

November 25, 2003

Held

Trustee Corman called the meeting to order at 7:00 with the Pledge to Allegiance. Trustee Rielage and Clerk Mohr were not in attendance. Ms. Burns was acting Clerk.

### **Presentation**

#### **Sunlight Drive Clean-up Project**

Trustee Corman recognized Officer McGahaa, Hamilton County Sheriff's Patrol and Resource Officer for the Sunlight Drive neighborhood, for his efforts in organizing this project. Officer McGahaa updated the Board on the clean-up thus far, presented photos of the site, and commended the following volunteers for their hard work: many residents of the Sunlight Drive area, Chief Sarver and his wife, Sergeant Meloy and his son, Mr. Stone of Rumpke for dumpster donation and Biggs for meal donation. The current property owners, Mr. Herbert Bittman and Mr. Edward Frey, have contacted Officer McGahaa with their intentions to donate the property to the Township for a possible tot-lot. They have been paying property tax and insurance on this property for years and now with the construction of Cross County and their absence from the property feel that this site has become a burden.

Although speaking for himself, Trustee Corman felt that the remaining Board would support a park project such as this. The many benefits would be increased property value, community togetherness, a location for parents and children to visit, increased park district for Township as well as a tax credit for the current owners. Trustee Fiedeldej stated that this is a win-win situation for all involved and mentioned that he had spoken with Officer McGahaa regarding the property owners being aware of a potential tax credit. He commended Officer McGahaa for a job well done and at the request of a citizen present, Mr. Sandoz, a letter will be sent to Sheriff Simon Leis and Colonel Hoffbauer on Officer McGahaa's behalf.

Trustee Corman and Trustee Fiedeldej gave direction for Mr. Reuter, Township Attorney, to do a title search and make contact with the Attorney for the property owners. Mr. Reuter will have a report for the Board by the December meeting.

### **Departmental Reports**

**Administration Health Care Renewal** – Mr. Foglesong mentioned that Mr. Birkenhauer, Township Assistant Administrator, presented renewal and alternative information to the Board on the health, dental, and life insurance plans for the Township's full-time employees. After much consideration and review of all proposals submitted to the Health Care Committee, they have recommended a change from the current plan of United Health Care to Anthem Blue Cross, a change from United Health Care Life to Mutual of Omaha, and remain with Dental Care Plus. Mr. Foglesong requested that the Board accept the plans, as suggested by the Committee at the following rates, effective January 1, 2004:

Anthem Blue Cross

Single 229.64 EE/Spouse 660.57 EE/Child 440.48 Family 770.21

Dental Care Plus

Single 20.27 Family 64.13

Mutual of Omaha

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24.5/\$1000 payroll

A motion was made by Mr. Fiedeldey and seconded by Trustee Corman to accept the health care rates as presented above.

Trustee Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Trustee Corman. "Aye"

**Distribution of Wal-Mart Flyer** – For the Board's information, Mr. Foglesong reported that a flyer was circulated in various neighborhoods regarding the possible construction of a Super Wal-Mart on the old Furrow's property. This flyer listed no contact or place or origin, but asked that residents contact their Board of Trustees if in opposition. Mr. Foglesong added that to date there has been no formal contact by Wal-Mart or their representatives. Mr. Corman mentioned that he had received one call against retail for this site but industrial would be acceptable.

**Colerain Avenue Renovation Update** – Mr. Foglesong updated the Board on the status of Colerain Avenue renovations. Because of limited night visibility of the medians, the Ohio Department of Transportation will be installing reflective tape or reflectors. Also, street lighting proposed for the Colerain Corridor will assist in illuminating the area. Mr. Foglesong will make inquiry to the ODOT during their next meeting on the status of the reflectors and street lighting. This meeting, open to the public, will be held on Friday, December 5, 8:00 a.m. in the Township Administrative Building.

In response to Trustee Corman's inquiry on the testing of emergency vehicles in relation to the medians and for cost effective reasons of installing the street lights (underground) during the construction phase, Mr. Foglesong mentioned that the wiring is above ground and would not be cost effective to run all wiring underground. Trustee Corman's concerns will be addressed during the December 5 ODOT meeting.

Trustee Fiedeldey suggested and Trustee Corman agreed that correspondence should be sent to the State Senator and State Representative seeking their financial assistance for the preemption system as well as for street lighting. Mr. Foglesong will prepare the request for the Board.

**Zoning Department - Appoint Expiring Zoning Board Positions** – Mr. Foglesong mentioned that Zoning Administrator Otis Spriggs is asking for the Board to consider an appointment to the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals for positions that have expired. Both of the Commission members are seeking reappointment. Trustee Fiedeldey and Trustee Corman stated that Mr. Salerno of the Zoning Commission and Mr. Lyons of the Board of Zoning Appeals have shown interest, stability and commitment and feel that they both are assets to the Commissions. Mr. Salerno has a legal background, which is very beneficial with the cases presented to the Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Trustee Fiedeldey and seconded by Trustee Corman to reappointment Mr. Salerno to the Zoning Commission and Mr. Lyons to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term.

