

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of August 19, 2008

The regular 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, Mike Komandt, Debbie Wilson, Dale Komandt, Jon Ferguson and Sandie Parnaby. 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 August 5, 2008 special meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 08-131) Motion carried unanimously. Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to waive the reading of the August 5, 2008 regular meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 08-132) Motion carried unanimously.

Public Discussion

Sandie Parnaby questioned the status of the proposed park levy. Since the Board did not confirm a rate for the proposed park levy and the deadline for filing the resolution for the general election is August 21st, the park levy will not be placed on the November ballot. A discussion was held on placing a park levy on the 2009 ballot. If there is a special election initiated by another public entity, the Board will place the levy on the ballot. Otherwise, the park levy will not be on the ballot until November 2009. Sandie updated the Board on available grants for park improvements and advised she will continue to apply for grant funding. Patrick and Sandie will work on grant applications. Sandie and the Board discussed forming a Park and Recreation Committee to oversee Overlook Park. Patrick will check with the Prosecuting Attorney on the guidelines for creating this committee.

Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer
 1. Fire/Road & Bridge Levies – The Fiscal Officer presented the resolutions for the Fire renewal levy and the Road & Bridge renewal levy to be adopted by the Board of Trustees and filed with the Board of Elections by the August 21, 2008 deadline. Lucinda moved, seconded by Patrick, to place a five-year .9 mill renewal Road and Bridge levy on the November 2008 ballot. (Resolution No. 08-133) Motion carried unanimously. Patrick made a motion, seconded by Lucinda, to place a five-year 1.0 mill renewal Fire levy on the November 2008 ballot. (Resolution No. 08-134) Motion carried unanimously. Lucinda will file the resolutions with the Board of Elections.
 2. Street Lighting – The Fiscal Officer presented a resolution to provide for lighting within the street lighting district in Parkman Township. Due to the rate increases and the projected rising cost of electric rates, the Fiscal Officer proposed an increase from \$9.46/parcel per year to \$24.24/parcel per year to the 198 non-exempt parcels in the street lighting district for the 2009 collection. The Trustees agreed to begin collection of the revised street lighting assessment in 2009 to cover the increasing street lighting rates. Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to adopt the following street lighting resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR LIGHTING
WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Parkman Township Board of Trustees (hereinafter "the Board") hereby deem it necessary and for the public welfare and safety to light certain streets in the Township.

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

Section 1. The Board hereby finds and determines that the streets and public ways of an unincorporated district of the Township as designated shall continue to be lit by electricity.

Section 2. The Board shall enter into a contract for lighting the designated streets and public ways with a public utility at the schedule of rates and charges applicable to such service, product or commodity on file with The Public Utilities Commission.

Section 3. The amount of the contract shall be 4800/year (approximately), and the amount of same shall be paid from a fund raised by special assessments against Permanent Parcel Nos. (See attached 198 non-exempt parcels @ 24.24/parcel), which are in the district to be lit and which are to be benefited by such lighting.

Such assessment shall be paid and collected in equal semiannual installments, equal in number to twice the number of years for which the contract is made, and they shall be paid and collected in the same manner and at the same times that taxes are paid and collected.

This Resolution was passed at a public meeting in full compliance with Ohio's Open Meeting Act, and shall take effect and be in force from the earliest date allowed by law.

(Resolution No. 08-135) Motion carried unanimously. The resolution will be filed with the Geauga County Auditor by the September 1, 2008 deadline for the FY2009 collection.

- Cemetery

1. Cemetery Stones Repair – Dale Komandt requested approval for repairs to 6 stones at Overlook Cemetery. Lucinda made a motion to authorize Hauser's to repair 6 cemetery stones at Overlook Cemetery in the amount of \$1100.00. Patrick seconded the motion. (Resolution No. 08-136) Motion carried unanimously.

