

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of February 19, 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 Hasman, Michael Youshak, George Davet, Natalie Davet, John Augustine, Nelson Township Trustee-Bill Wilson and several Parkman Township residents. (See attached sign in sheet.) 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 February 5, 2008 regular meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 08-36) The vote was as follows: Kevin-yes, Lucinda-abstained, Patrick-yes. Motion carried.

Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer
 - a. Special Assessment Street Lighting Fund - The Fiscal Officer advised the Board that the balance in the Street Lighting Fund is depleted and will not cover the street lighting invoice for February. The 10 year street lighting contract with Ohio Edison has been expired for several years and an increase in the rates for street lighting has been expected. The Geauga County Auditor will release the street lighting assessment funds in early March with the first half tax settlement distribution. The Fiscal Officer will hold the Ohio Edison invoice for street lighting until the funds are available. The Fiscal Officer will check with the County Auditor on the course of action required to increase the amount assessed to the property owners in the street lighting district. The Board will need to determine the amount of funds to be assessed in the Street Lighting Fund for the present and future street lighting rate increases.

- Roads
 - a. Post Office Parking – Tom reported that he is having another problem with certain residents parking at the lot in front of the Parkman Post Office. This is causing an issue when Tom is snowplowing this area. Patrick will contact the residents and explain this concern. Kevin suggested posting snow ban signs at the parking lot.
 - b. Park Fence – Tom advised the Board of damages to the park fence caused by an accident that occurred on August 20, 2007. Tom made the repairs to the fence last fall for the amount of \$135.00. Tom has tried to contact the individual involved for reimbursement and has not received a response. Tom asked the Board if they want to continue to collect this amount for damages. The Trustees directed Tom to contact the Geauga County Prosecutor's office and ask Becky Schlag to take action to collect.
 - c. Road Material – Tom requested approval to purchase additional road material. A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Pat to authorize the purchase of 100 Tons of #57 lite slag at \$15.05/ton from Zeigler Earthworks. (Resolution No. 08-37) Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Truck Repairs – Tom reported on recent truck repairs. The water pump has been replaced and the rear brakes are in need of repair. The Trustees asked Tom to track all truck repairs.

- e. Truck Traffic – Tom presented pictures taken on Hobart Road showing damage to the ditch from a truck traveling on the local detour. Tom reported that trucks are sliding into the ditches on various Township roads and causing damage to culvert pipes and ditches. The trucks are calling for tow trucks to pull them out and no accident reports are being filed. Tom advised that an accident report is needed to recover the cost to repair. A discussion was held regarding the truck traffic on Hobart Road and Reynolds Road due to the Route 422 construction project. Patrick reported that he had a meeting with the Geauga County Sheriff Department regarding the enforcement of truck traffic on the local detour and was advised that enforcement is the issue. Patrick was informed that ODOT did not include Hobart Road, Reynolds Road or Farmington Road as thorough roads in the plans for the Route 422 project, so legally the trucks can not be sited for traveling on the local detour roads unless there is a traffic violation. It was suggested that ODOT be contacted to amend the plans. Patrick also reported that he spoke to ODOT's engineer regarding the 4-way stop at the intersection of Reynolds Road and Hobart Road. ODOT's engineer suggested posting dual stop signs and stop ahead signs at each corner of Hobart Road and Reynolds Road. Before the Route 422 construction project, there was a 2-way stop only on Hobart Road at the Reynolds Road and Hobart Road intersection. ODOT posted the additional stop signs on the Reynolds Road sides for the duration of the Route 422 project. The County disagrees with the state on the posting of the signs which has caused an issue with enforcement by the Geauga County Sheriff. Nelson Township Trustee, Bill Wilson was present and agreed to the posting of the dual stop signs on the Nelson Township side. The Parkman Township Board of Trustees and Nelson Trustee, Bill Wilson had a discussion on the frost law. The County Engineer sent a notice that the County Commissioners adopted a resolution to reduce by 33% the maximum load limit permitted on all County and Township roads effective February 11, 2008. A discussion was held on adopting a resolution to lower the road limit by 33% on Hobart Road and Reynolds Road to help eliminate some of the truck traffic. Patrick moved, seconded by Lucinda, to reduce by 33% the maximum load limit permitted on Hobart Road and Reynolds Road in accordance with Section 5577.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. This will be in effective when the County Engineer has been notified of the resolution and the signs have been posted. (Resolution No. 08-23) Motion carried unanimously. The Sheriff Department has agreed to set their truck scales at different locations to enforce the road limit. Nelson Trustee, Bill Wilson noted that Nelson Township has extra 33% load limit signs and will provide the signs to Parkman for posting on said roads. Tom will put up the load limit signs, the additional stop signs and the stop ahead signs on Reynolds Road and Hobart Road.

