

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY

July 20, 2010

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio. Mr. Burris opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burris gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

David Burris	Present
Stephen Bowshier	Present
Daphne Hawk	Present
William Forrester	Present

RESOLUTION 2010-87

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the July 6, 2010, regular meeting. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-88

Mr. Burris moved to accept the following reports as prepared and presented to the Board by Fiscal Officer William Forrester: Fund Status, Expenditure Account Status, Warrant Register, and Memos of Expenditure. Ms. Hawk seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-89

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2010-90

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2010-90 and moved to submit completed ballot to Solid Waste Rate Advisory Board on proposed increase on disposal rates at the SWACO landfill. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-91

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2010-91 and moved to enter nuisance abatement costs to tax duplicate to be a lien on properties indicated. Ms. Hawk seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-92

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2010-92 and moved to declare surplus items for internet auction. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-93

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2010-93 and moved to approve line item transfer of supplemental appropriation of funds. Ms. Hawk seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-94

Jeff Davis, President of the Friends of the Southwest Public Library and Chairman of the Committee to Save Our Library, spoke to the importance of this levy. The employees have gone 10 years with no raises. Volunteers will make the pitch for this levy. The library benefits both those who use it and those who do not.

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2010-94 and moved to support the Southwest Public Library levy on November 2, 2010. Ms. Hawk seconded the motion. Mr. Bowshier stated that he is not in favor of taxes, but he is in favor of the library. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-95

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2010-95 and moved to declare official intent on behalf of the State of Ohio to reimburse its OPWC loan fund for the White Road Improvement Project Phase II. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion.

Mr. Lilly gave a brief explanation of the resolution, stating that this is for the White Road widening project from Buckeye Parkway almost all the way to McDowell Road to include sidewalks, street lights, curb and gutter and improvements to the pavement. It is a five million dollar Phase II project to occur next year. The Township received a loan of two million dollars which is a three way split between the Township, the County and Grove City. We have twenty-five years to repay that loan at zero interest.

VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-96

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2010-96 and moved to authorize advancement of funds and approve Supplemental Appropriation transfer to solve a temporary cash flow issue. Ms. Hawk seconded the motion. Mr. Burris explained that we have not received a draw from the County, and this resolution is necessary in order to cover fire department payroll. VOTE: all yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**ZONING & ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Lilly presented the Board with a written report and an oral report as follows:

- Reported the historic vote which occurred the previous evening wherein the City Council of Columbus denied annexation of lands from Jackson Township on Jackson Pike into the City of Columbus.
- Reported the seminar he attended this morning (July 20) regarding the Health Care Reform Acts that were passed by the U.S. Congress, both the House and Senate versions, included 13 pages of notes. The answers are not all there yet. There are 2400 pages of the Senate bill. To complicate this, personnel at the Department of Labor and Department of Health and Human Services are reviewing this bill and creating their own regulations. The key thing is that effective October 1 of this year health care plans will begin carrying dependent children to age 26. The State of Ohio has taken it a step further and made dependent children to age 28 eligible dependent if that child is unmarried, does not have coverage and is an Ohio resident. One possible questions might be, "What if the child joins the military?" According to federal legislation, that child would still be covered under our group plan as either a secondary or tertiary insurance carrier. The 2011 tax year employees will have W-2 updated to show the value that the employer contributes to health insurance. It is not taxable in 2011.

Mr. Burris commended Mr. Lilly for his work with Grove City and others in fighting the Columbus annexation on Jackson Pike and stated that the issue with the Jones Topsoil location has been going on for years.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sheets presented the Board with a report in caucus and an oral report as follows:.

- Firefighter of the Year Policy – would like to have the Board e-mail comments to him on the proposed policy he distributed on July 6, as well as the SOG for Labor-Management meetings. He will re-send the policy by e-mail.
- Has three candidates wishing to go to be sponsored by the Township for the Southwest Leadership at \$250.00 per person. There would be no overtime involved. They attend on their own time learning about the community and the government under which we work. The Chief has been through this program along with a number of other firefighters.
- Explosion on Donovan's Bluff has been ruled an arson fire. Case now at Prosecutor's office to find out if we have enough to file charges. That is still under investigation. There was an injury at that fire that was not known until two days after the time of the fire—not an employee.
- Incident on Hoover Road – last night. People accused of committing a crime went into an apartment just north of Parlin Drive. Grove City and Columbus Police worked. Upon further investigation this morning some chemicals were found there. Bomb squad and FBI were called. A lot of samples were taken. It is believed there was some kind of illegal drug lab.
- Trustee Hawk and Chief are continuing to work on computer policy.

Mr. Burris asked about a resident's concern with cars parked at a neighbor's residence and on the street. Chief Sheets drove to the neighborhood during caucus and took pictures which he sent from his blackberry to the Board. He stated that with his findings this evening, fire trucks would be able to navigate at that location without a problem. Mr. Burris asked Mr. Lilly to send zoning code information to residents involved.

Mr. William Lotz, Representative of Franklin County townships to SWACO.

Mr. Lotz came to the Township meeting directly from the SWACO Board meeting. He wanted to speak to the issue of the rate increase at the landfill and why there is a request for a rate increase. If no rate increase, what would have to be eliminated – the litter crew on I-71 and some of the employees who maintain the landfill site. SWACO is currently running in the red and has not had one rate increase since approximately four years ago. The increase will benefit our community, the City of Grove City and Jackson Township, more than some of the other communities in the County because the litter on I-71 is a big issue as far as we are concerned. The overall appearance of the landfill is a big issue. The appearance of our landfill is probably the best of any other landfill in the State of Ohio. Jackson Township is in contract with SWACO through 2011, so the first year of this increase will not affect the Township. SWACO has cut eighteen positions in three years. There is a huge expense for the heavy equipment that operates at the landfill. The loan made to the City of Columbus at a time when the City was having financial woes will be paid off in 2012. Columbus pays a tipping fee, which is \$12.50 a ton over and above the regular trash rate for every ton that it takes to one of the tipping sites in order to pay off the loan.

At present we cannot fill the vehicle which uses compressed gas. SWACO is trying to resolve the issue by arranging for a pony wagon to allow fill ups. More than likely it will be sometime in August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Burris announced:

- The next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. with caucus to begin at 12:45 p.m.
- There will be a meeting between the Board of Trustees and officers of Firefighters Local 2672 on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at 8:00 a.m.
- Working to schedule a public meeting for the residents of Creekside on Tuesday, August 31, at 7 p.m. to discuss the proposed new fire station at the corner of Holton Road and Buckeye Parkway.

Mr. Burris thanked Mr. Lilly again for his work fighting the Columbus proposed annexation of land on Jackson Pike and also welcomed Mr. Forrester back to work following his stay in the hospital over the weekend.

RESOLUTION 2009-97

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

William Forrester, Fiscal Officer

David Burris, Chairman