

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on March 23, 2009 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustee Upton: present; Trustee Linnenberg: present; Chairman Winkler: present.

Trustee Linnenberg moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of March 09, 2009. The motion was seconded by Chairman Winkler and all voted Aye.

This is a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption of a resolution establishing Township Limited Home Rule Government under Section 504.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Trustee Upton reported that it is time for Limited Home Rule to take effect. Green Township has watched other townships establish Home Rule and we have learned from them. It has been in effect in neighboring townships for ten years. It would give Green Township more authority and it is something that we can always get out of. Frank Hyle reported that it would take a vote of the citizens to repeal Limited Home Rule.

Kevin Celarek pointed out that Limited Home Rule does not give the Township any authority to levy any income tax or sales tax. Green Township would keep the same tax structure.

Chairman Winkler reported that the three Trustees have decided that this is a positive move for Green Township and there are many advantages. Chairman Winkler asked for questions from the audience. Jack Snyder, a Green Township resident, asked for clarification on what Home Rule was. He wanted to know the advantages.

Frank Hyle reported that Limited Home Rule gives the Township the same authority that a city has. However, it excludes the ability to pass an income tax or sales tax, as well as other laws forbidden by the Ohio legislature.

Chairman Winkler reported that in the past there have been several residents who have called about noise from neighbors and passing cars. Under Limited Home Rule we can pass a resolution to address these issues. We would previously not have been able to do this. This will allow the Township to take a little more control.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-A

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to establish Limited Home Rule Government. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

With the passage of Limited Home Rule, there is a need for a resolution to appoint a Township Law Director.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-B

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution appointing Francis M. Hyle as part-time Township Law Director for Green Township effective April 23, 2009 with a salary of \$5,150 per month. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

Kevin Celarek stated that Frank Hyle will continue to be paid the same monthly retainer that he currently is.

Frank Hyle reported that Limited Home Rule status will take effect within thirty days after April 23, 2009.

Jack Snyder, member of the Green Township Bicentennial Committee, presented an update regarding Bicentennial activities. Many canine visitors were present at the meeting to promote the upcoming Kite Fly and Pet Parade. This will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Veteran's Park. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, 2009 at Veteran's Park at 1:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-C

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the financial reports as submitted. Chairman Winkler seconded the

motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-D

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to request permission from the Ohio Historical Society and State Auditor's Office for the revision of the Records Retention Schedule (RC-2) for the Public Services Department as recommended for approval by the Township Records Commission. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-E

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to request permission for the Destruction of Records as specified by departmental approved Records Retention Schedules (RC-3's) for the Police, Public Services and Administration Departments as recommended for approval by the Township Records Commission. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-F

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to request that the United States Board on Geographic Names deny the request to name unnamed tributaries to Wesselman and Taylor Creeks in Green Township, Hamilton County. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-G

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$3,835,000 in Real Estate Acquisition Notes. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-H

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution for permission to travel for Linda Griswold, Township Controller, to attend the Government Finance Officers Association National Conference in Seattle, Washington from June 28 to July 1, 2009. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: No; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-I

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to approve the creation of a new fund, as number 825, for revenue received from the State of Ohio for reimbursement for State mandated training by the Green Township Police Department. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-J

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to purchase property at 3060 Blue Rock Road from Dorothy Schwab for \$280,000. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

Fred Schlimm reported that the Township has been looking for a place to serve as a satellite salt facility for the four trucks that take care of snow removal in the Monfort Heights/White Oak community. These trucks often get stuck in traffic, especially on North Bend Road. This will allow us to store vehicles there. Drivers would report to this location and be able to begin their snow routes much earlier and easier. It would also allow the Township an additional location to build a salt dome in the future.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-K

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to amend the Township's Medical Reimbursement Plan to allow for coverage of "Well Baby Care" for claims in excess of \$1,000 for this plan year. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #09-0323-L

The following properties were declared as nuisances. The Township Attorney was directed to notify the owners of the properties listed below of this resolution:

1. 5530 Bridgetown Road (550-0170-0100), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

2. 6961 Harrison Avenue (550-0320-0025), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 4418 Homelawn Avenue(550-0111-0125), Motion made by Trustee Linnenberg and seconded by Chairman Winkler. All voted Aye.
4. 3264 Kleeman Road(550-0074-0041), Motion made by Trustee Upton and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
5. 4981,4983,4991,4993 Molly Green Court (550-0063-0255, 0256, 0257, 0258), Motion made by Trustee Upton and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
6. 3662 Monfort Heights Drive (550-0072-0063), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
7. 5567 Surrey Avenue (550-0171-0055), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, stated that he had nothing to report.

Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated there is a need for a brief executive session to discuss collective bargaining strategy, personnel issues, and acquisition of property. Action is not anticipated.

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, stated that the Bicentennial Newsletter went out to all residents of the Township on Friday, March 20, 2009. Residents should be receiving the newsletter shortly. The Township's Electric Aggregation rate of 6.98 cents per kWh will go into effect very soon.

Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, reported that on Saturday, March 21, 2009 the Township advertised for bid on Phase II and Phase III of the Diehl Road Park development. Bids will be opened on April 10, 2009. We will advertise later this week for the Street Rehabilitation Program and the Township will also open bids for this on April 10, 2009. Nuisances are coming in at a rate of 3 to 4 per day. The Township is going to do the best that we can to take care of these complaints. Not all cases are able to be handled by the Township. Trustee Winkler recommended that citizens be neighborly and help out someone who needs assistance in cleaning their yard.

Trustee Linnenberg asked about opportunities for residents to help with street clean up and beautification. The Monfort Heights/White Oak Association does a good job with this. Unfortunately, there are not as many people available through the Hamilton County Probation programs as there were in the past. The Township will hire a few people this summer to help with clean-up along main roads.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported on the Land Use Planning Committee Meeting at the Green Township Senior Center in reference to the proposed Mercy Hospital on North Bend Road. The LUPC decided to continue the discussion on this issue until they receive more information from the applicant on six points related to the project. Their concerns related to the other properties along Boomer Road. The LUPC wanted to make sure that residual property owners realized that the hospital was being proposed and that this could eventually affect their property. The portion of the site that was being designated as a "Mixed Use Transitional" area near Kleeman Road will be eliminated. In the near future, a meeting will occur between the St. Ignatius Principal, Pastor, and the developer. Also at issue was a piece of property that is owned by a group of doctors. It too may be incorporated into the master plan. The LUPC will have a follow up meeting all residents and property owners on April 7, 2009 at a location to be announced, for. Information about this meeting will be available on the Township web-site.

On a different project, Mr. Goetzman had a meeting with property owners adjacent to the proposed nursing home on West Fork Road. The architect and property owners are resolving many issues related to the development of the property.

Fire Chief, Doug Witsken, stated that he had nothing to report.

Police Chief, Bart West, reported that Jack Readnour has been convicted of one count of using criminal tools and four counts of practicing medicine without a license. Also, last summer there were two incidents of females being attacked on Lawrence Road. Robert Super has been convicted of these crimes and will serve 13 years.

Trustee Upton read several thank you letters.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated the need for Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, and purchase of property. Action is not anticipated.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 13, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Winkler moved to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, and purchase of property. Action is not anticipated. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

The meeting was recessed at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:26 p.m.

Trustee Upton moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Upton: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST: