

## **MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**August 21, 2007**

### **OPENING**

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 21, 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	Present
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 2007-78**

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the August 7, 2007 regular meeting. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-79**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION 2007-76**

Mr. Burris moved to remove Resolution 2007-76 from the table. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2007-76 and moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to seek financial assistance from the OPWC for funding of various capital infrastructure improvement plans. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION 2007-80**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2007-80 and moved to approve a noise ordinance for Jackson Township. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. The Trustees explained that this ordinance is to protect areas

where there are trucks using jake brakes or engine brakes creating a disturbance to residents, and to control loud music in vehicles that disturb the peace of residents. VOTE: all yes.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-81**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2007-81 and moved to enter nuisance abatement costs on the tax duplicate. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Sheets presented a report in Caucus and presented the Board with a written report.

#### **ZONING & ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Lilly presented a report in Caucus and presented the Board with a written report.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

Mr. Burris announced the public meeting to solicit input, comments and recommendations for the proposed improvements to the White Road, McDowell Road intersection. Mr. Burris asked for a show of hands as to who received notice of this meeting by mail and who read about it in the newspaper. The count showed that residents who were present had received a letter by mail and that no one was present as a result of reading it in the newspaper. Mr. Lilly announced that there is a sign-in sheet for residents to sign. Mr. Burris explained that the Trustees are aware that the McDowell/White Road intersection is dangerous. It is a top priority for the Trustees this year. The problem is that grant applications take time. Mr. Burris explained that the Trustees are interested in getting the Township, County and the City together to do this project next year instead of waiting for grants when the money would not even be allocated until 2009.

Michael Meeks, Traffic Engineer, who works for Dean Ringle, Franklin County Engineer, was present. He has worked as a traffic engineer for Jackson Township as an employee of the County Engineer for almost twenty years. His office was asked to study the intersection of widening McDowell and to present recommendations on what might be appropriate to apply for an OPWC grant. They did traffic counts, and he spent time at the location observing traffic. He stylized the project as two neighborhood streets and a neighborhood traffic signal. They are suggesting building something that is appropriate for that neighborhood. He stated that McDowell is already wide enough for three lanes. From that they are suggesting adding a small left turn lane on White Road for east bound traffic turning north. Using a visual, he showed that would be the extent of the road widening for this project. They have not done a lot of engineering on this until it is evident that funds will be available. They are not suggesting adding new sidewalk but rather to keep the neighborhood as is.

Mr. Lilly explained there are comment sheets the residents may complete and return to the Township or the County Engineer. It is important for the grant process that comment sheets be returned.

Residents then were able to voice concerns and comments.

Leon Dye, 2057 White Road

Asked how wide will they go? Mr. Meeks stated they do not know that yet until more engineering is done to identify drainage issues. Mr. Dye stated that traffic needs to be slowed on White Road. He has seen cars go down White Road at 90 to 100 miles an hour. The speed limit needs to be enforced. He thinks a light is needed at Berry Hill also. Mr. Lotz explained that the project at McDowell is a \$400,000 project, and we have to prioritize.

Mike Dobbs, 4411 McDowell, northwest corner

He asked why a traffic signal, rather than a 3-way stop.

Answer: Traffic would back up on White Road. The traffic study constitutes a light. It is too much traffic for a 3-way stop. When asked, Mr. Meeds stated that a “No parking” designation would be a Grove City issue.

Harry Thomas, 2617 Geyerwood Court

Traffic has increased exponentially on White Road. Another issue is cut-through traffic on Hunting Creek coming from the high school. For future thought, consider Hunting Creek and White Road.

Question: Would the study by the city either facilitate or hinder the Township’s progress on this? Mr. Burris stated that our goal would be to have this project done next year; and the only way to do that is to get help from the City and help from the County. Then we would not have to rely on the grant money that we may or may not get.

Karen DeMers, 2141 White

Ms. DeMers asked the length of this project. Mr. Meeks stated that this is a 90-day project for construction.

John Carbol, 2127 White Road

Mr. Carbol asked whether there is anything that can be done to slow traffic. Is there any other signage or a flashing light that could be put at that intersection before the improvements are made? Can we exclude tractor trailers from White Road? We have the problem of changing jurisdictions from City to County to City on this road. He is asking for more signage. Can we place a “dangerous intersection” sign there? We cannot change the behavior of irresponsible drivers. Rumble strips are not appropriate for a road like White Road.

Mr. Meeks stated that property values do not seem to change due to projects similar to this. There is a similar project at Henderson and Sawmill in Upper Arlington.

Mr. Meeks asked to talk to John and Karen DeMers and Joseph Keefer after the meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Burris announced the next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. Caucus will begin at 12:45 p.m.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Alma Bennett, Fiscal Officer

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David Burris, Chairman