

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF THE
XENIA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:**

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2014 7:00 PM**

Note: These minutes are a summary of the discussion and are not a word for word account of the discussions. The proceedings were electronically recorded. The meeting place was the Xenia Township Office, 8 Brush Row Road, Xenia, Ohio.

PRESENT: Scott Miller Chairman; Amy Lewis, Trustee; Susan Spradlin, Trustee; Alan Stock, Administrator.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was a Regular Trustees Meeting advertised on the Xenia Township website within 24 hours of scheduling this meeting.

A letter of thanks was received from the American Red Cross for Xenia Township's donation of an overhead projector.

A letter of thanks was received from Randy & Sue Arnett, owners of Moorman's, for the Xenia Township Fire Department providing lighting at a recent accident scene. They also sent a donation to be used for training.

FISCAL OFFICER/FINANCE:

- Request for approval of bills. Motion was made by Mrs. Spradlin to approve the bills with the exception of the Meijer bill for \$39.99 (for a picture for the office) in order to get an opinion from Stephanie Hayden (legal counsel) for the allowable expenditure of funds. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 2-1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-046

- Request for approval of payroll as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Spradlin. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-047

- Four sets of minutes to be approved—tabled until next meeting.

TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

- JEDD direction tabled until the end of meeting to go into Executive Session.
- A community outreach program was discussed. Mrs. Spradlin shared information from the Ohio Township Association Conference about cyber-crimes. A list of suggested ideas for the outreach program was discussed at the work session and included: Tornado safety, protecting kids from strangers, identity theft, blood pressure screening, cyber-crimes, smoke detectors, car seats, CPR, estate planning, safety in the home, protecting yourself in the cold, hearing tests, tax services, kid's id, waste oil collection, used tire collection and dumpster rental for community clean-up days.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR:

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

- The Township is still in good shape with purchasing salt at the reduced price. The Road Department has spent 68% of what was budgeted for salt, beet juice and calcium.

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- During the last six weeks with the salt shortages, the County has mixed salt 50/50 with grit. The Road Department will be partnering with another township to sweep the Township roads for the safety of motorcycles and cars and to alleviate drainage issues in the catch basins caused by the excess grit.
- There will be a need for restriping the roads as a result of the salt and grit damage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Since the upgrade to the MARCS radio system there will be radios to be disposed of in the near future.
- The Fire Department requests \$2,000.00 for Swift Water Rescue Training. Xenia Township owns a motorized boat that was refurbished last year and was used in mutual aid on three water rescues last year. The training would certify the employees at an operations level. There was discussion of whether the firefighters would be paid for attending the class. This will be determined later. A motion was made by Mrs. Lewis to approve up to \$2,000 payable to Michigan Rescue Concepts to permit 10-15 individuals from the Xenia Township Fire Department to attend the swift water rescue training class with the understanding that New Jasper Fire Department is paying the other half. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-048

Mr. Miller commended the Road Department and Fire Department for all their long hours and fine work during the inclement weather.

GUESTS:

- Rick Miller asked if they were going to talk about the JEDD tonight. Scott Miller answered they would be going into executive session because certain aspects of discussion are contract and negotiation related. (In September 2013 another reason was added for going into executive session which was the discussion of economic development.)
- Janis James, Bickett Road, asked if the Trustees are ready to enter into a JEDD since they are discussing contract details. Scott Miller said they are not. Before they approve a contract for a JEDD, there will be written documentation that the public can read. Amy Lewis began a summary of their process. Mr. Stock said the rationale of the Board is that the JEDD is for economic development of a certain area, it is payroll tax driven, no one will be part of the JEDD who does not want to be a part, and there will be no taxation against farming land which is part of the JEDD. Parcel owners wanting to enter in the JEDD sign a petition and return it to the Trustees. So far the Township has signed petitions from Central State University/State of Ohio for all its parcels. Tawawa Community Development (owner of Speedway) has given verbal agreement and is waiting on its lawyer to approve the form. Mr. Stock hopes to make contact with the owners of the three parcels next to Speedway very soon. The President of Payne Seminary is very interested and knows the concept. There is a sense of urgency relative to a \$33 million construction project that will be happening on the Central State campus within the next few months and also with legislation at the State of Ohio that limits when funds are dispersed and to whom. With Central State University becoming a land grant college, they have other opportunities to get federal funding for research jobs, but they need to have partnership between three or more entities. They have already had public meetings with their employees regarding the JEDD and what it would mean. Once we have the petitions from property owners and once the Board of Trustees decides what they want, they go to the City with documentation. A public hearing date would be set for 30 days. There has to be a unanimous vote of the Board at that time. If not unanimous, the petitioners could go over the Trustees' heads and take it to a vote of the people. If unanimous, it can proceed to the County Commissioners and they would have a public hearing in 30 days. Once they approve, it would be 30 days before adoption. Janis James asked about getting businesses interested before entering into a JEDD in order for the JEDD to work.

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The answer was it is not necessary. Rick Miller asked about the employees of the university, Speedway, etc. who would have to pay the taxes if the land owner wants to be part of the JEDD. The answer was yes. Dan O'Callahan asked why Wilberforce University has not been mentioned. The answer was the President resigned and they have been in a state of transition so it is difficult to work with them right now.

- Janis James complimented the Road Department on their excellent job of plowing and salting the roads, and said she was pleasantly surprised they were already filling potholes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Miller made a motion to go into Executive Session for conversations about the JEDD, seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0. Session began at 7:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Amy Lewis to exit the Executive Session at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to go into Executive Session for possible personnel disciplinary issue, seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to exit the Executive Session at 8:57 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0.

No committee reports were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

**XENIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Scott Miller, Chair

ATTEST:

Amy Lewis

Barbara Miller, Fiscal Officer

Susan Spradlin

Resolution # _____

Date Approved: _____