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Minutes
7:00 p.m.

Goshen Township Board of Trustees

Special Meeting
Oct 27, 2010

Opening

Jack Kuntz called the meeting to order. Lisa Allen led in prayer. The pledge was recited; and roll was taken. Jack Kuntz; present. B. Hausermann; present. Ray Autenrieb; present.

Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes

*** Ray Autenrieb moved to amend the agenda with the change to add item I. under New Business; Tree Removal Contract. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

*** Ray Autenrieb moved to accept the agenda as amended. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

*** Bob Hausermann moved to approve the minutes of 6/8/10; 6/10/10; 6/14/10; 6/22/10; 6/28/10; and 7/12/10. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

Department Reports/Announcements

Ray Snyder informed the board after talking with CSI in reference to shopping for better rates in waste removal, CSI agreed to take our current cost of \$122.00 a month to \$36.00 a month locking this rate in for a period of 2 years and on the third year the rate will not exceed no more than 5% increase. This will save us a total of \$2,064.00 a year.

Chief Pegram informed the township that last Thursday due to a fire in the township the Levy Question and Answer meeting was canceled and has been rescheduled for tomorrow, October 27, 2010, at 7PM in the basement of the Administration Building. It is for anyone wanting to ask questions about the upcoming levy.

Chief Pegram informed us that last September an organization called ISO came out to rate our Fire Department to evaluate the community on the ability to provide fire protection. The rating is 10 being the worse and 1 being the best. There is no one in Ohio rated 1. Loveland is a 2, we're currently rated a 6. We went thru the review for 3 days with a lot of inspections from fire hydrants to the Communication Center. After the review they put the ratings together to come up with the ISO Rating. We have been notified that the rating went from a 6 to 4 in Goshen Township. This is a number that insurance agencies use to estimate their rates.

Ray Autenrieb informed the township that a resident at his church let everyone know that she had a situation and felt both the police and fire goes beyond their call of duty and wanted everyone to know she appreciates our staff.

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New Business

*** Bob Hausermann moved to pay the bills. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

Erica Bohler, supervisor for Children's Services, spoke about voting on Nov 2. This is a renewal levy #5. It is here to protect and continued protection of our children. Last year we had 334 cases of neglect abuse, in 2009 we investigated 321 physical abuse. We are hoping Clermont County will support this levy. This will cost a homeowner of \$100,000.00 a continued rate of \$21.44 a year. This is not an increase. This goes 100% to the children not for the cost of the staff. This renewal will last for 4 years.

Karen Scherra the Executive Director of Clermont County Board of Mental Health spoke in reference to Issue #6 on the Nov 2 ballot. Most funds come from the state, some from the federal government. Two years ago our funds were cut 40%. We are asking for this renewal to pass. This renewal is ½ mill, it is from 1981 a 5 year levy. We are very efficient and use partnerships and grants which keeps this levy as a renewal. Our services include a school based service and a crisis hot line. Clermont County had the highest suicide rate last year, 39, 5 which were juveniles We have a 24/7 line and a text line is coming very soon to help everyone asking. We are working on our drug problems. Clermont is one of the top 10 for overdoses and heroin use is on the rise. If we don't have this levy available we cannot get grants due to not having the match. So please vote Nov 2 for issue #6.

Steve Pegram received a letter on October 19, 2010 thanking Goshen Township Fire/EMS. Enclosed is a check/donation for \$1,000.00 from Paul Kane of Pine Meadows.

***Bob Hausermann moved to accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from Mr. Kane. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

***Bob Hausermann moved to increase revenue for fund 2191 and appropriations for 2191-110-420-0000 in the amount of \$1,000.00 . Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

Chief Pegram stated that last year we had a DHS Fire Prevention Grant and Smoke Detector Blitz this project was completed under budget. When you complete a project under budget the Federal Government will allow you to use these funds for fire prevention actives. The under budgeted amount is \$4,817.00. I have sent a request to use these funds for purchasing smoke alarms and other fire prevention material. We will go out into the community and knock on doors check peoples smoke alarms and batteries, we will replace if necessary. I just wanted to update everyone on this project.

Fire Prevention Grant Money item G will be removed from the agenda.

*** Kelly Kline and Doug Engled Jr. gave a presentation of The Goshen Township Fire & EMS "Helping Hands And Lock Box Program" It was explained how we get calls for people in need of help but we can't get to them due to locked doors. This program would give them a lock box to keep a key to their home which would be accessible to our personnel; this will provide better and faster service to our community. We have one in use which works out great. Anyone in need can fill out an application and one would be installed on a loan basis. This program is at no cost to the Township. Bob Hausermann stated he was along when they had a call to the one that is in the testing phase and it worked well.

***Ray Autenrieb moved to appoint part-time Firefighter/EMT Alexander J. Rose effective 6/22/10 at a rate of \$8.50/hour. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

Ray Snyder stated there are 6 dead trees that need to be removed on the property of the Administration Building. These need to be removed before someone gets hurt. Three estimates were received; Eastern Hills \$1,895.00; M & M Tree Service \$1,600.00; and Arnett Tree Service \$1,500.00. This includes downing the trees and removal of debris. I considered the Service Department to do this but the risk is too high. My recommendation is to go with Arnett Tree Service. I have in possession a copy of their BWC and certificate of liability insurance policy which names Goshen Township as part of the insured. Bob Hausermann asked for the opinion of Lou Clemons which sides with the Administrator and recommends hiring a tree service.

***Bob Hausermann moved to retain Arnett Tree Service to remove the trees in the amount of \$1,500.00 as soon as possible. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

***Ray Autenrieb moved to adjourn into executive session to consider the dismissal of a Township employee in accordance with Ohio Revised code 121.22(G) at 7:41PM. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

***Ray Autenrieb moved to return to Public Session at 8:32PM. Bob Hausermann seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

No decisions made from executive session.

Old Business

Jack Kuntz stated the next item was 2011 Budget Cuts Discussion which would have been the result of the executive session. No decisions were made so this discussion is not needed.

Community Forum

Adjournment

***Bob Hausermann moved to adjourn. Ray Autenrieb seconds; motion carries. J. Kuntz; yes. B. Hausermann; yes. R. Autenrieb; yes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Allen

Trustee