Trustee Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Trustee Corman. "Aye"

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**Police Department - Request to Hire Full-time Police Officer** – On behalf of Chief Sarver, Mr. Foglesong presented information to the Board on Mr. Joseph Beck, who he is requesting for hire to fill a vacancy on the Police Department.

Mr. Beck will begin employment on January 4, 2004, at Step 1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

A motion was made by Trustee Fiedeldey and seconded by Trustee Corman to approve the hiring of Joseph Beck as Police Officer.

Trustee Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Trustee Corman. "Aye"

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**Appropriation Adjustment** – Mr. Foglesong reported that the Clerk's office is requesting an appropriation transfer for \$125.42 from account 2031-335-99-000 telephones to account 2031-335-314-000 other.

A motion was made by Trustee Fiedeldey and seconded by Trustee Corman to approve the appropriation transfer as listed above.

Trustee Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Trustee Corman. "Aye"

**Legal Department**

**Blanchetta Drive Right-of-Entry Agreement**- On behalf of Assistant Administrator Frank Birkenhauer, Mr. Reuter presented the Board with Resolution 57-03, authorizing right of entry agreement for landscaping on Blanchetta Drive – Millcreek corridor. The purpose of this agreement is for the Township to be able to plant materials on Hamilton County's property located on the flood way area of the creek bed on Blanchetta Drive.

A motion was made by Trustee Fiedeldey and seconded by Trustee Corman to approve Resolution 57-03 as read.

Trustee Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Trustee Corman. "Aye"

**FOP Collective Bargaining Agreements** – Mr. Reuter reported that the Police Contract for the Officers and Sergeants have been agreed upon and are currently in the draft-reading phase by both him and Mr. Foglesong. Both contracts were scheduled for fact finding but was cancelled after agreements were reached with the mediation. The major changes to the contract consist of salary and health benefits. The salaries for the Police Contract is for three years at 3%, 3%, 3.25% and the Sergeants Contract states 11% above the highest Police Officer Step. The health care change is as follows. The employee will contribute 10% to each annual increase and the Township will contribute the remaining premium. Mr. Reuter requested Board approval as outlined in principal.

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A motion was made by Trustee Fiedeldey and seconded by Trustee Corman to approve both the Police and Sergeants Collective Bargaining Contracts.

Trustee Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Trustee Corman. "Aye"

### Trustees' Report

**Scenic River Status** – Trustee Fiedeldey mentioned the Scenic River request that was previously discussed at a Board meeting and additionally at a public meeting held with various communities, agencies, and representatives of ODNR, Hamilton and Hamilton County Engineers Office and was hopeful that Trustee Corman had received sufficient information to make a decision on moving forward with possible Scenic River status? Although Trustee Fiedeldey would prefer to wait for discussion with Trustee Rielage, he felt that her position had not changed in disagreement with the study.

Trustee Corman has obtained additional information from the Hamilton County Engineer's office and the Township Parks Director and has new attitude on seeking to investigate scenic river status. He would like to see the study begin but does not want to see our request of the various agencies interfere with the work load they are currently involved with.

A motion was made by Trustee Fiedeldey and seconded by Trustee Corman to study the possibility of scenic river status.

Trustee Fiedeldey. "Aye"

Trustee Corman. "Aye"

Trustee Fiedeldey added that it will take involvement from the surrounding communities but feels that with Colerain Township taking the initiative the others might join in. A formal resolution will not be voted on by the Board at this time; however, Mr. Foglesong will make contact with members of the Friends of the Great Miami, the organization who volunteered during the previous meeting to follow through with the appropriate steps in establishing the scenic river status.

**Grant Application Acquisition** – Trustee Fiedeldey reported that he has read numerous articles on communities and the grant funding that they receive. He realizes that the Township receives grant monies and wants to make sure that the Township is aggressive in their approach in obtaining as much grant assistance as possible to bring money back to Colerain Township. He requested of the Departments a report listing the number of grants applied for, the agency applied from, the amount of funding received and if the grants are one time or multiple year grants.

Mr. Foglesong explained that there are publications listing the many organizations making grants available. Many foundations do not fund governmental agencies. At times the grant application is very cumbersome and does warrant the effort the minimal amount that could potentially be received. Mr. Foglesong provided a brief listing of current grants acquired by the various Departments such as Community Development, FEMA, Fire Safety, and Cops grants.

Trustee Corman mentioned infrastructure on roads and street and the definite need for grants for these projects. There currently is not a levy funding this Department and there needs to be way of meeting financial need.

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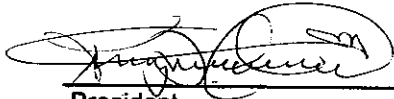
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Fiedeldey requested if an Executive Session was necessary to discuss correspondence received from attorneys. Mr. Reuter requested an Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation.

A motion was made by Trustee Fiedeldey and seconded by Trustee Corman to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Fiedeldey. "Aye"  
Trustee Corman. "Aye"

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Clerk

  
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President