

Held

October 11, 2011

OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Deters called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Mr. Ritter, Mr. Wolterman and Mrs. Harlow were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reuter requested the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and imminent litigation as well as the employment, compensation and benefits of public employees or officials.

At 6:04 PM Mr. Ritter made a motion to enter Executive Session and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Deters reconvened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Reuter said no decisions or actions were made in Executive Session.

INVOCATION

Mr. Deters offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Harlow requested approval of the September 27, 2011 minutes as submitted. Mr. Deters made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Birkenhauer said this is the first of two public hearings on the 2012-14 CDBG projects. He said the list of project we will submit for the grant is just over \$450,000. The projects are: Management of Skyline Community Center \$45,000/annually, total of \$135,000; Senior Center HVAC upgrade, \$128,500 to be funded in 2012; street improvements from Public Works \$172,358.

Mr. Ritter made a motion to open the public hearing and Mr. Wolterman offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

No one wished to speak.

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Mr. Deters made a motion to close the public hearing and Mr. Deters offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman commented that these are three good projects and we should pursue them.

Mr. Birkenhauer said the second hearing is October 25, 2011. At that time the Board will rank these projects.

POLICE REPORTS

Lt. Schoonover, of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and Police Chief Meloy said reports would be given at the next meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

MR. WOLTERMAN

Mr. Wolterman said that during this budget process, it's important to look at the Township as a whole. He said he was looking at the cash summary by fund, dated September 30, and the general fund had a cash balance of \$9 million. On past ledgers, he recalled the carryover balance for the general fund in cash to be \$5-6 million. He said that if we are making cuts, we must leverage that against what cash we have in hand. He asked the Fiscal Officer to verify the beginning cash balance on January 1, 2012 and, if we went with the proposed temporary appropriations/cuts, what would our balance be on December 31, 2012. We have the Senior Center and Zoning, as well as some money from the parks. If we are going to have some cash reserves, in order to make sure we know how much money we have. He doesn't look at his job as maneuvering to keep the Senior Center open, maneuvering to keep the parks going, maneuvering to fund the Skyline Center. Our job is to come up with solutions because in the past we have looked at these items, funded by the general fund, as being important to the quality of life in the Township. We need take a holistic approach. We need any solution to provide these services to the residents. Then, as we go forward, not working in panic mode, we can devise these solutions. We might need to increase revenue or take the case to the public with revenue sources, then so be it. He asked if Mrs. Harlow could provide those numbers by the next meeting or prior to. He said, by his estimate, he's looking at 12-31-11, we'll have about \$6 million in the general fund. These are "guesstimates" based on what he has seen in the past. This will give the Board an idea what the balance is. Mr. Wolterman also requested Mrs. Harlow provides an estimate of our 2013 revenues from estate tax. This township has been well managed and well run, it's a dis-service to not provide services when the money may exist. He's not opposed to cuts, but he is opposed to cutting for the sake of cutting. He said there are some areas we can do away with, like the newsletter. He feels that the Waycross productions are valuable for not only providing information about the Trustee meetings, but also our zoning, schools and other events. Let's not look at maneuvering, let's look at coming up with solutions. We spent \$1.8 million in bonds on the Streetscape on Colerain Ave., but if our residents don't have good roads out of their subdivisions to get there, it seems to be a self-defeating purpose. He asked fellow board members to open their mind, eyes and horizons. We want this to be a quality place to live, and there is a cost to that. There is a cost to live in a community that provides not just basic services, but enhanced services. What is that cost and are the citizens willing to participate to continue this?

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MR. RITTER

Mr. Ritter said that we must remember a few things about our cash balance. It is affected by the cash we receive in two installments from the county auditor in February and July/August from property taxes. You would naturally expect the cash balance to be depleted over the second half of the year. He also said the proceeds from bond sale for the Streetscape are not factored in because the majority of the work has not been done. Mr. Ritter said when we see a structural deficit, we must lead. He said Mr. Wolterman seems to use taxes as first resort, not last and he disagrees with that. The course we've charted is a good one, not panic or irrational. We've worked with the department heads and asked them to provide information to the Board. He finds Mr. Wolterman's comments troubling and confusing.

Mr. Wolterman said it's not confusing. He said that he wants to know what cash we will have available to provide services at the beginning of 2012 and end of 2012. We are not leading when we slash and shut off services.

Mr. Wolterman said that he hasn't heard from Mrs. Harlow if she is able to provide this information. Mrs. Harlow said that she tried to answer, but he continued to speak and she didn't want to interrupt.

Mr. Wolterman said that if, in fact, we don't have money, we won't be able to provide services. If we do, then look at the situation differently.

Mr. Deters asked if this would put us in the same position to make these decisions in a few more years. We would be passing this along to our kids. The department heads will make creative ideas to maintain services. We need to make changes in how we provide services. The Board is united that we socialize with our residents. Part of this is communication. They don't realize what their government has to deal with.

