \$3500.00

(Resolution No. 08-47) Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Permanent Appropriations – The Fiscal Officer presented the 2008 permanent appropriations for review and approval. A motion was made Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to approve the permanent appropriations as presented for a total amount of all funds of \$1,252,575.58. (Resolution No. 08-48) Motion carried unanimously.

- Roads

- a. Road Material – Tom gave an updated road report on maintenance of Township roads and requested approval to purchase additional road material. A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Kevin to authorize the purchase of 1700 Tons of steel slag at \$13.50/ton from Zeigler Earthworks. (Resolution No. 08-49) Motion carried unanimously. Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to authorize the purchase of 1350 Tons of limestone at \$17.90/ton from Arms Trucking. (Resolution No. 08-50) Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Truck Repairs – Tom reported on recent truck repairs. The rear brakes have been replaced on the Ford truck as well as the water pump. The water pump was replaced under warranty, but the labor was not. The labor will cost approximately \$500.00. Also, the radiator on the truck went bad and has been replaced with a used radiator.
- c. Fire Alarms – In light of the catastrophe that occurred in the City of Chardon with the loss of their snow removal and road equipment due to fire, Tom suggested the Trustees consider installing alarm systems at the Township garage and fire department. The Trustees asked Tom to collect quotes to install alarm systems at said locations.

#### Old Business

- a. Telephones – Lucinda reported she spoke to the telephone company regarding the Township telephone system. After reviewing the Township telephone account, Lucinda suggested reducing the amount of telephone lines on the account. A discussion was held on the use of cell phones for Township business. Lucinda will continue to investigate this matter.
- b. Owen Road Assessment – Patrick reported that he spoke to the County Engineer's office to determine if a property assessment is an option for the culvert replacement and ditching project on Owen Road. This project may not be eligible as a road improvement assessment. Patrick will continue to explore the requirements for a road project assessment per the Ohio Revised Code and with communication with Geauga County Engineer. Patrick also plans to analysis the cost for the Owen Road project.

#### New Business

- a. Road and Bridge Levy – The 1.5 mill Road and Bridge levy passed at the primary election on March 4, 2008. The Township will begin to receive the tax revenue from this levy in 2009. A discussion was held on the purchase of a new truck to replace the 1990 truck. Tom was asked to check into the state bid program. The Board discussed road dust control for the summer months. Tom will collect quotes to oil the Township dirt roads.

- b. Car Show Parking – A car show has been planned for August 10, 2008 at St. Edward's Church. Ken Klima would like to use the baseball field located at the corner of Route 528 and Route 168 to park visitors attending the car show. The Trustees questioned the use of the field for parking if the ground is wet.
- c. Memorial Day – Kevin advised the Board that a deceased Parkman Township Veteran needs to be selected to recognize at the Memorial Day Observance in May. A discussion was held on reserving a golf cart and PA system for the Memorial Day service.
- d. Health District Advisory Committee – The annual meeting of Geauga County Health District Advisory Committee is scheduled for March 31, 2008. The Chair of each entity in Geauga County is required to attend. If the Chair is unable to attend, the Board must appoint another representative. Lucinda will attend the meeting. Patrick made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to appoint Lucinda Sharp-Gates to attend the annual meeting of the Geauga County Health District Advisory Committee as the representative for Parkman Township. (Resolution No. 08-51) Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Insurance – Patrick invited Debbie Wilson to address the Board on the insurance liability issue of vehicle damage caused from traveling on Township roads. Debbie insured the Board that the Township is not liable for vehicle damages as long as they maintain documentation on the maintenance of Township roads and attempt to resolve road complaints.

#### Executive Session

Lucinda made a motion at 10:00 pm, seconded by Patrick, to enter into executive session to discuss employee compensation. (Resolution No. 08-52) Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to move out of executive session at 10:20 pm. (Resolution No. 08-53) Motion carried unanimously. Lucinda moved, seconded by Patrick, to increase the hourly rate of Road Superintendent, Tom Evers to \$18.00/hour, effective March 16, 2008. (Resolution No. 08-54) Motion carried unanimously.

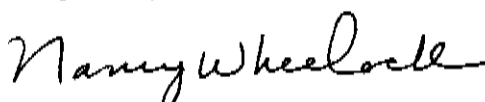
#### Motion to Pay Bills

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Kevin to pay the wages and bills from warrant #15656 through warrant #15659. (Resolution No. 08-55) Motion carried unanimously.

#### Adjournment

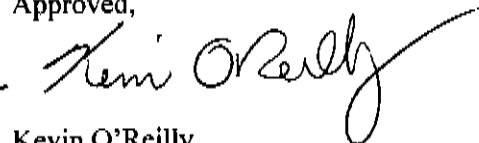
A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Kevin to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. (Resolution No. 08-56) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Wheelock  
Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Kevin O'Reilly  
Chairman