

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

**April 15, 2008**

### **OPENING**

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at 7:00 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	Absent
Bill Forrester	Present

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

### **RESOLUTION 2008-28**

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2008 regular meeting. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **RESOLUTION 2008-29**

Mr. Burris moved to pay payroll, pay all bills and approve purchase orders for the April 15, 2008 and April 29, 2008 regular meetings. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **PRESENTATION**

Three MBA students from Capital University presented a strategic plan for the Township Fire Department with an objective to address the needs of our growing community.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION 2007-91**

Mr. Burris moved to remove Resolution 2007-91 from the table. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2007-91 and moved to declare approximately 2.6 acres of land located at 2650 London-Groveport Road as surplus and unnecessary to the operation of Jackson Township and to sell and convey such land to the Buckeye Ranch in accordance with the terms as written on the

attached Real Estate Purchase Contract. The Board further moved to authorize the Township Fiscal Officer and/or Township Administrator to execute such contracts as necessary to complete the conveyance. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. Mr. Lotz explained that the Township would have more access to London Groveport Road from Station 203 as a result of this sale. Mr. Lilly explained that the Buckeye Ranch extended the acceptance of the counter offer through Friday, April 18, for the purchase price of \$365,000. The buyer assumes all real estate fees; the Township has no fees for the sale and the Buckeye Ranch has 270 days to close. Mr. Lilly explained that ORC stipulates that the vote to sell property must be unanimous. VOTE: all yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION 2008-30**

Mr. Burris moved to table Resolution 2008-31 since Mr. Lotz will need to abstain from this vote to appoint himself to the SWACO Board. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

#### **RESOLUTION 2008-31**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-31 and moved to award the bid for the HVAC system improvements at Fire Station 202 to the lowest and most responsible bidder Speer Mechanical – base bid \$176,821.00 and alternate bid \$30,234.00. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

#### **RESOLUTION 2008-32**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-32 and moved to authorize the hire of seasonal Road Workers as needed. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

#### **RESOLUTION 2008-33**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-33 and moved to renew the Township group medical insurance contract with Medical Benefits, Inc. Mr. Burris expressed desire to contain the health care costs and provide a good product for the employees. He expressed the need to educate the employees as to the costs. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

#### **RESOLUTION 2008-34**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-34 and moved to provide for removal of noxious weeds and high grasses in Jackson Township, to establish the Township fines and to serve notice to the property owners of Jackson Township of the code standards and assessment policy for the year 2008. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

**RESOLUTION 2008-35**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-35 and moved to authorize a contract for wireless phone services with Verizon. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. It was noted that calls through Nextel, the current Township provider, are repeatedly dropped. VOTE: all yes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS****ZONING & ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Lilly gave the following report and also furnished the Board with a written report.

- Directed the Board's attention to information contained in his written report concerning the SWCS Master Plan and public meetings scheduled.
- Reported that shingles for Station 201 have been ordered and will be installed the first week of May. Fire Department personnel reported that those shingles have been delivered.
- Announced that plans for Holton bike path have stalled and did not work out. They now plan to put the path in the right-of way.
- Stated that the Towne Center Meeting at City Hall is in progress at the same time as this meeting.
- Reported that the White and McDowell Agreement will come up for Second Reading before City Council next Monday night. Mr. Lilly stated that he is expecting confirmation of the revisions the Township requested to the two page agreement. The County engineers will sign off on the same 2-page agreement
- Reported two new Grove City employees are Don Walters, Community & Business Relations Director, and Karen Fahy, who is working as his assistant. These positions replace the previous public information officer positions. These positions are intended to strengthen communications with the business community.

Mr. Burris commented on the Zoning Violations and stated we need to take repeated offenders to Environmental Court.

Mr. Burris also spoke about a call from the Southwest Messenger and asked Mike to send a letter to Larry Wolpert and Larry Flowers stating bigger government does not work. The bill introduced the idea to do away with Townships such as Indiana has done and to have metropolitan or county-wide fire departments. The House Bill also says the citizens would elect a single county executive—the only person responsible to the voters. That person would hire the police/fire chief, etc. Mr. Burris told the news reporter present that after a snow storm our residents are used to dry pavement within 30 hours and that would never happen under this type of system—that structure would not be able to match the services we provide.

Mr. Lilly drew attention to a letter the Township sent to Chief Wise congratulating him for receiving CALEA accreditation and re-certification.

Mr. Lotz asked Mike to touch base with the press concerning the new law that the townships are allowed to go on private property and remove junk cars.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Deputy Chief Dawson gave the following report:

1. Stated that the Chief has gone with other personnel to pick up the new engine.
2. Confirmed that the PO for the new medic has been signed. Medic will probably be delivered mid-week next week or the first of the following week at the latest.
3. Stated department is finalizing drug formulary with the State to make it consistent with our protocol.
4. Reported that we are getting ready to start the hydrant flushing and operational checks. There will be a flyer distributed so that residents can understand and be prepared.
5. Stated they are trying to figure out some clumping of EMS runs. Yesterday there were seven EMS runs going at the same time. This seems to be happening more often.

Mr. Lotz asked whether plans have been made for hydrant painting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Burris announced the next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Jackson Township Administration Building at 3756 Hoover Road. Caucus will begin at 12:45 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2008-36**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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William Forrester, Fiscal Officer

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David Burris, Chairman