- f. Water Study – Tom asked the Board to request the County Engineer to do a water study on Deadend Shedd from the address of 17030 to 17121. Tom presented pictures of the water damage in this area. Kevin will send a letter to the Engineer's office with this request.

- g. Ditch Policy – The Board discussed adopting a Township ditch policy. Tom will work on drafting a policy stating that the cost of damages caused by plugged ditches and water drainage to Township roads are the responsibility of the property owners. Tom will check with the Engineer's office for assistance. The policy will be sent to the Prosecutor's office for approval before adoption.

- Zoning
 - a. Zoning Update – John Hasman was present to update the Board on the status of several zoning issues. John reported that David Hauser has applied for a zoning variance for his landscaping business located at 17917 Madison Road and a hearing will be scheduled with the Zoning Board of Appeals. John also reported that Sam Mullett, 17288 Farmington Road, has presented a zoning permit issued in 1988 for the activities at his property. John will check with the Prosecuting Attorney office's to confirm if the zoning permit is still valid.

Old Business

- a. Gas Lease – The non-drilling oil and gas lease agreement between Excalibur Exploration, Inc. and the Parkman Township Board of Trustees was presented by Kevin. The lease had been reviewed and approved by the Becky Schlag, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Patrick made a motion, seconded by Lucinda, to enter into an agreement with Excalibur Exploration, Inc. under the terms and conditions of the non-drilling oil and gas lease agreement. (Resolution No. 08-38) Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Life Insurance – Debbie Wilson advised the Board that Medical Mutual of Ohio will be providing group life, accidental death and dismemberment and short term disability insurance coverage for eligible employees who are actively working 20 hours or more per week. Tom Evers is the only employee eligible for this insurance. The Township is currently providing these benefits with Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company. The Trustees reviewed the coverage and agreed to transfer the benefits for life, AD&D and short term disability to Medical Mutual for a monthly charge of \$25.40.
- c. Kinetico Maintenance Agreement - Kinetico sent an agreement for maintenance services for the water treatment system at the Community House. Lucinda moved, seconded by Patrick, to enter into an agreement with Kinetico to provide maintenance services for the water treatment equipment at the Community House for annual payment of \$497.61. (Resolution No. 08-39) Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Township Buildings Sewer Tie-Ins – A discussion was held on the connection of the Road Department Garage, Community House and Fire Department Station to the sewage plant. Tom will check with the Department of Resources for direction on proceeding with the tie-in.

New Business

- a. CARE – Michael Youshak, George Davet and Natalie Davet were present to inform the Board of Trustees of an organization of citizens (Citizens Advocating Responsible Energy) who are opposed to The Geauga County – 138kV Transmission Line Supply Project being proposed by FirstEnergy. FirstEnergy is proposing construction of a new transmission line utility corridor through Thompson, Montville and Huntsburg townships. CARE members believe the FirstEnergy project will devalue the properties, damage the natural beauty and fragile ecology of the land and lessen the agricultural productivity of the land. The proposed power line will run through the farmland of Mr. Youshak in Huntsburg and the farmland of Mr. and Mrs. George Davet in Thompson. The CARE members asked the Parkman Township Board of Trustees to

adopt a resolution to support the position of the Citizens Advocating Responsible Energy organization to preserve the land in Geauga County. The Board will review the information provided by CARE and discuss this topic at the next meeting.

Motion to Pay Bills

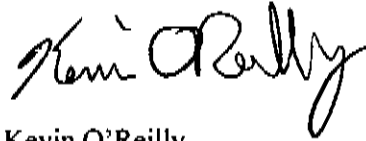
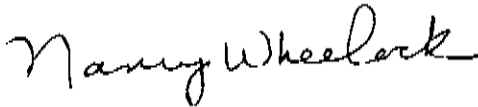
A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to pay the wages and bills from warrant #15595 through warrant #15619. (Resolution No. 08-40) Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Lucinda to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. (Resolution No. 08-41) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,



Nancy Wheelock
Fiscal Officer

Kevin O'Reilly
Chairman

1) Michael S. Youshatz

George DAVET

George DAVET (Natalie)

~~Max DAVET~~

John M. Dabbs

Ed Dabbs

Debbie Wilson

Casey Kawalowski

Marty Fuhry

W. Philip