

EDINBURG TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Edinburg Townhall

May 10, 2012

Thomas Repcik called the regular meeting of the Edinburg Township Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, present; Thomas Repcik, present; Sandra Templeton, present; Judy Repcik, present; Chris Diehl, arrived late; Tim Paulus, present; Tami Scott, present.

RESOLUTION 2012-68: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to approve the Agenda as presented; this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM PERSON(S) IN ATTENDANCE:

Adam Fox, guest

Nicholas Sampson, guest

James Bishop, guest

Ben Campbell, FFA Advisor

Ben Campbell: We've got questions. On behalf of the Southeast FFA chapter I'm the advisor, Ben Campbell. For years we've been very frustrated with the fact that people from outside the area don't know where our school district starts and ends so we'd like to put up signs. I brought two copies--the signs would be four feet by eight feet and they would be placed—one in Palmyra Township, which we've already sought approval from them, and the other would be on the Kibler farm which butts up against [State Hwy] 76 just back this way from Industry Road so we would be catching the people coming to and from on [State Hwy] 76 and just a little welcome to the area and let them know where the school district is and the FFA --we're here and we're here in a big way. Because it's not a commercial sign, I don't know how your zoning handles it; Palmyra kinda thought they were going to talk about it and see what would happen. But that's what we're up to folks.

Diane Austin: [Here's our Zoning Inspector]—Tami [this is] Ben. How big is the sign?

Ben Campbell: Four feet by eight feet. It would sit right on the Kibler property line with whoever owns the ground to the east of them so that it wouldn't obstruct them farming and we're gonna take some trees down along the property line; the Kiblers are ok with that and the State is too—anything on their side they said they would get with Mike Zavera on that.

Thomas Repcik: It will be not on the State property right?

Ben Campbell: Correct.

Thomas Repcik: I didn't think they'd let you do that.

Tami Scott: I don't have a problem with them putting a sign up. I would need to charge the school unless you guys will waive the fee.

Diane Austin: We can waive the fee.

Tami Scott: I don't feel we should charge our school district when he's right—nobody ever has known where Southeast District starts and ends and most people have no clue. It's nice because you can drive through other school districts and you see the signs that say welcome to their district.

Thomas Repcik: Go ahead and issue a permit and waive the fee.

Tami Scott: Do you want me to just send you the paperwork? -- let me know where to send it.

Sandra Templeton: Do you need these back?

Ben Campbell: No you can have those. It's gonna be done in vinyl and we want to do it right so it's gonna be there a long time and it's not going to fade or peel.

Thomas Repcik: Very nice.

Diane Austin: Who's doing your sign for you?

Ben Campbell: We're not sure, if you've got any—

Diane Austin: Try Ink It Up. Jeanette Sangster she's in the school district. Do you want her phone number?

Ben Campbell: Well, we've done work with her before on t-shirts so I'll give her a call and see if she can do something.

Diane Austin: She's done a couple signs and she does a good job.

Ben Campbell: We'd like something that will be there for 20 years before we have to replace it. We'll put in the four by sixes and far enough off the ground where grass and other small woody shrubs aren't going to [block it].

Thomas Repcik: Good.

Judy Repcik: Are you doing north and south too?

Ben Campbell: We'll start out east and west and see where that takes us.

Sandra Templeton: Ok. Well good.

Ben Campbell: If there are any other questions you can give me a call. We'd like to have things done before the start of the next school year. We still need school board approval and I expect that that will be positive, so after that it will just be the grunt work.

Thomas Repcik: You're good to go.

Ben Campbell: Ok. Thanks a lot. Oh, also the FFA is going to be doing some flower planting and some things for the Township so we look forward to working with you.

Sandra Templeton: Ok. Good. Thank you

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Thomas Repcik: We got a lot of work! Adam, do you have anything?

Adam Fox: No.

Thomas Repcik: Ok, just checking. Don't want to ignore you. You're at the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2012-69: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2012 Regular Meeting as presented; this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, abstain; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

--OPERS Outreach/Newsletter

--Portage County Weekly Activities Report – Gas Wells

--Sale of Mower – received: \$1,439.00

--First Quarter Time Warner Cable Franchise Fees: \$6,987.82

--Enervest Wells Revenue: \$1,382.07

--Total Receipts for April: \$25,616.00

OLD BUSINESS

--Memorial Day

Tom said Maureen Frederick agreed to be the speaker. She has her own truck for the parade.

