# ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING May 13, 2015

The following residents and guests signed in as present:

Maura JungKurt JungMartha BurtonPaul BurtonHeather OesterleMatt WeilDustin LehtoDarlyne StanczykMarilee CarstensDior RushtonGE NoblePatrick Hefferan

Tom Wirth Timothy Seal, Jr.

Other(s) present: Susan Weaver (recording secretary)

Supervisor Gambka called the regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 9080 Mason Street, Rose Township, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Kemp, Scheib-Snider

Board Members Absent: Trevethan (Excused)

# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

# A. Approval of Proposed Agenda for May 13, 2015

Moved by Kemp, seconded by Miller, motion carried to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Voting Yes: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Kemp, Gambka

Voting No: None Absent: Trevethan

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### A. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2015

# B. Receipt of Monthly Reports

- Building Department
- Constable
- NOCFA
- HAYA
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- CDBG Report

# C. Payment of Bills

Moved by Miller, seconded by Kemp, motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the HAYA and Treasurer's Report.

Voting Yes: Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka

Voting No: None Absent: Trevethan

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

#### BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (limit comments to 3 minutes each item):

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

# A. Dangerous Building Hearing – 4250 Wakewood Drive

<u>Heather Osterly</u> (daughter of an elderly resident at 4250 Wakewood Ct. - Holly Shores). Ms. Osterly states her mother currently lives with her and is disabled. Ms. Osterly states that she and her husband plan to remodel the home in question (clean-up, dumpster, yard work, repair siding, etc.). Supervisor Gambka states if it is decided to give this matter additional time, an agreed upon time frame by which to make the necessary repairs would be appropriate. Ms. Osterly states the work will be completed before the winter and she would agree to sign a written agreement to that effect.

Emile Bair states this home is in severe disrepair and has been deemed unable to repair/dangerous home.

Greg Ohlrich (Code Enforcement Services) states in March of 2014, he conducted code enforcement services on approximately fourteen (14) buildings located in Holly Shores. After these inspections, letters were generated to property owners and the response has been approximately fifty (50%) percent. Four (4) remain outstanding and two (2) have come before a hearing officer. In the case of 4250 Wakewood Ct., Mr. Ohlrich states they only had this address as a contact; all notices came back undeliverable, pushed to a hearing. A hearing on this property was held in front of a hearing officer and a decision was made that the property would be demolished and/or removed. It was at this point Ms. Osterly contacted us. Mr. Ohlrich states the Board has the choice to accept, deny or modifying the order. At this point the homeowner has a sixty (60) day period by which to remedy and a twenty (20) day appeal process can be used for appeal with the Circuit Court. Mr. Ohlrich states deterioration due to lack of maintenance, provides the board with pictures. Animals have caused damage. Utilities were still turned on and bills were being paid. Miller asks about the SEV and repairs. Emile Bair states the fascia and soffits are rotted, major structural issues. Mr. Olrich states he believes if the property owners provide them with a plan, the Board can better decide how to vote. Supervisor Gambka does not wish to demolish the home if someone is willing to rehabilitate it.

Moved by Kemp, seconded by Miller, motion carried to postpone any action on the dangerous building located at 4250 Wakewood Ct until the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, at this meeting the Board requests a timeline, list of improvements and approval by Code Enforcement Services.

Voting Yes: Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka

Voting No: None Absent: Trevethan

#### **UNIFINISHED BUSINESS:**

# A. NOCFA 2015-16 Budget

Moved by Kemp, seconded by Scheib-Snider, motion carried to remove this item from the table.