- Roads

1. Vacation –Tom Evers reported that he plans to take vacation from September 12 through September 28. The Board approved Tom's vacation time.
2. Truck Body – Tom presented specifications for a truck body from Concord Road Equipment. Tom advised that the cost of the body will increase on August 31, 2008 and suggested the Trustees accept the state bid to lock in the price for a 2009 truck. Patrick asked the Board to consider other options before committing to the cost of a new truck. The Board and Tom held a discussion on purchasing a new truck vs. a used truck. In conclusion, the Trustees agreed

to proceed with purchasing a new truck. Lucinda moved, seconded by Kevin, to accept the bid for the body from Concord Road Equipment, per quote #44054 dated 7/15/08, in the amount of \$64,620.87. (Resolution No. 08-137) Motion carried unanimously. The Trustees signed the acceptance letter for Concord Road Equipment. Tom and the Board presented information for a chassis from Mack and Freightliner. The Board asked Tom to prepare the bid specifications for the next meeting.

- Zoning

1. Zoning Commission Board Alternate – The Board of Trustees received 2 resumes for the Zoning Commission Board alternate position. After review, a motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to appoint Debbie Wilson as an alternate on the Zoning Commission Board, effective August 19, 2008. (Resolution No. 08-138) Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Historical Preservation Committee – Lucinda reported that the Historical Preservation Committee will include Reuben Byler, Dale Komandt, Jeanne Ebersbach and herself. Bernice Wells will also be asked to serve on the 5 member committee.
- Community House Rental Fees – Lucinda reported that she has reviewed the Community House rental fees and feels the fees should be amended to cover the increase of utilities and security charges. Lucinda will update the fees and present the revisions for review at the next meeting.

New Business

- Geauga County Health District Replacement Levy – The Board of Trustees received information from the Geauga County Health District asking for a resolution of support for the .20 mill Health District replacement levy that is on the November 4, 2008 ballot in the general election. Patrick moved, seconded by Lucinda, to adopt the following resolution of support:

Resolution of Support for the Geauga Health District Replacement Levy

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of Parkman Township, that in regular session on the 19th day of August, 2008, move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees of Parkman Township, Geauga County, to support the 0.2 mill replacement levy of the Geauga County Health District that is on the November 4, 2008 ballot in the general election.

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Health District provides 50 vital services and programs to the residents of Geauga County in general and the residents of Parkman Township in particular, and supporting such vital services through a county-wide levy is the most cost efficient way of meeting said needs; and

WHEREAS, the loss of this levy would result in the Geauga County Health District income being reduced by \$439,288.00 annually for the next 5 years, and

WHEREAS, for at least the last 5 years new construction in Geauga County has meant that an average of 250 sewage disposal systems and water wells were installed each of those years, and

WHEREAS, population growth in Geauga County is increasing, which requires an increase in the services provided by the Geauga County Health District,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved: That Parkman Township, through its Board of Township Trustees, expresses its desire to support the approval of the requested Geauga County Health District levy and to encourage all voters to give this issue their full support as well.

(Resolution No. 08-139) Motion carried unanimously.

- Car Pooling Parking – Patrick reported that he was contacted by resident, Denise Bowers regarding approval to park cars at the Community House as a central location for car pooling. The Board discussed a site for parking. Patrick will advise Denise Bowers on the location.
- Liquor Permit – The Township received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting whether or not the Trustees request a hearing for a liquor permit name transfer from LEG Enterprises Inc dba Grahams Country Store to G Cox Inc. dba Grahams Country Store. Patrick made a motion, seconded by Lucinda, to not request a hearing for said liquor permit. (Resolution No. 08-140) Motion carried unanimously. The Fiscal Officer will return the completed request form to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and send a copy to the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners.

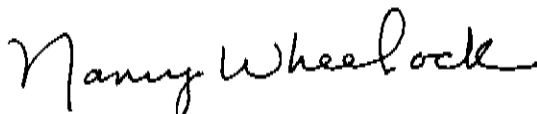
Approval of Bills and Wages

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to pay the wages and bills from warrant #15970 through warrant #15987. (Resolution No. 08-141) Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

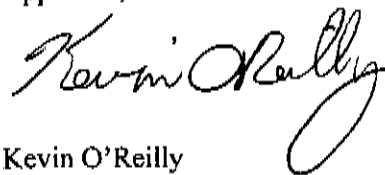
A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. (Resolution No. 08-142) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Wheelock
Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Kevin O'Reilly
Chairman