

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY

June 8, 2010

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio. Mr. Burris opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burris gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTION 2010-71

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the May 25, 2010, regular meeting. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-72

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, Memos of Expenditure, and Bank Reconciliation. Ms. Hawk seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-73

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

PRESENTATION

Mr. Paul Wenning of the Franklin County Board of Health presented the annual NPDES update as required by the permit. The NPDES permit is a State Permit which Franklin County was required to obtain, and deals with storm water discharge. There are six goals and objectives which the County must meet; and those are related to public education and outreach, public participation and good housekeeping. The Department is in the second year of the new permit, and this is the second permit. There are not many changes in this permit. The EPA is asking that whatever public education and outreach related to stormwater that the Township does, that it be seen; such as, "don't drop motor oil down the storm drain" or "don't throw leaves in the catch basin." There are no hard and fast rules so that if you have a particular issue that you want to address that is related to stormwater, we are

absolutely free to do that. The key is that at the end of the year, the Township is able to show that it is in some way participating in education on stormwater management. There is one difference (in the report) this year, and that is that they want headcount. So, newsletter circulation or number of hits to the website should be numbers included in the report sent to Jennifer Fish at Franklin Co Soil & Water. Or, if we have something in the GC Record, or anything like that, general circulation; these numbers do not have to be precise. The essence is to show that the Townships, in partnership with the County Commissioners, are doing the education and outreach that the permit requires. Under public participation, there are no changes as to headcount. Anything related to public participation, such as Boy Scouts cleaning out a ditch, or doing a stream clean up—that's public participation. If, during the arts festival or something, the Township has a display that people are interested in or you have something even related to stormwater or just stream preservation, count it, add it and count it, because that is part of the essence of this permit. Under good housekeeping we are in really good shape. Jackson Township has been in compliance for years. Only difference is the EPA, even though it is environmental protection agency, does love to cut trees and in the old days you could do your annual good housekeeping report on notebook paper; however, they now have to have forms. That form is now required.

The part of the permit Mr. Wenning is here to talk most about is illicit discharge detection and elimination. This involves the Health Department, and it also involves the Franklin County Soil and Water, and the sanitary engineer. The object of this is to eliminate pollution from the waters of the streams and lakes. In Franklin County, since this permit is only for the Townships, our primary source of pollution is sewage. Also, if anyone hears of persons dumping paints, oil or other chemicals, please call the environmental deputies because they can investigate. If they can identify and prove it, that offender may be taken to court or at least warned. In terms of the major problems of pollution in Franklin County, it is sewage from old household systems that are not working properly.

However, in terms of this permit, some changes were made, the main one being that the permit requires the County to create an inventory of every septic system that exists in Franklin County. The problem is that there are a lot of these in old areas that were built in the 30's and 40's, and permits were not issued back then. Then as water became available indoors, people had to find a way to treat that water. So there are a lot of old systems out there. Some of them are still working just fine. Most of them have failed years ago and have been diverted to the nearest watercourse. The County is doing this electronically working with FCSW and building overlay with GIS. They take a map, overlay on the map all the houses, all the addresses, and compare it against the systems they know about, the systems that have permits; and that will identify what we do not know.

Also, the EPA came to the County Commissioners and asked why the original 21 areas that had been designated for sewers back in 1990 were not sewered, putting significant pressure on the Commissioners and the Sanitary Engineer to get those areas sewered. The Sanitary Engineer is working on this so that particular group, which is primarily in Franklin, Clinton and Sharon Townships, is about done. He expects those to be done in the next two to three years. As soon as those are done, the field opens up to all others. Concurrently with that, he is already looking ahead to identify where the next target will be.

The County has developed a ranking system. They looked at areas where there are a large number of homes fairly close together. Then they looked at other criteria being age of housing, because age is a great predictor of whether a septic system is going to fail or not. The average leach field is expected to last about 30 years, and then it will usually fail. It depends upon maintenance. It might not last that long. They looked at soils and underlying ground. They looked at the construction and age of the wells; because wells, just like septic, are not meant to last forever. Factoring those things together, they established the ranking.

Emersonia and Casa Blvd received a high ranking, as did Robin Estates and Mayfair Park. In the next phase of this project, the Health Department will be working closely with the sanitary engineer, and he will be advising whether or not he can get sewers to particular areas. If an area will not be sewerred, but has a lot of failing systems, they will be the first ones to be addressed. There are some changes in the law regarding whether or not these properties would have to be annexed. The sanitary engineer is working to make some changes, and one of the biggest obstacles is the clause in the contract between the City of Columbus and the service providers such as Grove City that no one could tap the sewer unless they annexed. He is trying to get that clause taken out of the contract with the City of Columbus. They are presently negotiating this along with a couple other things. Currently every dollar paid to tap in goes to the City of Columbus. The Sanitary Engineer receives nothing. He is looking to split the revenue with the City of Columbus so that he can start a development fund. He is currently funded from the County General Fund or the health dept only and he would like to change that so that he can keep some of the City of Columbus revenues to use for maintaining the sewers he puts into the ground. Another thing he would like to do is create a Sanitary District for the entire County. That would override the issue of annexation (for sewers). The District would have the ability to override because at that point those unincorporated areas are no longer part of the existing service provider. These areas are called 208 service plan areas. For example Grove City's service plan area is Jackson Township. Basically he would then be the 208 service plan area for all the different jurisdictions. This is for sewer only, not water.

