

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of February 5, 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 and Patrick Joyce, Fiscal Officer-Nancy Wheelock, Tom Evers, John Augustine, Wayne Komandt and several Township residents. (See attached sheet.) Trustee, Lucinda Sharp-Gates was out of town and not available to attend the meeting. 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 January 15, 2008 meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 08-25) Motion carried.

Public Discussion

Carol Kneier, Owen Road resident, thanked Road Superintendent, Tom Evers for maintaining Owen Road over the past few weeks. Mrs. Kneier expressed her gratitude for the condition of Owen Road during the recent weather conditions. Patrick commended Tom for the condition of all the Township roads throughout the heavy rain storms.

Departmental Reports

- Fire

1. Purchases – Wayne Komandt requested approval to purchase miscellaneous fire department equipment and supplies. Patrick moved, seconded by Kevin, to authorize the purchase of supplies for the new fire truck from WS Darley for the amount up to \$900.00. (Resolution No. 08-26) Motion carried. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to approve the purchase of air masks from Warren Fire Equipment for \$1000.00. (Resolution No. 08-27) Motion carried. A motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Kevin to approve the purchase of 2 sets of fire gear from Viking for the amount of \$2800.00. (Resolution No. 08-28) Motion carried.
2. Rescue Squad Transport – EMT Advisor, Joan Dillon sent a letter to the Board of Trustees to explain the policy of the Parkman Township rescue squad for patient transports. The rescue squad is required to transport patients to the nearest appropriate facility. The rescue squad no longer transports to St. Joe's Hospital in Warren or Robinson Hospital in Ravenna. Since St. Joe's Hospital moved to the east side of Warren, it is further away and no longer an option. The department has had problems with Robinson Hospital replacing the supplies used on a run. As the medical direction facility, the rescue squad only transports to Geauga Hospital under whose license and protocol they operate.

- Roads

1. Material – Tom Evers advised the Board that he is low on road material and requested approval to purchase 50/50 salt cinders and lite slag. Patrick moved, seconded by Kevin, to authorize the purchase of 100 Tons of 50/50 salt cinders

at \$31.50/Ton from the Geauga County Engineer. (Resolution No. 08-29) Motion carried. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to purchase 125 Tons of #57 lite slag at \$15.05/ton from Zeigler Earthworks. (Resolution No. 08-30) Motion carried.

2. Garage DSL – Tom asked the Board for approval to have DSL Internet service installed at the garage. Patrick made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to permit the installation of DSL service at the Township garage. (Resolution No. 08-31) Motion carried. Kevin recommended that Tom coordinate this installation with Lucinda. Lucinda is investigating into a more user friendly telephone system for the Township. The DSL service at the garage should be included in the new telephone system package.
3. Newcomb Road – Patrick presented a recap of the Newcomb Road situation after a complaint was received by resident, Sam Weaver for road maintenance. Patrick wants all complaints to be documented by the road department and presented to the Board of Trustees at each meeting for review. Tom presented a log-in form he has been using to record complaints and requested approval to continue to use the form. Patrick asked to table this subject and additional road maintenance issues to the next meeting when there is a full board.

- Zoning

1. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – Ron Misconin has agreed to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals for an additional term. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to appoint Ron Misconin to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term effective January 1, 2008. (Resolution No. 08-32) Motion carried.
2. Zoning Commission Board Alternate – Zoning Secretary, Connie Hasman had notified the Board that the Zoning Commission Board would like the Trustees to appoint another alternate. The Board only has one alternate beginning on January 1, 2008, since John Augustine resigned and Alternate, Leonard Hall was appointed as a member to the Zoning Commission Board. Due to work schedules, sometimes the second alternate is needed to have a quorum. Kevin will place an ad in the paper for Parkman residents to send a letter of interest for the vacant position.

- Cemetery

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

Thomas Regal
Ralph L. Payne
Ted Wojtasik

Mardean L. Regal
Donna Kay Payne
Sue Wojtasik

Old Business

- a. Old State Road – Patrick reported that he spoke to the Geauga County Engineer's office regarding the increase of traffic and speed on Old State Road due to the Route 422 construction project. Residents on Old State Road are concerned and have requested a speed limit reduction. Patrick advised that the County Engineer is working at the State level to address this issue.

- b. Hobart Road – The Trustees had reviewed the Geauga County Sheriff Department’s monthly Township report for January. The January report reflected only two violations on Hobart Road compared to 28 violations in December. A discussion was held on the subject of entering into another contract with the Geauga County Sheriff for extra patrol to apprehend violators on Hobart Road. Hobart Road residents, John and Gayle Gable updated the Board on the most recent violations observed, and noted they are not convinced that extra patrol should be paid by tax payer’s money. In their opinion, the Geauga County Sheriff, Portage County Sheriff and the State Highway Patrol should be providing this service to control the truck traffic and traffic violations.
- c. Route 422 Construction Project – Patrick reported on the ODOT meeting held on January 8, 2008. regarding the Route 422 construction project. The notes from the progress meeting will be published in the Parkman Paragraphs to update the residents on the project. Patrick is checking with Cory Anderson about setting up a link on the Parkman website for residents to access for up to date information on the US 422 construction project. Patrick’s objective is for improved communication between Karvo Paving, ODOT, Parkman Township residents and the Parkman Township Board of Trustees. Patrick has been in contact with Karvo Paving to insure that they are corresponding with the residents who are directly affected by the project. Karvo Paving will be distributing letters to the affected residents on access directions with the traffic switch scheduled for mid to late February.
- d. Route 88/Nelson Road Catch Basin – The catch basin problem at the Route 88 and Nelson Road intersection has been resolved. ODOT sent the project manager from the Route 88 resurfacing project to inspect the problem. A vac truck was sent to the site and the catch basin was repaired.
- e. Delineation Tape – Patrick noted that he received a response from Guido Bevilacqua of Karvo Paving regarding the striping tape blowing on to resident’s property near Grand River Estates. Mr. Bevilacqua advised that he went to the location and could not observe any tape on the lawns due to snow. He will return and check for material when the snow melts.

New Business

- a. Insurance – Debbie Wilson was in attendance to present the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) insurance proposal. The Trustees reviewed the insurance coverage for the Legal Liability-Third Party Claims, Automobile, Wrongful Acts, Property, Additional Fire Department and Statement of Values. Patrick moved, seconded by Kevin, to accept the OTARMA insurance proposal as presented for the amount of \$14,661.00, plus the cost to add the new heart monitor to the policy. (Resolution No. 08-33) Motion carried.

Motion to Pay Bills

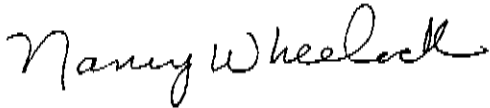
A motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Kevin to pay the wages and bills from warrant #15544 through warrant #15594. (Resolution No. 08-34) Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. (Resolution No. 08-35) Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,



Nancy Wheelock
Fiscal Officer



Kevin O'Reilly
Chairman

Gyle Gable

John M. Gable

Larry Weaver

May Burnett

John E. Kueier

Carol Kueier

Dalbie White

Carol Haveland

Maui Kennedy

Courtney Sanders

E. Wilson

Rose M. Kennedy

Wendy Anderson