

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY

March 20, 2007

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio. Mr. Burris, Chairman, called the meeting to order and invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burris gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

David Burris	Present
William Lotz	Absent
Stephen Bowshier	Present
Alma Bennett	Present

The following reports prepared by Mrs. Bennett were presented to the Board: Fund Status, Expenditure Account Status, Warrant Register, and Memos of Expenditure.

RESOLUTION 2007-24

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the March 6, 2007 regular meeting. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2007-25

Mr. Burris moved to pay payroll, pay all bills and approve purchase orders. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2007-26

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2007-26 and moved to convey real property and grant easements to the City of Grove City for a location on London Groveport Road. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. Mr. Bowshier requested clarification and reviewed the documents associated with the sale and granting of easements. Mr. Burris addressed the question as to why we did not donate the land to Grove City. He explained that as a result of our TIF agreement, we have already contributed to the project. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2007-27

Mr. Burris moved to table Resolution 2007-27. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. Mr. Burris

explained they want to table this resolution due to a discrepancy in the wording of the contract.
VOTE: all yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ZONING & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Lilly presented a written report to the Board in the caucus session. He commended the Road Department for the work they did last week during the heavy rains and expressed the importance of placing “High Water” signs and flashers for public safety.

In answer to a question by Mr. Bowshier, the deed situation with the property on SR 665 has been corrected.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sheets was not at the meeting due to family illness. Deputy Chief Dawson reported:

- The training fire held the past weekend went very well.
- The EMS computers are coming on line. Initial reports are that people are happy – they are working well
- New medic 201 is now in service and currently being evaluated. The Columbus Fire Department has visited numerous times to look at it, and apparently they are interested in ordering 30 some of those identical vehicles. It appears that Captain Cook’s research has paid off well.
- Had 30 EMS runs last week on one day alone.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Smith, 2257 Hillswood Drive

They are concerned about the deterioration of certain property on Berry Hill Drive.

- 2290 Berry Hill Drive owned by Lora Waller. He complained about the two old cars sitting in their yard. They were moved Saturday. The Volkswagen which had been pushed back in the field was taken away, but the Ford Explorer that has been there for two or three years was moved into the driveway. He is sure it does not have a current license. He thinks the property was probably not mowed two times last summer. There have been no leaves removed all year. It is a total mess and is right on the corner at the entrance of the subdivision.
- Property at 2362 Berry Hill has not been cared for since the Smith’s have lived there in 16 years. Driveway has never been resurfaced; the garage door has paint chipping off of it.
- The house at 2374 Berry Hill has 1-2/3 shutters missing, some are crooked and some are broken.

Mr. Lilly stated that our zoning code does not specifically address property maintenance. Mr. Bowshier asked that this all be explained, identify what our authority and jurisdiction is and what can we issue notices to.

Mr. Lilly also explained that there is an injunction on the Waller property at \$25.00 a day until the property is brought into compliance, that includes the vehicles. The Ford Explorer does have a current tag; however, it is not operable. They have pulled it out of the grass and parked it in the driveway. The injunction is to address the inoperable Ford Explorer and the clean up of the

property. It has been vacant for awhile. The Trustees advised that we cut the grass on a regular basis. Whenever the grass is eight inches, we send notices to give property owners one week and then we mow if it is not resolved.

Firefighters Local

Mr. Burris then addressed Scott Bowyer, President of Firefighters Local #2672. He stated that both sides of the issue regarding the improper use of the internet have agreed to put it behind, both the trustees and administration and the firefighters. He spoke to the issue of Letters to the Editor and stated that the majority of the men and women in the fire department are fine men and women. He publicly wanted to say that it was not 33% of the department involved in the incident as stated in the letter to the editor, probably about five. Mr. Burris feels it was very unfair to the other men and women in the department to have that printed in the newspaper. Mr. Bowyer stated he cannot control the individuals involved and that he agrees with Mr. Burris one hundred percent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. Caucus will begin at 12:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2007-28

Mr. Burris moved to adjourn. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alma Bennett, Fiscal Officer

David Burris, Chairman