The ranking process is almost complete. They will meet with the sanitary engineer for his evaluation to advise them as to what he can and cannot do. He could advise/estimate on time frame different areas would be able to get sewers. Mr. Wenning would then come back to the Trustees in the fall to keep the Township in the loop as to progress. He would either come back to Jackson Township or have a general meeting to invite all the townships.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2010-74

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2010-74 and moved to provide notice it shall sell surplus equipment by internet auction. Ms. Hawk seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

Mr. Lilly explained that we must pass this Resolution annually.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**ZONING & ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Lilly presented an oral report to the Board and also a written report.

- Township helped the Historical Society last week by backfilling the area from which cabin was removed on Borror Road. They had burned what was left of the cabin and pushed remains into the basement, the City then pushed in the basement walls, and we provided some fill dirt.
- Interest has been generated locally to put in an historical marker at Beulah Park noting that Beulah was named after the daughter of Hugh Grant who was the grandson of A.G. Grant who was one of the founding settlers of Jackson Township. Cost is about \$2,000.00.
- Mosquito spraying machine was calibrated this morning. Spraying has not begun as yet.
- New tractor has been delivered. There was a delay in mowing; now starting to catch up. Mr. Burris asked that all ditches be mowed even if overtime is needed.
- Fence in Emersonia – old fence has been removed, new posts have been installed, new fencing materials have been delivered, and installation will occur during the next few weeks.
- WiFi Upgrade addressed in written report.
- Blast at Beulah. Military flyover proposal defined in written report proposed for Saturday, July 3, and would be part of the stadium announcements when that air show occurs. City has no additional money in the “Blast at Beulah” fund and asked whether the Township would be interested in sponsoring this. Mr. Burris suggested that Mr. Lilly call each Board member in a couple days to get opinion from each of them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sheets presented an oral report to the Board and also a written report.

- The Department had 48 fire responses and 253 EMS responses in the last 2 weeks.
- He explained the procedure the Board can follow in order to gain access to Vulcan.
- He presented three candidates for hiring to a full time position.
- Checked into carport for Station 202 and received two bids extremely far apart (attached).
- Firefighter Kyle Blamble was hired full time at Westerville and would like three month leave of absence from his part-time position here in order to get acclimated. If he does not return in three months, we will take him off our books.
- Firefighter Chris Wickiser lost his driver’s license and has been slow to rectify the matter, so Chief is asking that the Board end his part-time employment.
- Chief Sheets will be on vacation June 10 thru June 28.
- Received letter from Jon Kirkpatrick that he will no longer be using Township money to complete his Fire Science/EMS degree at Columbus State. He has been hired on a position there which pays for his tuition.
- He presented a report showing that the first year of Ladder 202 and Medic 204 being in service has resulted in the Township making 100 runs to our community that previously would have resulted in mutual aid. It helped people in our community receiving service within minutes rather than having to wait 10 or 15 minutes.

Lt. Scott Bowyer

Lt. Bowyer reported that graduation of Safety Town will be held June 18 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Grove City High School. Slightly more than 300 students are enrolled.

William Lotz, Resident and Former Trustee

Mr. Lotz thanked the Board, the Fire Chiefs and all the employees for the wonderful sendoff he was given in December and for honoring him by naming Fire Station 203 on London Groveport Road, "William F. Lotz, Jr." Fire Station. He spoke of his 12-year tenure on the Board and of the advancement of the Township during that time. He stated that this Township is probably farther ahead than any other Township in Franklin County considering the equipment, manpower, etc. and money in the bank. He stated he would be back to meetings from time to time as a regular citizen of the Township. He also addressed Ms. Hawk and told her that he would hold her accountable for things she said during the campaign.

Mr. Burris then thanked Mr. Lotz for his service, not only on the Township Board of Trustees, but for continuing to serve on the Solid Waste Authority Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Burris announced:

The Board of Trustees will attend the Annual Mayor's Breakfast to support Boy Scouts on Tuesday, June 22, at 7:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. with caucus to begin at 6:15 p.m.

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, June 23, at 7:30 a.m. to meet with the executive board of Firefighters Local 2672.

RESOLUTION 2009-75

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

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

William Forrester, Fiscal Officer

David Burris, Chairman