CITIZEN ADDRESS

Clarence Easterling, of 2711 W. Galbraith Road, talked about an old issue -- irresponsible landlords. The entire neighborhood (east of Colerain Avenue on West Galbraith Road) has turned rental, and it is not a nice place to live. Is the Township compensated to allow the public housing? Someone tried to break into his home, and he had to get a security system. Landlords should be held accountable. The police can only do so much. They have also provided information to Zoning. The landlord doesn't require the tenants cut the grass.

Mr. Wolterman commented there is no compensation nor would there ever be. This is a federal issue.

Mr. Deters stated that it sounds like they are dealing with people on vouchers. There is an obligation by the Township to know who these folks are. We keep an eye on who we need to contact.

Dr. Roschke said Hamilton County requires registration of rental properties, but the property owners don't always do it. This can be checked on the auditor's website. We use their information. We request from CMHA what units are available. They don't notify neighbors or us if those units are available.

Mr. Easterling stated that someone should hold the landlords responsible. Two people own the bulk of the block.

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Mr. Wolterman said we, as an entity, could contact the landlords. The Resource Center will be in this area.

Chief Meloy will put them in contact with Neighborhood Resource Officer Hopewell, as he has experience dealing with issues such as this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**FIRE DEPARTMENT****Rumpke Update**

Chief Smith said Mr. Deters requested that he provide an update on the odor issues at the landfill. He provided the Board with a report. The number of complaints increased this year over last year. The subsurface reaction in area 5 contributes to the odor. Leachate generated from reaction area is put into MSD sewer and trunk line. More recently, it's the source of a number of complaints, and it has significant impact on the residents living in the area near the trunk line. MSD issued an order on October 7, 2011 to cease and desist the discharge of leachate into sewer line. Rumpke is working with MSD on an alternate plan. He said a group of experts from Rumpke, the solid waste management district, EPA and the Township meets often to try to figure out how to best manage the off-site impact. They met on September 21. Callers with complaints on odors should be encouraged to call the hotline to report specifics and accurate accounts of what is really going on. The hotline number is 946-7777.

Mr. Deters asked if the reaction requires an increased blanket. Chief Smith explained that there is pressure and the reaction wants to force the gases out. Rumpke is currently adding another 10 acres of the odor control blanket and this will be done in about two weeks. He said there continues to be settlement greater than you'd normally see, but not at the level that was documented in the early months of the reaction.

Mr. Deters asked about the installation of an oxidizer on the gas plant. Chief Smith reported that is not yet fully functioning.

ZONING**Hopefest Update**

The Hopefest dinner was canceled due to lack of reservations. Dr. Roschke said we have received many nice items from local artists and businesses and we're working on doing an on-line auction. She will inform the Board when this is available.

NEW BUSINESS**POLICE DEPARTMENT****Sale of Police Cruiser**

Chief Meloy requested the Board's approval to sell a 2007 Chevrolet Impala police cruiser to another Ohio law enforcement agency. This cruiser will be replaced in November 2011 by a replacement vehicle ordered earlier in 2011. The Police Department will sell the cruiser to another police agency, at an agreed upon price of \$10,000-\$12,000.

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Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mutual Aid Agreement

Chief Meloy read Resolution 58-11, Resolution Authorizing Execution of Hamilton County Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Part-Time Hire

Chief Meloy requested the Board's approval to hire Mr. Scott Middendorf, as a part-time clerk to be assigned to the Community Resource Center. Mr. Middendorf will job share 40 hours per week at \$16/hour beginning the week of October 17, 2011

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Community Resource Center Update

Chief Meloy reported the last bit of equipment is being moved in today, and all the folks are being entered into the system. The ribbon cutting is 2:30 PM on October 27, but we will open before that.

Mr. Wolterman said there are rumors of cutting sheriff's patrol via budget cuts by the Board of County Commissioners. He said he spoke to Col. Hoffbauer who said the rumors are not true and they are buying new cruisers.

Mr. Ritter said that he bristles at the notion that the patrols are free. We have the landfill burden, but the county is getting the bulk of the tipping fees. In mid 90s, other townships "TIF'ed" their residential property, but we didn't do it. All townships are not equal and not contributing at the same rate. Our relationship with the Sheriff's Department is at an all-time high. The county administrator has always had a problem with these patrols.

PUBLIC WORKS

Blue Meadow Subdivision

Mr. McClain said the County Engineer has presented us Blue Meadow Farm Subdivision, Phase I consisting of Blue Meadow Lane totaling 1,052.08 feet and Red Hawk Court consisting of 612.44 feet for the Colerain Board of Trustees to assent to the acceptance.

Mr. McClain recommended the Board assent to the acceptance and establish the following three signs:

1. A stop sign on Red Hawk Court at Blue Meadow Lane on the northwest corner.
2. A 25 MPH speed limit zone on Blue Meadow Lane from Red Hawk Court to the north property line of 4944 Blue Meadow Lane totaling 1052 feet.

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On Red Hawk Court from Blue Meadow Lane to the north property line of 8678 Red Hawk Court totaling 612 feet.

