

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of	Goshen Township Trustees	Meeting
7:00PM	Township Hall	January 18, 2006

The regular public meeting of the Goshen Township Trustees was called to order by Chairman T.J. Corcoran. Mike Keeley led in the pledge to the flag. Tim Hodges led in prayer. Roll was called: T.J. Corcoran-present, Tim Hodges-present, and Mike Keeley-present.

Table Approval of Meeting Minutes

*** Mike Keeley made the motion that the Board table the approval of the meeting minutes from December 29th, January 2nd, January 4th and January 16th until the February 1, 2006 meeting as the Trustees have not yet had a chance to properly review them. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Department Reports

Administrator Ray Snyder explained that the departmental reports for December 2005 were distributed at the January 4, 2006 meeting and that the reports for January 2006 will be available at the February 1, 2006 meeting.

State Auditor Compliance

Administrator Ray Snyder stated that he had consulted with the State Auditor's office and they recommended that the township form an audit committee comprised of members chosen by the Board of Trustees. Ray requested that he be given another two weeks to gather information on how to go about establishing an audit committee. The Trustees responded that they were fine with that direction.

Prosecutor Opinions

Administrator Ray Snyder reported that he had mailed out the letters requesting the prosecuting attorney David Frey's opinion on the appointments to the Zoning Boards made at the special meeting held on December 29, 2005 and on the motion made concerning the commercial portion of the Eagles Nest Property. Ray stated that he had spoken with Dave Frey by phone and he was in the process of drafting a response in regards to the Zoning Board appointments and the legality of the special meeting. Dave also explained that his office would be unable to render an opinion on the commercial portion of Eagles Nest due to a conflict of interest. Administrator Snyder suggested that the Board of Trustees get an opinion on this matter from a private attorney of their own choosing.

***Mike Keeley made the motion that the Board of Trustees consult with Don White to see if the Township should seek outside counsel to get an opinion on whether the former Board of Trustees had the authority to approve the commercial portion of Eagles Nest without the 50,000 square foot limit requested by the Zoning Commission. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

***Mike Keeley made the motion that the Board of Trustees approve seeking outside counsel to get an opinion on whether the former Board of Trustees had the authority to approve the commercial portion of Eagles Nest without the 50,000 square foot limit requested by the Zoning Commission. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Status Report Items

Administrator Ray Snyder gave an update on the Board of Trustees previous request that he look into getting quotes for a sound system that could be placed in the conference room for the purpose of recording executive sessions. Ray stated that he had someone come in from the same company that put together the system in the Hall and that individual is in the process of putting together a quote. He also explained why it might not be prudent to record executive sessions. The Board of Trustees decided to table the issue until after the quote has been submitted.

Finance Report/Budget Analysis & Compliance

Administrator Ray Snyder gave an update on the finance report/budget analysis and compliance. The Township Fiscal Officer has turned in the amounts and rates to the County. Ray met with Lou Clemons to discuss his budget needs. He will be meeting with Virgil Murphy and Tracy Roblero at a later time to discuss their budgetary needs.

Ray explained that the UAN program used by the Township Fiscal Officer has the capability to provide the Trustees with statistics and budgetary items. The Fiscal Officer and her assistant are the only ones authorized to access the UAN program. The Fiscal Officer will get together the requested information and give it to the Administrator, who will then distribute it to the Board of Trustees for review.

New Business

Pay Bills

***Mike Keeley made the motion per the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Sandra Graham that the Board of Trustees approve the payment of the bills. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Approve Out of State Travel for Detective Jeff Lacey

***Mike Keeley made the motion upon the recommendation of Chief Ray Snyder that the Board approve out of state travel for Detective Jeff Lacey for February 20, 2006 to February 23, 2006 in order that he might attend a training session on using a \$20,000.00 wireless video camera system that the Police Department received through a grant. Airfare and hotel expenses will be paid for by the grant. Detective Lacey will be reimbursed for parking expenses by the department. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Officer Ammerman Suspension

***Mike Keeley made the motion upon the recommendation of Chief Ray Snyder that the Board of Trustees suspend Officer Cameron Ammerman for three days without pay for neglect of duty. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

***Mike Keeley made the motion upon the recommendation of Chief Ray Snyder that the Board suspend Officer Cameron Ammerman for a period of ten days without pay for failure to report for duty. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Set Hearing Date for Zoning Case #226

***Mike Keeley made the motion upon the recommendation of Tracy Roblero that the Board set February 1, 2006 as the date for the public hearing for zoning case #226. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Discuss Roadway Access for Proposed General Dollar Store

Roger Doolin, representing Dollar General Stores, discussed the roadway access issues in regards to the proposed Dollar General Store on the corner of State Route 28 and Cedar Lake Lane. T. J.

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Corcoran stated that he would not be comfortable giving an opinion until he has information on the opinion of the residents of Cedar Lake Lane and the members of the Zoning Board. Roger Doolin said that he would do some more homework on the matter.

Approve Winter Conference Attendance for Township Officials

***Mike Keeley made the motion that the Board of Trustees approve the payment of the customary fees for the attendance of the Winter Conference held in Columbus on February 2, 2006 to February 3, 2006 for Township Officials. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Legal Advertisements

***Mike Keeley made the motion that the Board of Trustees approve the placement of legal advertisements in both the Clermont Sun and the Community Press. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Increase Zoning Application Fees

Tabled.

***Mike Keeley made the motion that the Board of Trustees enter into executive session at 8:29PM in accordance with ORC 121-22G(1) to conduct interviews with Zoning Board applicants. Tim Hodges second-motion carried. Returned to regular session at 10:20PM.

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open forum to discuss the zoning board interviews.

***Mike Keeley made the motion to adjourn. Tim Hodges second-motion carried.

Trustee

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Graham, Clerk