

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of October 7, 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, Wayne Komandt and Mike Komandt. 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 September 23, 2008 regular meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 08-163)
Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer

1. Bank Reconciliation - The Fiscal Officer presented the August Business Now Checking Account bank statement and reconciliation report for review and approval. Kevin made a motion, seconded by Lucinda, to approve the August reconciliation report as presented. (Resolution No. 08-164)
Motion carried unanimously.

- Roads

1. Crack Sealing – Tom reported that he is in the process of crack sealing the Township's paved roads. Tom should have the crack sealing project complete within a week.
2. Road Material – Tom advised the Board that he is collecting prices from several vendors for the purchase of road material in preparation of the upcoming winter season. Tom will present the quotes at the next meeting.
3. Reeves Road – Patrick was contacted by a resident on Reeves Road requesting the posting of a "Pedestrian Crossing" sign near their home. This resident had previously requested the posting of a "Children at Play" sign. Since "Children at Play" signs are no longer permitted on roads per regulations, the resident asked if the Board would approve the posting of this sign. The Board held a discussion regarding the posting of signs on Township roads and agreed to not post additional signs. Patrick will advise the resident.
4. Truck Body – Since the Board agreed to place a legal ad for truck bids and the 2007 price for the body from Concord Road Equipment has expired, Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to rescind Resolution No. 08-137 which accepted the truck body bid from Concord Road Equipment in

the amount of \$64,620.87. (Resolution No. 08-165) Motion carried unanimously.

- Cemetery
 1. Cemetery Deed – The Board of Trustees signed a cemetery deed for John A. Christopher.

- Fire
 1. Soft Billing – Wayne Komandt questioned the status of the soft billing issue. Wayne and the Trustees held a discussion on this topic. The Trustees agreed to delay further discussions until they are contacted by Troy Township.

 2. Donation – Wayne reported that the fire department received self containing breathing apparatus as a donation from the Chagrin Falls Suburban Fireman’s Association. The Chagrin Falls Fireman’s Association is replacing their bottles and pacs with new apparatus and has generously donated their original inventory of self containing breathing apparatus to Parkman Township, which is worth approximately \$50,000.00. Patrick moved, seconded by Lucinda, to accept said donation from the Chagrin Falls Fireman’s Association. (Resolution No. 08-166) Motion carried unanimously. The Board of Trustees will send a thank you note to the Chagrin Falls Association. Wayne requested authorization to pass on Parkman Township’s old self containing breathing apparatus to a needy fire department. A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to authorize the donation of Parkman Township’s old self containing breathing apparatus to a needy fire department. (Resolution No. 08-167) Motion carried unanimously.

 3. Radios/Pagers – Wayne advised the Board that the fire department will need to purchase additional radios and pagers in the near future. Wayne will gather prices and return to the Board for approval.

Old Business

- Nash Road – A discussion was held on the posting of a “No Dumping” sign with a \$250.00 fine near the Nash Road bridge. When the drivers of the brine trucks are pumping water from the river on the bridge, they are dumping their garbage alongside the road. Lucinda will check with the Geauga County Prosecutor’s office to see if the Board of Trustees has the authority to post a “No Dumping” sign and enforce a fine.

- Historical Preservation Committee – Lucinda reported that the Historical Preservation Committee will have their third meeting on Saturday, October 11, 2008.

- Issue 2 Project – To date, the Board of Trustees has not heard from the Geauga County Engineer’s office regarding the status of the Newcomb Road OPWC Issue 2 joint project with Middlefield Township.

New Business

- Political Resolution – Per the recommendation of the state auditor, the Board of Trustees received the following political activity policy resolution from the Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney's office for adoption:

WHEREAS, officials and employees of Parkman Township are free to Vote as they please and to freely express their political opinions. However, the Ohio Revised Code prohibits classified employees from engaging in certain political activities, and prohibits the governing body of a political subdivision from using public funds to publish, distribute, or communicate information regarding political activity, and Parkman Township hereby adopts this formal policy in accordance therewith.

WHEREAS, under Ohio law, classified employees are prohibited from engaging in certain political activities as set forth in O.R.C. 124.57. In addition, no applicant for appointment or promotion in the classified service shall, directly or indirectly, pay or promise to pay any money or other valuable thing, nor shall he/she ask or receive any recommendation or assistance from any person, upon the consideration of any political service to be rendered, for or on account of his/her appointment or promotion, or proposed appointment or appointment, in accordance with O.R.C. 124.59.

WHEREAS, in accordance with O. R. C. 124.61, no person holding or nominated for holding public office or who seeks a nomination or appointment to any public office shall corruptly use or promise to use, directly or indirectly, any official authority or influence in order to secure or aid any person in securing any office or employment in the classified service, or any promotion or increase of salary therein, as a reward for political influence or service. Nor shall any person, by means of threats or coercion, induce or seek to induce anyone in the classified service to resign his position or to waive his right to certification, appointment, or promotion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Parkman Township, Ohio, that its officials and employees shall not engage in prohibited political activities as addressed above, nor use public funds to publish, distribute or communicate information regarding political activity.

Lucinda moved, seconded by Patrick, to adopt the aforesaid Political Activity Resolution. (Resolution No. 08-168) Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was unanimous.

- Travel/Frequent Flyer Resolution – The state auditor also recommended the Board adopt a formal policy regarding the personal use of airline frequent flyer miles. Lucinda moved, seconded by Patrick, to adopt the following travel/frequent flyer resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code and Advisory Opinions of the Ohio Ethics Commission prohibit officials and employees of political subdivisions from accepting, soliciting, or using the authority of influence of his/her position to secure benefits for personal use.

WHEREASE, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and Advisory Opinions of the Ohio Ethics Commission, Parkman Township hereby adopts a formal policy prohibiting officials and employees of the Township from accepting, soliciting or using authority or influence of his/her position to secure, for personal travel, a discounted or free "frequent flyer" airline ticket or other benefit from an airline if

he/she has obtained the ticket or other benefit from the purchase of airline tickets for use in official Township business travel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Parkman Township, Ohio, that its officials and employees shall not include travel for official Township business in the computation of any frequent flyer or other such benefit program offered by airlines, used for personal benefit.

(Resolution No. 08-169) Motion carried unanimously.

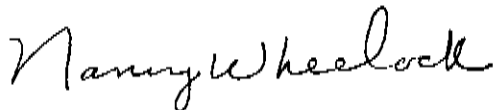
Approval of Bills and Wages

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to pay the wages and bills from warrant #16058 through warrant #16093. (Resolution No. 08-170) Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

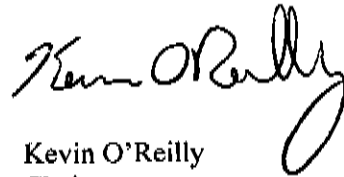
A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Kevin to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. (Resolution No. 08-171) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Wheelock
Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Kevin O'Reilly
Chairman