Voting Yes: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Kemp, Gambka

Voting No: None Absent: Trevethan

Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz ("Chief Lintz") is proposing certain wage increases for certain hourly Supervisor Gambka states when this was approved by the NOCFA Board, the corresponding increase in taxable values within township can cover same. No mileage increase or monies out of the general fund would be necessary. Chief Lintz reminds the Board this wage increase only applies to the part-time, hourly wage employees, not across the board, not every employee. Chief Lintz states "incident wages" currently being paid per run will be discontinued and the requested \$12.00 would apply. Requesting \$25,000.00 per participating Township; to cover this increase. Supervisor Gambka states currently the hourly is \$9.00 plus incident wages. Chief Lintz responds if an EMT basic employee sits at the station for a 12 hour shift he earns \$9.00/hr. If a call comes in he will currently receive an additional \$12.50/hr for any time spent in the field on this call. If this Budget is approved by the Board, the incident wage will be discontinued and these employees would receive a straight \$12.00/hr for time worked. Scheib-Snider states she made phone calls and talked to Fire Chief McGee (Groveland Township), who confirms they do not receive hourly incident wages, their basics make \$11.00/hr at night and \$12.00/hr during the day. Paramedics receive \$12.00/hr at night and \$13.00/hour during the day. Scheib-Snider states Groveland performs more runs than Rose Township, 16,000 people in area. Chief Lintz states NOCFA has 12,000 people in the area. Chief Lintz states he is experiencing difficulty finding personnel to stay and commit to NOCFA at the current low wages offered, changes necessary to make it more competitive. There has been a decrease in employees within the past 5 years, down from 53 to 40 employees with a high turnover. This slight improvement in wages would make the job(s) more attractive and promote less turnover. Scheib-Snider confirms training and education (within reason) is currently provided by NOCFA. Chief Lintz states federal grants are submitted, designed to entice people (457 match plan, training) as it currently costs NOCFA approximately \$4,000.00 to train each and every employee. After this investment, the average employee currently stays 3 years, 15 years ago the average employee stayed 10 years. Miller states the mileage will expire this year, what about next year's proposal. The last millage was a renewal and an increase. This will be a ballot proposal and will this be a renewal and an increase in 2016? Chief Lintz states the current mileage brings in more than enough revenue to support the fire department (currently there is an excess of \$20,000.00). Supervisor Gambka states Rose Township's taxable value went up 8.5%, partially due to Enbridge paying personal property taxes on new/old pipeline, this should be able to help fund the fire department's increase. Supervisor Gambka states there will be an August/November 2016 election, 1.75 mils., no increase. Chief Lintz states throughout NOCFA's past 8 budget years, this is the largest increase at 5.5%. However, the prior few years held at a 1%, 2% increase and in 2009 there was a 5% decrease. Overall if you factor in these increases and decreases, the department has not really had any increase. Furthermore, Chief Lintz does not anticipate any increases within the next 5-6 years. Miller states administration wages are decreased by \$6,100.00? Scheib-Snider states increased wages equal increases in liability insurance, workman's compensation, etc. Chief Lintz and Matt Weil receive increases only every 3 years. Chief Lintz works 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Matt Weill works 56 hours per month, 2 - 24 hour shifts and one 12 hour shift. Chief Lintz does not plan to become a paramedic and cannot speak for Matt Weil. Scheib-Snider states instructor clerical wages have been increased previously this year to \$14,000.00? Chief Lintz responds there has not been an increase as funds are taken from other categories and put into this category, no increase. Medical call run calls will go to the initial duty crew responding, then to all call. This comes out of that pay scale, out of regular incident run wages. Chief Lintz states equipment purchases are usually estimated at \$10,000.00. Scheib-Snider has an issue with this request due to the on call runs, Groveland pays for on call at night. Chief Lintz states everyone has a job, telling someone they cannot sleep at night during a shift is impossible. You do not know if a call will come in at night, paying someone less for the night shift is not appropriate, if anything they should be paid more. Night shift employees still perform duties/chores, etc. Miller states {00223153}} Page 3 ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES-5.13.15

Station #3 is only manned from 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m., when will it be manned 24/7? Chief Lintz responds as soon as we receive a steady rotation of workers/shifts. This would require an additional employee 7 days a week, more money would be necessary. Miller asks if the requested \$25,000 budget increase would allow NOCFA to hire someone 24/7 at station #3? Chief Lintz responds no. If NOCFA receives the grant it applied for, then yes. Chief Lintz states Rose and Holly Township receive the best service in the area; very few can touch this level of service.

Resident asks Chief Lintz how much NOCFA being an "authority" helps with the grants. Chief Lintz states being an "authority" is a major advantage at the time of grant requests, cooperation like this awards huge points in receiving a grant.

Moved by Kemp, seconded by Scheib-Snider, motion carried to accept the NOCFA 2015-2016 Budget as presented.

Voting Yes: Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka

Voting No: None Absent: Trevethan

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting May 4, 2015 7:30 p.m. (Cancelled)
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, May 6, 2015 7:30 p.m. (Cancelled)
- C. NOCFA Board Meeting May 18, 2015 6:30 p.m. Station #1, 5051 Grange Hall Rd.
- D. Assessing Office 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Rose Township
- E. Next Township Board Meeting Public Hearing for 2015-16 Budget, June 10, 2015 7:30 p.m. (Proposed Budget available by June 1, 2015 prior to the meeting).

  Approval of final 2014-15 budget amendments and approval of 2015-16 budgets June 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
- F. Cemetery Committee Meetings –TBD Rose Township Offices
- G. 24/7 Rose Township Recycling 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI
- H. Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Station #3.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

- A. NOCFA Scheib-Snider requests that NOCFA Minutes be added to the monthly reports.
- **B.** Planning Commission No meeting.
- C. Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) None.
- **D. Cemetery Committee –** Miller states no meeting has been scheduled.
- **E.** Parks and Recreation Scheib-Snider states the front of Dearborn Park is being maintained (removed of brush), would like to have a visible parking area.
- **F. Supervisor's Report** Planted 350 trees at Dearborn Park. Met with Oakland County Sheriff's, they have received a federal grant to help control speeding violations, patrolling Milford Rd. and Hickory Ridge Rds. OCRC will pave Hickory Ridge in several areas.

# BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – General Items NOT on Agenda (limit comments to 3 minutes each item):

Sandi Villarreal, Resident states there is currently no Board representation at the Holly Area Youth Association ("HAYA ") meetings and no reports are provided at the Board meetings. Scheib-Snider states this is typically the Treasurer's responsibility and she does not attend meetings. Supervisor Gambka states he will speak to the Treasurer upon her return. Resident states now that Enbridge has died down, she has learned there is a proposed House Bill regarding amending FOIA requirements in order to protect against terrorism and how it relates to pipelines, etc. Supervisor Gambka will call the ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES- 5.13.15

Representative to inquire.

<u>Marilee Carstens, Resident</u> – Meeting regarding the Old Township Hall, discussed rehabilitation of the Old Hall. Will meet again on May 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Old Township Hall Committee.

# **ADJOURNMENT**:

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved/Corrected

Debbie Miller, CMC, CMMC

Rose Township Clerk