Sandra left a message with the preacher—Diane said she [Diane] is not the back up.

For Grand Marshal, Chris suggested and will check into asking a person on Porter Road. The Trustee award recipient will drive his own truck.

OLD BUSINESS (cont.)

Diane will donate chips & cookies for the band kids.

Sandra will donate drinks, cups & napkins.

The Trustees will meet to confirm parade details at 10:00am on Saturday, May 19th at the Zoning Office.

--Precision Geophysical Request

Chris Diehl: Blair Quesenberry came up to the park the following day [after the Trustee meeting]. They are not drilling in the park—the ones there are just some of the marker flags. They're going through the woods though. They also explained that by doing this vibration deal, that means they don't have to do the drilling holes. It's either/or; they either have to drill the holes and do the blasting or they can do this vibrating. Down there on Porter Road the houses are so close they didn't necessarily want to go in everybody's yards and drill the holes and that's one reason why they really want to do the vibrating. He told me as far as the bond, "I don't have a problem whatsoever putting up a \$10,000/mile bond". My neighbor, Keith Moore that has Moore's Well Service, he's dealt with these people before and he says he's had them do this kind of work for him in the past and he's never had a problem with it either.

Diane Austin: I won't sign it without a bond.

Thomas Repcik: Right, it's bonded twice.

Chris Diehl: He understood that we don't want to have to go second hand to the County Engineer to get the Township's money to fix this road. He said he's worked with other townships that have felt the same way in other areas that's why he said he doesn't have a problem putting up the extra bond.

Thomas Repcik: Also, in the last legislative information that we got yesterday from the State, there's a whole article that they're going to guarantee that the township roads are protected. I feel comfortable that we're not going to pay for damage to it.

Judy Repcik: How do you prove the condition before? We don't have a video camera, do we, at the Fire Department?

Sandra Templeton: Could we take pictures all the way down the road?

Thomas Repcik: He said something about that they do that themselves.

Tim Paulus: They're probably going to do that to protect themselves but it probably wouldn't be a bad idea to video tape it ourselves. I know that when the State closed Wayland Road bridge last year Palmyra's concern with the detours through Fisher and Whippoorwill the way they are; so that State inspector actually video taped the township roads because if there was damage they had to fix them.

Thomas Repcik: Who will do it? Chief, do you have time to do it?

Tim Paulus: We'll do it. It's no big deal. Do you have any idea when this is going to take place?

Chris Diehl: He didn't tell me.

Thomas Repcik: Well we sign this and I'll probably call Blair—

Chris Diehl: They're going from Yale Road to Hughes Road -- from SR14 to Hughes.

RESOLUTION 2012-70: A motion was made by Thomas Repcik to permit Precision Geophysical Inc. to do the required testing they've requested on Porter Road from Yale north to Hughes Road with the additional bond of \$10,000 per mile for approximately 3.5 miles of road. The Township will video the pre-testing condition of the road for protection of the Township; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

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NEW BUSINESS

--ODOT 2012-2013 Salt Contract

Thomas looked at the previous five years and the Township used an average of 207.5 tons per year not including this year's 68.7 tons. Current stockpile is 216 tons, which includes 91 tons still required to purchase from Morton. He spoke with them and it is now down to \$5/ton for storage and it has to be out of storage by December 31, 2012.

They will be sending out a letter with these details. He recommends committing now to purchase in order to lock in the contract pricing—otherwise if needed later, the Township is at the mercy of whatever the market price is at the time [usually much higher]. Bids will be sent out in mid July.

RESOLUTION 2012-71: A motion was made by Thomas Repcik to join the cooperative purchasing program for sodium chloride rock salt for 2012-13 to purchase the required estimated amount of 100 ton; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

--Tax Incentive Review meeting minutes

The TIRC voted to continue with Miller Transfer for another year and is asking the Edinburg Trustees to do the same.