3. A no parking fire lane zone on the north then the east side of Blue Meadow Lane from Red Hawk Court to the north property line of 4944 Blue Meadow Lane for a distance of 1052 feet. On the east side of Red Hawk Court from Blue Meadow Lane to the north property line of 8678 Red Hawk Court for a distance of 612 feet.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman inquired about the Blackwolf Run developer not putting on final coat. Mr. McClain will check on this. Mr. Wolterman suggested we confirm the bond is in place before we have to take it over.

ZONING

Resolution for Demolition – 2879 Jonrose

Dr. Roschke read Resolution 59-11, Resolution for Demolition of 2879 Jonrose Avenue.

She said this resolution basically says to the owner of the property that they need to make some real progress in 30 days or we're coming in.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Resolution for Demolition – 2880 Jonrose

Dr. Roschke read Resolution 60-11, Resolution for the Demolition of 2880 Jonrose Avenue.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Resolution for Demolition – 2900 Jonrose

Dr. Roschke read Resolution 61-11, Resolution for the Demolition of 2900 Jonrose Avenue.

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Nuisance Resolution

Dr. Roschke read Resolution 62-11, Nuisance Resolution.

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Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Mrs. Harlow said financial reports are available for viewing at the Administration Office weekdays during regular business hours; or you can call or email to receive information.

Mrs. Harlow asked for approval of payroll, purchase orders, and receipts. Mr. Ritter made such motion and Mr. Deters offered the second. The roll was called:

- Mr. Deters. "Aye"
- Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
- Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

The Fiscal Officer has recorded the following receipts:

<u>REC</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
520-2011	Hamilton County Auditor	1 st Semi Annual RRI Awards	9,933.06
521-2011	Hamilton County Auditor	Permissive Motor Vehicle August	39,700.00
522-2011	Hamilton County Auditor	Gas Excise Sept.	23,456.20
523-2011	Hamilton County Auditor	Motor Veh. Reg. August, LGF Sept., Local Gov. Hgwy. Sept.	58,746.65
524-2011	Police Dept.	Aug. Reports	3.95
525-2011	Police Dept.	Donation	6,000.00
526-2011	Police Dept.	Donation	500.00
527-2011	Sr. & Community Center	Membership, Classes, Rent Event Dep., Rent Event Fee, Lunch, Refreshments	1,816.15
528-2011	Sr. & Community Center	Membership Classes, Rent Event Dep., Lunch	1,046.75
529-2011	Police Dept.	NWLSD Payment	8,427.58
530-2011	Police Dept.	Towing Fee	240.00
531-2011	Police Dept.	Towing Fee	300.00
532-2011	Police Dept.	Towing Fee	225.00
533-2011	Administration	Recycling Paper	18.23
534-2011	Administration	Recycling Paper	74.70
535-2011	Police Dept.	Cruiser Sale	3,865.00
536-2011	Police Dept.	Court Reimbursement	6.00
537-2011	Police Dept.	Court Reimbursement	6.00
538-2011	OTARMA	Insurance Training Center Reimbursement	4,896.08
539-2011	Police Dept.	Court Reimbursement	108.00
540-2011	Police Dept.	Salaries	1,218.52
541-2011	Parks & Services	Shelter Rental, Misc.	1,931.77
542-2011	Parks & Services	Baseball Field Rental	440.00
543-2011	Parks & Services	Shelter Rental	140.00

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544-2011	Parks & Services	Shelter and Amphitheater Rental	140.00
545-2011	Zoning Dept.	Certificates	640.00
546-2011	Parks & Services	Miscellaneous	530.00
547-2011	Parks & Services	Restitution for Property Damage	250.00
548-2011	Ohio Deferred Comp.	Refund	200.00
549-2011	Fire & EMS Dept.	Foster Care, Inspection Fees	105.00
550-2011	Fire & EMS Dept.	Foster Care, Plan Review	90.00
551-2011	Rumpke Sanitary Landfill	Solid Waste Disposal Fee August	69,410.33
552-2011	David Foglesong	Cell Phone Usage	20.00
553-2011	Police Dept.	Forfeited Funds	785.00

Mrs. Harlow requested the Board approve the following appropriation adjustments:

- For the General fund: Take \$10,482.24 from 1000-930-930-0000 (contingencies) and adjust to 1000-110-131-0000 (salary – administrator)
- For the Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax fund: Take \$536.09 from 2231-330-490-0000 (other – supplies and materials) and adjust to 2231-330-230-0000 (workers comp)

Mr. Wolterman made such motion and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mrs. Harlow read Resolution 63-11, "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission & Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor," by title. Mr. Deters made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Ritter offered the second. The roll was called:

Mr. Deters. "Aye"
Mr. Ritter. "Aye"
Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"

Mrs. Harlow said she was honored to attend the annual Snow Plow Rodeo training extravaganza hosted by the County Engineer, on September 28. She said our all of our public works "snow fighters" participated and the course covers safety practices, skill and pre-trip vehicle inspection.

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ADJOURNMENT


With no further business to come before the Board, at 8:00 PM, Mr. Wolterman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Ritter offered a second.


Mr. Deters. "Aye"

Mr. Ritter. "Aye"

Mr. Wolterman. "Aye"


Fiscal Officer

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