

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting of January 15, 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 Ever's and a group of Parkman Township residents. (See attached sheet.) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Lucinda to waive the reading of the January 2, 2008 regular meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 08-21) Motion carried unanimously.

Public Discussion

David Harker from Excalibur Exploration was present and questioned the status of the oil and gas lease sent to Parkman Township for signature. Excalibur Exploration will be drilling a gas well on the Leslien property which borderlines the properties of Overlook Cemetery and Overlook Park. The gas/oil drilling company needs to include part of the Township property to have the amount of property required for drilling. Kevin had sent the lease agreement to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Becky Schlag for review. The Board of Trustees received correspondence from Becky Schlag regarding the lease with questions, since this lease is a "non-drilling" lease. Becky would like to see another paragraph added to the lease. This will cover her concern of the company releasing any portion of the lands in the lease and reducing the money, but maintain all rights to the lands involved for the transportation of oil/gas as long as the pipelines are used by the Company. David Harker was advised that the recommended paragraph will be added to the lease, and the lease will be returned to the Prosecutor's office for approval before the Township will enter into the agreement.

A discussion was held with John and Gayle Gable regarding the truck traffic on Hobart Road. John Gable reported that semi trucks are still using Hobart Road as the Route 422 detour. Lucinda had contacted the Geauga County Sheriff's Department for a report on the violations from the extra patrol on Hobart Road contracted with the Sheriff's Department. The Board will review the report and decide if they will enter into another contract with the Geauga County Sheriff for extra patrol on Hobart Road.

Don Villers was present and requested action by the Board of Trustees on the following issues:

1. The drain at the corner of Route 88 and Nelson Road needs to be repaired by ODOT. Mr. Villers asked the Board to send a letter to ODOT requesting District 12 to inspect the drainage problem and remedy the situation.
2. The striping tape being used on the Route 422 construction project is peeling away and landing in property owners' yards near Grand River Estates. Don requested that Karvo Construction be instructed to clean up the deteriorated tape from the yards.
3. Junk cars are a continued issue in Parkman Township. Don wants the Board of Trustees to enforce this issue when the new junk cars Township zoning laws are in effect in March.

4. The Parkman Township Volunteer Fire Department EMS transports residents and non-residents to University Hospitals, Geauga Medical Center in Chardon. Don questioned why this emergency service can not be used to transport to other hospitals in the area such as Ravenna Hospital, Trumbull Hospital or St. Joe's Hospital. The Board will check with the Fire Department's EMS Advisor on the policies and procedures for transport.

A group of Owen Road residents were present to express their concerns on the road maintenance of Owen Road. Someone had left a notice at each property on Owen Road encouraging the residents to attend the Board of Trustees meeting of January 15<sup>th</sup> if they wanted to know the future plans for maintenance of Owen Road. Complaints were voiced on the condition of Owen Road on a recent winter morning. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, Waste Management claims they were unable to service the residents on Owen Road due to icy conditions. A resident's daughter also slid off the road due to ice. The Board explained that Tom has 27 miles of roads to maintain during a snow storm and follows a snow removal road schedule to clear the Township roads as quickly as possible. The residents questioned this procedure and asked that the roads be maintained with safety first. The residents and Trustees had a discussion regarding the endorsement of the road and bridge levy that will be on the March 4<sup>th</sup> election ballot. The Board explained the need for the 1.5 mill levy to maintain and improve Township roads.

Patrick Joyce presented a detailed list of events that occurred following a complaint received by resident, Sam Weaver for road maintenance on Newcomb Road. Patrick expressed concern on the way the complaint was handled by the road department and the Trustees, and requested team work in further situations pertaining to road maintenance. Road Superintendent, Tom Evers was instructed to document every complaint received by the road department and present a report at each Trustee meeting for review.

#### Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer
  - a. Signature Cards – The Fiscal Officer presented new signature cards for all the Township accounts at Middlefield Banking Company. The Trustees signed the signature cards which will add Patrick Joyce to the accounts and remove Alan Wilson from the accounts. The Fiscal Officer will return the signed signature cards to Middlefield Banking Company.
  - b. Request for Advance of Taxes – A letter was received from the Geauga County Auditor with the dates for the advance of taxes. Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to request for the advance of taxes from the County Auditor for the 2008 first half tax settlement. (Resolution No. 08-22) Motion carried unanimously.
- Roads
  - a. Grader Tires - Tom reported that the grader tires have been order and he is waiting for delivery.
  - b. Road Costs – Tom presented the Township road cost totals for 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 for the Board's review. A summary of the material used during

the winter of 2003-04, the winter of 2004-05, the winter of 2005-06 and the winter of 2006-07 and the amount of material used in 2007 were also distributed to the Trustees to analyze.

- Cemetery

- a. Cemetery Deeds –The Trustees signed the following cemetery deeds:

Andrea Gabrielson

Kimberly Soltis

#### Old Business

- a. Community House Water System – A letter was received from the Ohio EPA stating that the plans submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to install a Hydrogen Sulfide Removal System at the Community House has been approved. A copy of the letter was also sent to Kinetico Water Systems.

#### Motion to Pay Bills

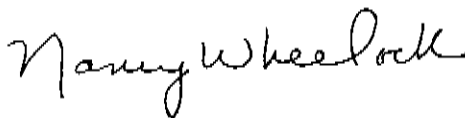
A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to pay the wages and bills from warrant #15523 through warrant #15540. (Resolution No. 08-23) Motion carried unanimously.

#### Adjournment

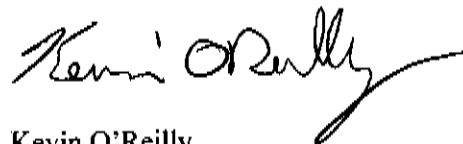
A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Lucinda to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m. (Resolution No. 08-24) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,



Nancy Wheelock  
Fiscal Officer



Kevin O'Reilly  
Chairman

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Meeting!

Debbie Wilson

Dale Komandt

Sue Blair

Courtney Sanders

Paul M. Komandt

Ken Phils

Ron Eastudge

Larry Weaver

John E. Kneier

Cynthia C. Casto

Carol Kneier

~~Moe Smith~~

Rachd Chadwick

John H. Hable

John H. Hable

~~Carol Kawabata~~

Roger HANNA

James Priem

James Priem

Scott Villers

ERIC PATTERSON

John J. Kneier

John Casto

Sandy Englehart

Richard Englehart

Don Villers