

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on November 24, 2008 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cub Scout Pack #850 from St. Ignatius provided a special Flag Ceremony and led the Pledge of Allegiance for the meeting.

Roll Call: Chairman Winkler, present; Trustee Upton, present; Trustee Linnenberg, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Trustee Linnenberg moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of November 10, 2008. Trustee Upton seconded the motion and all voted aye.

The Trustees recognized Stephen J. Weber, Boy Scout Troop #909, for obtaining the Boy Scouts' highest award of Eagle Scout.

The Trustees recognized Joe Schaefer, Boy Scout Troop #909, who is working on his Citizenship Merit Badge.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-A

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the financial reports as submitted. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-B

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to amend the amount of estimated resources for 2008. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-C

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to amend the appropriations for 2008. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-D

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to establish the temporary appropriations for 2009. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-E

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to designate Fred Schlimm Jr., Director of Public Services, to be the Green Township Board of Trustees authorized agent of the Public Assistance Grant Program for FEMA DR-1805-OH. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-F

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution requesting that the Hamilton County Auditor make advance payments of taxes in 2009. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-G

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to hire Richard Witsken, Darlene Harnist, Nicole Bosch, Daniel Reilly, Joanne Brinkdoepke and Krista Dietrich as event attendants for the Lodge and Senior Center at a starting salary of \$8.50 per hour. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-H

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to approve the Green Township's Annual Inventory as presented (ORC 505.04) Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-I

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to appoint Frank Hyle as Township Attorney for 2009 at a rate of pay of \$5,150 per month. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-J

Trustee Upton moved to pass a resolution to appoint the law firm of Hyle & Mecklenborg for labor related work and non-retainer services at a pay rate of \$185 per hour for 2009. Chairman Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-K

Trustee Linnenberg moved to pass a resolution to appoint Tracy Winkler as Chairperson of the Green Township Board of Trustees for 2009. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-L

Chairman Winkler moved to pass a resolution to appoint David Linnenberg as Vice Chairperson of the Green Township Board of Trustees for 2009. Trustee Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye.

RESOLUTION #08-1124-M

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. 3340 Algas Lane (550-0282-0049), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
2. 1996 Anderson Ferry Road (550-0140-0142), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
3. 2010 Anderson Ferry Road (550-0140-0144), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
4. 7085 Bridgetown Road (550-0292-0176), Motion made by Trustee Upton and seconded by Chairman Winkler. All voted Aye.
5. 5672 Childs Avenue (550-0171-0512), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted Aye.
6. Harrison Avenue (550-0121-0375, 0376, 0407, 0493), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
7. 5535 Leumas Drive (550-0010-0018), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted Aye.
8. 4783 North Bend Road (550-0062-0050), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.
9. 4793 North Bend Road (550-0062-0049), Motion made by Trustee Linnenberg and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted Aye.
10. 3950 Smith Road (550-0113-0066), Motion made by Chairman Winkler and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

The Green Township Board of Trustees will conduct a hearing at the December 15, 2008 Trustees Meeting, at approximately 5:45 p.m., to consider a change in Land Use for property located at 3208 - 3210 West Fork Road from Single-Family to Institutional.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, stated we have taken in \$37.6 million dollars and spent \$34.2 million dollars with \$11.4 million dollars in unencumbered funds. The General Fund is doing well as we have taken in \$5.1 million dollars and spent \$4.3 million dollars. Linda Griswold and I have been working with the State Auditor's office. They are trying to avoid auditing large townships this year due to the cost. We recommended the local firm of Clark, Schaeffer & Hackett, based on their experience and costs, to perform the 2007 - 2008 Green Township audit. Approval by the State Auditor is needed. This year \$17 million dollars were received in TIF funds and \$15 million dollars were spent. General Fund is up about \$800,000. Over \$10 million dollars have been sent to the four local school districts.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated that there is need of an executive session this evening for the purpose of collective bargaining strategy, acquisition of property on Sheed Road, and personnel issues. Action may be anticipated. Mr. Hyle also mentioned that the Township purchased 21 acres of green space on Sheed Road this past Monday.

Administrator, Kevin Celarek, stated that the cost of the 21 acres on Sheed Road was approximately \$450,000. The majority of that cost will be reimbursed to Green Township from the Clean Ohio Fund.

Director of Public Services, Fred Schlimm, stated that Clean-Up Day was a huge success even though drop off was down somewhat in the afternoon. The high price for scrap metal may have cut down on some of the drop offs.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reminded everyone of the hearing scheduled to take place at the end of the next Trustees Meeting is a follow up to the recommendations made by the Land Use Planning Committee at their meeting on November 17, 2008.

Fire Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that on December 4th his department will have the required NIMS training for six Township employees.

Police Chief, Bart West, thanked the Green Township Citizens Police Academy Alumni for donating \$250 for dog food for Police canine Fletch. They also donated candy for the officers to pass out on Halloween. Chief West also reported that Larry Zettler retired last week. Larry was the DARE Officer for five local schools.

Lt. Mike Horton, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, stated that the last vehicle being prepared for the License Plate Reader program should be completed by next week.

Trustee Upton reported that on November 18, 2008 the Cincinnati Enquirer contained an article that listed the top 15 localities that have the highest amount of foreclosures. Green Township was not on that list.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Winkler moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of acquisition of property, collective bargaining, and personnel issues. Action may be anticipated. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye; Trustee Winkler: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 5:44 p.m.; reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

Chairman Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Winkler: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.