RESOLUTION 2012-72: A motion was made by Diane Austin to accept all recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council of the continuance of the community reinvestment area agreement for Edinburg Township; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Tami Scott - Zoning Inspector, Zoning Secretary, Administrative Secretary & Parade

--She made/received 10 phone calls.

--She issued 2 permits for May.

--Memorial Day Parade

- She received the letter of approval from ODOT for road closure.
- She purchased 288 bottles of bubbles.

Chris Diehl - Roads, Buildings, Cemetery and Park

--He reported that his department is proceeding with mowing and pouring footers at the cemetery.

--He's been talking to Thomas about enhancing the Veterans Memorial at cemetery. He priced flagpoles but they are \$840 each -- too pricey to buy 5. He suggested making five stands, like the one he made for the statue, and glue the five emblems etched in granite on the top of the five different stands. He brought a computer sketch from Portage Marble and Granite—they said it could be done for Memorial Day.

The Trustees discussed future plans for this memorial.

Tami suggested that the entire project be done for Memorial Day 2013 and include selling additional pavers right now and then notifying those who have purchased pavers that there will be a dedication ceremony in 2013. She also suggested inviting the newspaper to cover it.

Chris will get the emblems done now to take Portage Marble and Granite up on their offer to make them at cost and bring them to this year's celebration to promote the new memorial and anyone interested could purchase pavers. Chris has requested to purchase a new chain saw, cost under \$500.00 all agreed.

Tim Paulus - Fire Department Report

Station

--He received a price from Phillips Heating Company to replace the two water heaters (one non-functioning) with one tankless on-demand unit. He expects to see a significant savings in natural gas use this next year. The cost of the unit is \$2,150 including installation.

RESOLUTION 2012-73: A motion was made by Thomas Repcik to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and purchase the tankless on demand water heater from Phillips Heating Company for the Fire Department at a cost of \$2,150 installed; this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

Purchases

--He purchased office chairs for the training room from GSA in Cleveland. Chris will pick them up tomorrow.

Equipment

--Palmyra tabled the sale of the breathing air compressor because Mr. Deffenbaugh was not at the meeting.

--Triad Fire Apparatus will conduct the annual pump testing at Wingfoot Lake again this year. The cost remains at \$175 each for both the engine and the tanker.

Alarms

--There were 18 EMS and 1 fire alarm for a total of 19 alarms.

--There were 5 M/A given and 2 used.

FYI

--He announced that Edinburg Township Fire Department is the first Fire Department in Portage County to have 100% of its members sign the International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge. He presented a list of other Ohio fire departments that have also made this commitment.

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--He reported that Gary Stewart has recommended that the Township develop a Facebook page to keep residents informed of Township happenings. He recommends that the Township purchase a digital camera for the road department to take before and after pictures of improvements made in the Township and upload them to Facebook.

Diane said it is a great idea but Chris Meduri should be consulted first. Thomas agreed and will contact him tomorrow.

He also asked permission to post to the website directly.

RESOLUTION 2012-74: A motion was made by Diane Austin to give Tim Paulus permission to post to the Township's website to keep it updated; this was seconded by Thomas Repcik. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

--He requested an executive session to discuss fire department personnel.

Judy Repcik - Fiscal Officer Report

She presented:

--Cash Summary Year to Date

--April 2012 Financial Report

--Department Appropriations to Date

--2013 Tax Revenue Estimate: \$307,917

She reminded the Trustees that they need to decide by July if they want to place a renewal levy on this November's ballot. This will be discussed in further detail this summer.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Sandra Templeton

She had nothing further to report at this time.

Diane Austin

She had nothing further to report at this time.

Thomas Repcik

He had nothing further to report at this time.

RESOLUTION 2012-75: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to approve the payment of the bills; this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-76: A motion was made by Diane Austin to enter into an executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss fire department personnel; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-77: A motion was made by Diane Austin to come out of executive session at 8:45 p.m.; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-78: A motion was made by Diane Austin to set the Lieutenant's pay rate at \$8.75 per hour and if part of the Duty Crew, their rate is increased by \$.25 per hour as a Lieutenant for the 2012 year; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-79: A motion was made by Diane Austin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

Thomas Repcik, Chairperson

Diane Hargett Austin, Trustee

Sandra Templeton, Vice Chair

Judy Repcik, Fiscal Officer