

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of May 20, 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, Wayne Komandt, Mike Komandt, Dale Komandt, Ed Wilson, Julee Sedivy and Richard Sedivy. 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 May 6, 2008 regular meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 08-80) Motion carried unanimously.

Public Discussion

Richard and Julee Sedivy were present to express their concern on the recent speed limit reduction at Surrey Hill Subdivision to 35 mph. The Sedivy's recommended reducing the speed limit on Amblaire Drive and Barnstable Drive to 25 mph. Mrs. Sedivy presented a list of other subdivisions in the area with speed limits posted at 25 mph. Richard and Julee Sedivy believe 35 mph is too high-speed for a subdivision and asked the Trustees to consider changing the speed limit to 25 mph for the safety of the children. The Trustees agreed to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph at Surrey Hill Subdivision (Barnstable and Amblaire). Patrick made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to rescind Resolution No. 08-73, dated May 6, 2008 which changed the Surrey Hill Subdivision speed limit to 35 mph. (Resolution No. 08-81) Motion carried unanimously. Patrick moved, seconded by Lucinda, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a request has been made to this Board that the Statutory vehicular speed limit established by Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio is greater than that considered reasonable and safe on Surrey Hill Subdivision (Barnstable and Amblaire) from Old State Road to Old State Road in Parkman Township, and

WHEREAS, this board has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section described above, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 mph is unrealistic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Parkman Township, Geauga County, Ohio that:

Section 1. By the virtue of the provisions of Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio the Board of Township Trustees hereby determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit of 25 mph on Surrey Hill Subdivision (Barnstable & Amblaire) from Old State Road to Old State Road in Parkman Township.

Section 2. That this Board has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on this section of road described in section 1 hereof, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected.

(Resolution No. 08-82) Motion carried unanimously. Tom Evers will post the speed limit signs along the roadway in compliance with The Ohio Manual of Traffic Control Devices.

Ed Wilson, Parkman resident from Reynolds Road, voiced a complaint regarding the Route 422 project. Karvo Paving has closed the Route 422 and Reynolds Road intersection and has removed Ed's mailbox without any direction for mail delivery. A discussion was held on the inconvenience of the project for the residents involved in the construction area. The Board expressed their aggravations with ODOT, Karvo Paving and the entire Route 422 project. The Board of Trustees has no jurisdiction and can only make recommendations/suggestions to ODOT with no guarantee of action. Patrick will follow-up with Karvo regarding Ed Wilson's issue.

Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer
 - a. Street Lighting Assessment Fund – The Fiscal Officer reported that the street lighting assessment funds are depleted due to the increase of electric rates and there will not be any funds available until the 2nd half tax settlement in August. The Board will need to take action to increase the assessment collected from the property owners in the street lighting district. The assessment increase can only be arranged to begin for next year's tax collection. It was suggested by the Fiscal Officer to do an advance from the General Fund to the Street Lighting Assessment Fund to provide funds to pay the street lighting invoices this fiscal year. The Fiscal Officer will check with the Geauga County Auditor to verify an advance is acceptable by the Ohio Revised Code. Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to authorize the advance from the General Fund to the Street Lighting Assessment Fund if approved by the Geauga County Auditor. (Resolution No. 08-83) Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Snowmobile Club Donation – The Township received a donation from the Parkman Polar Bears Snowmobile Club for the use of the Community House to hold their meetings. Lucinda moved, seconded by Kevin, to accept the \$200.00 donation from the Parkman Polar Bears Snowmobile Club. (Resolution No. 08-84) Motion carried unanimously.
- Fire
 - a. Wayne Komandt was present and questioned the installation of a fire system at the fire department. Wayne, Tom Evers and the Board discussed the quote received from Able Security for a fire and security system at the fire department and the Township garage. Tom will contact Able Security and ask for a quote for the installation of a fire system only at each location.
- Roads
 - a. Sewer Tie-in – Tom Evers reported that he has contacted the County regarding the sewer tie-in for the Garage, Community House and Fire Department buildings. The County will send Tom the information needed for tie-in and inspections as well as the cost of the permits.

- Cemetery
 - a. Cemetery Update – Dale Komandt reported that 12 foundations will be poured at Overlook Cemetery this Spring. One of the foundations will replace a deteriorated foundation for a veteran’s headstone. Since there are no family members living in Parkman, Dale asked the Trustees to pay for the new concrete foundation. The Trustees agreed to pay Hauser Landscaping for a new foundation for the veteran’s headstone.

Old Business

- a. Telephones – Lucinda reported that she checked with Able Security regarding the necessity of a land line in each Township building for a fire/security system. Lucinda was advised that a land line is needed. Lucinda will continue to work with the telephone company for a Township telephone system that will reduce the cost and provide the essential equipment.
- b. FEMA – Lucinda attended the briefing held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services on May 9th regarding the eligibility for reimbursement of expenses for the 48-hour period of snow/ice removal during the winter storm of March 7-9, 2008. The Township is eligible to submit expenses over \$1000.00, such as over time and use of equipment, for this 48-hour time. Lucinda and Tom will meet with FEMA and complete the forms to fill for reimbursement.
- c. Memorial Day – Kevin reported that the schedule for the Memorial Day Observance has been sent to the participants. The Board discussed the final details regarding the golf cart and speaker system.

New Business

- a. Meeting Change – Lucinda reported that she will be out of town and not available to attend two upcoming regular Trustees meetings and asked if the Board would consider changing the dates. The Board agreed to move the meetings as follows:

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 to Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 to Wednesday, October 22, 2008

The Maple Leaf will be notified of the change of date prior to each meeting.

- b. Sewage Plant Visit – Kevin reported that Gus Saikaly from the Department of Water Resources asked if the Board would be interested in a site visit to the new sewage plant in Parkman. The Trustees agreed to visit the sewage plant on their next regular meeting date. The Trustees will meet at the sewage plant on June 3rd at 7:30 pm.

Motion to Pay Bills

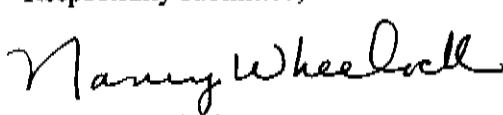
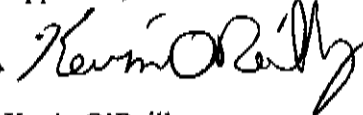
A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Kevin to pay the wages and bills from warrant #15784 through warrant #15796. (Resolution No. 08-85) Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Kevin to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. (Resolution No. 08-86) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Nancy Wheelock
Fiscal Officer

Kevin O'Reilly
Chairman