

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY

August 19, 2008

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in special session on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio. Mr. Burris, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

David Burris	Present
William Lotz	Present
Stephen Bowshier	Present
Bill Forrester	Present

MOTION: Mr. Burris moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews with promotional candidates for the vacant lieutenant position at the Fire Department and to review a workplace grievance. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

MOTION: At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Burris moved to reconvene to open session for the regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

Mr. Burris, Chairman, invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burris gave the opening prayer.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORTS

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

RESOLUTION 2008-77

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the August 4, 2008 regular meeting. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2008-78

Mr. Burris moved to pay payroll, pay all bills and approve purchase orders for August 19 and September 2, 2008. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2008-79

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-79 and moved to enter nuisance abatement costs on Tax Duplicate. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2008-80

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-80 and moved to authorize line item transfer of Supplemental Appropriation of funds. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. Transfer of funds to Line Item 2111-760-740 for Change Order for Speer doing HVAC work at Station 202 is to cover duct work that was not visible during engineering of the project. The ducts were undersized. This is within the contingencies that were budgeted for the project. It is the main duct with the trunk line carrying the air up from the basement. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2008-81

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-81 and moved to authorize the Jackson Township Fiscal Officer to seek financial assistance from the OPWC for the White Road Improvement Project (Phase 2). Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. This portion (Phase 2) would continue from Geyer's pond all the way east to Buckeye Parkway to include full depth replacement, center turn lane, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and lighting. There is about \$700,000 local commitment, which is Grove City's commitment, not the Township's commitment. The reason we are filing is because Grove City is required to rank their top project. They have two top projects, being SR 665 and White Road. The number one project for Grove City is SR665, and the Township number one project is White Road. The application is due in about two weeks. EMH&T has done the engineering work on this, and Grove City has been paying for that work. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2008-82

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-82 and moved to request the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to approve the posted speed limit on Dyer Road as 45 miles per hour (mph). Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. Mr. Burris stated that he thought 45 mile per hour was still too fast. Mr. Lilly requested the speed limit be reduced to 35 mph, but the engineers made the determination that it should be 45 mph. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2008-83

Mr. Lilly explained that with this Resolution we are extending this contract one year with a three percent raise. We have an option to extend the current contract to three one-year terms. The City of Grove City will consider re-bidding next year. We have a disposal contract with SWACO for a fixed rate and we have a hauling contract with Local Waste for a fixed rate. Both of those contracts allow for adjustments at the end of the five year term to adjust the lesser amount of the consumer price index or three percent. This would take effect January 9 when we could pass a three percent rate increase on to our residents, which is approximately \$0.35 per month. Grove City has already done this. They have already sent notices to SWACO and to Local Waste. Our rates are low because of our proximity to the

Landfill. Other local governments are joined in a consortium for trash hauling services. SWACO did ask us to be a part of that consortium, but our proximity to the landfill gives us the best rate in the County. We are exercising our options with this Resolution. There are no new terms.

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2008-83 and moved to extend both the disposal contract with SWACO and the collection contract with Local Waste Services for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. Mr. Lilly specified that while the terms and conditions are the same, it would not be surprising if we heard from Local Waste requesting us to consider a fuel surcharge. Grove City did not approve a fuel surcharge. Mr. Burris suggested that, if we are approached, that we refer Local Waste to Grove City first. Mr. Lotz who is on the Board at SWACO wished to abstain. VOTE: Mr. Burris – yes; Mr. Lotz abstain; Mr. Bowshier – yes.

PRESENTATION

Mr. John O'Meara, Executive Director, Franklin County Metro Parks, gave a presentation to the Board. Next year the Parks levy is up which is their primary funding. They are beginning to plan ahead for the following 10-year levy. As part of that process, they are looking at the possibility of using some land located in Jackson Township for a new park. The Metro Parks seek land in the flood plain; and, therefore, they are considering land along the Scioto River. Mr. O'Meara used a map to illustrate an area being considered for a future park. The parks focus on conservation and keep eighty percent of the parkland natural area. Mr. Bowshier expressed his displeasure that Jackson Township always seems to be last in consideration of enhancements. The parks have good educational programs. There is already access to this land. Our current levy is 0.65 mil, which means that on \$100,000 residential value; the tax would be around \$50.00 per year. If they plan new parks, it will be necessary to ask for additional funds. They try to stay in Franklin County, but could extend into other adjoining counties.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Written report was presented to the Board, and Chief Sheets gave the following oral report:

- There were 57 fire responses and 205 EMS responses in the last two weeks.
- Interviews were conducted for the Lieutenant's position.
- Three part-time candidates are recommended for consideration to hire at the next meeting in September. We currently have 16 active part-time firefighters and two are being asked to resign because they are not working regularly.
- Requested weekly report is being given to Mr. Bowshier each week on emergency responses.
- We have received our ISO Ratings. Grove City stayed at 3; Urbancrest dropped to 2. The Township stayed at 9.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Written report was presented to the Board, and Mr. Lilly gave the following oral report.

- A newsletter is being planned for the end of September.

- Land Sale at Station 203 – ready to close any time now.
- Tower at 203 was transferred to Mobilitie, still receiving \$1,000 per month. Mr. Bowshier cautioned not to sign a new lease because if we don't sign anything releasing the previous tenant and the new one stops paying, we can still go back after the signor.
- Parking lots will be striped by Black Diamond SealMaster for \$740.00.
- A Safety Inspection of all Township facilities is scheduled for September. Worker's Comp will be doing a walk-through.
- Model Aircraft show is this weekend, and Young Road will be closed.
- The Public Meeting on White Road is next Wednesday at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. and we have notices being mailed out to residents along White Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a Public Meeting to review White Road Phase 2 plans and SR 665 plans at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at City Hall.
- The Township offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2008, for the Labor Day Holiday; there will be no Board meeting on September 2, 2008.
- Mr. Burris announced the next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Jackson Township Administration Building at 3756 Hoover Road. Caucus will begin at 6:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2008-84

Mr. Burris moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing a workplace grievance. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2008-85

Mr. Burris moved to return to open session. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2008-86

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

William Forrester, Fiscal Officer

David Burris, Chairman