

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees held May 23, 2007 at the Oxford Veterans Memorial Civic Center.

Members Present: Behnke, Bellairs, Dunn, Ferrari (*arrived 7:33 p.m.*), Fitchena, Kniffen, Sanderson

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Recording Secretary Exel, Fire Chief Jack LeRoy, Parks & Recreation Director Ron Davis, Deputy Supervisor Burns, Planning Commission Representatives Silvester, Kucemba and Bell, C. J. Carnacchio-Oxford Leader, Jim Sharpe-Giffels-Webster and approximately ten citizens

Supervisor Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Kniffen moved, Trustee Behnke seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Helen Barwig stated that despite paying increased fees, water quality has been extremely poor for the last couple of weeks; rusty and yellow. Mrs. Barwig also stated her dissatisfaction with the lack of telephone coverage due to recent staffing changes at the Township Hall and the need to have proper coverage.

Treasurer Ferrari arrived at 7:33 p.m.

Todd Bell stated he has e-mailed all Board members requesting a joint meeting with the Board and Planning Commission to address very important issues. Mr. Bell stated he is seeking Board support and looking forward to meeting on June 14th.

Ron Davis, Park & Recreation, commented regarding risk management stating he and Clerk Sanderson have meet with the Township's risk management authority and stated that there are concerns that will be going to both the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the Township Board.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Regular and Consultant Bills through May 17, 2007, as presented.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried

PRESENTATION

SENIOR PROGRAM AT VETS HALL – OXFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

A brief presentation was given by Becky Paquin, Office Administrator, and Ron Davis, Director.

PROPOSAL FOR SAFETY PATH FUNDING

A brief presentation was given by Lawrence Kucemba, Planning Commission representative.

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Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded that Oxford Township place a safety path millage on the February 2008 primary election ballot for Oxford Township residents to consider.

Motion was amended by Treasurer Ferrari and Trustee Behnke

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded that Oxford Township place a safety path millage on the August 2008 primary election ballot for Oxford Township residents to consider.

Ayes: Fitchena, Ferrari, Sanderson, Behnke

Nays: Bellairs, Kniffen, Dunn

Absent: None

Motion Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMAND VEHICLE PURCHASE

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded to authorize the Oxford Fire Department to purchase a 2007 Dodge Durango from Milosch Dodge in the amount of \$27,188.00 and have those funds come from the Fire ALS Fund.

Ayes: Bellairs, Kniffen, Ferrari, Dunn, Sanderson, Behnke, Fitchena

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

NO-HAZ COLLECTION RECAP

Discussion only – no action taken.

RATIFY STAFFING CHANGES

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded to eliminate the receptionist position as of May 11, 2007 as directed by the Township Board.

Ayes: Kniffen, Ferrari, Sanderson, Behnke, Fitchena

Nays: Dunn, Bellairs

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Trustee Kniffen moved, Trustee Bellairs seconded to use termination by seniority.

Ayes: Dunn, Bellairs, Kniffen

Nays: Ferrari, Sanderson, Behnke, Fitchena

Absent: None

Motion Failed

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BILLS THROUGH MAY 17, 2007

APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT BILLS THROUGH MAY 17, 2007

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Clerk Sanderson seconded to approve all Regular and Consultant Bills through May 17, 2007 as presented and authorize Clerk Sanderson to issue warrants and distribute funds accordingly.

Ayes: Dunn, Sanderson, Behnke, Fitchena, Bellairs, Kniffen, Ferrari

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Trustee Fitchena commented regarding office staffing changes and stated she feels the term “layoff” should be used rather than “fired” when referring to those changes.

Trustee Bellairs commented regarding staffing change verbiage and stated that the receptionist position has not been a “layoff” but “termination”.

Treasurer Ferrari stated that there have been four bids received on office cleaning and one bid received on the purchase of the old Township Hall. Treasurer Ferrari also recognized the Griessers for being honored as best dressmakers in the state.

Trustee Kniffen questioned the Board as to who has authority to contact the Township Attorney regarding lawsuits not involving the Township.

Clerk Sanderson stated that the County has certified the May 8th school election.

Trustee Behnke thanked all those who utilized the Township’s Clean-Up Day and thanked the volunteers.

Supervisor Dunn also thanked all those who volunteered to make a successful Clean-Up Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried

William Dunn, Supervisor

Clara J. Sanderson, CMC, Clerk

Date Approved June 13, 2007

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