

The Suffield Township Board of Trustees met at the Administration Building on January 26, 2016 for the purpose of paying the bills of the Township. Chairman Thomas Calcei called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Present were Board Members Thomas Calcei, Jeff Eldreth, David Vartenuk, and Township Fiscal Officer Lori Calcei.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Calcei and seconded by Mr. Vartenuk to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting as prepared and submitted by the Fiscal Officer:

Roll Call: Mr. Calcei-Yes, Mr. Vartenuk -Yes, Mr. Eldreth - Yes

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. The Trustees acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Portage County Commissioners reducing load limits 35% on all County and Township roads in Portage County effective January 31, 2016.
2. The Trustees acknowledged receipt of a letter from Ellerhorst Russell Insurance thanking the Township for their continued business.
3. The Trustees acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Suffield Township Historical Society thanking them for their ongoing support in 2015 and also enclosed with the letter was their rent for 2016.

#### 2015 CERTIFIED ROAD MILEAGE

It was moved by Mr. Eldreth and seconded by Mr. Calcei to accept the 2015 Certified Road Mileage of 41.204 miles.

Roll Call: Mr. Calcei-Yes, Mr. Vartenuk -Yes, Mr. Eldreth - Yes

#### REPAIR WORK (Township Buildings)

It was moved by Mr. Eldreth and seconded by Mr. Vartenuk to approve a PO for \$670 to Voiers Construction to repair a leak on the roof of the Town Hall, gutter work on the Historical Society Building, and roof and facial work on the Road Department Garage.

Roll Call: Mr. Eldreth-Yes, Mr. Vartenuk -Yes, Mr. Calcei - Yes

#### TREES ON STEFFY

There was some discussion on removing some trees on Steffy Road. Mr. Eldreth will check into this further.

#### ZONING BOARDS

Mr. Vartenuk informed the Trustees that Don Munroe will be the Chairman of the BZA Board, Andy Grow will be the Vice Chair, John Yeargin will be the Chairman of the Commission Board and Janelle Albertoni will be the Vice Chairman.

#### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Robert Rasnick reported that the Fire Department held (4) Continuing Ed Classes and the following (58) Calls during the month of December:

(40) EMS Calls, (6) Vehicle Accident Calls, (8) Fire Response Calls & (4) Mutual Aid Calls

And that the total calls for 2015 are as follows:

(506) EMS Calls, (43) Vehicle Accident Calls, (90) Fire Response Calls, (46) Mutual Aid Calls, & (3) Water Rescues.

WORKERS COMP

Mr. Rasnick informed the Trustees that the Ohio BWC is hosting a Safety Expo in Columbus on March 9-11. We may want to send someone to this Expo.

FEMA GRANTS

It was moved by Mr. Calcei and seconded by Mr. Eldreth to grant Chief Rasnick permission to apply for two FEMA grants. The first grant is to replace all of our firefighting turnout gear. This is a NFPA requirement, as all of our gear is now 10 years old, or older. The grant request is for \$79,513 and our share is \$3975. The second grant is to replace our 22 year old rescue truck. The grant request is for \$523,810 and our share would be \$26,190.

Roll Call: Mr. Eldreth-Yes, Mr. Vartenuk -Yes, Mr. Calcei - Yes

NIMISHILLEN TOWNSHIP (Emergency Dispatch)

It was moved by Mr. Calcei and seconded by Mr. Vartenuk to renew our annual emergency dispatching contract with Nimishillen Township.

Roll Call: Mr. Calcei-Yes, Mr. Vartenuk -Yes, Mr. Eldreth- Yes

FORD EXPLORER

Due to the age, extreme rust, and a recent electrical issue, Chief Rasnick requested that the board authorize the replacement of the fire department's 2000 Ford Explorer. After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Calcei and seconded by Mr. Eldreth to approve a PO in the amount of \$26,397.18 to Sarchione Ford in Randolph to purchase a new 2016 Ford Explorer for the Fire Department. This price includes a \$500 trade-in value for the old Explorer. The money for the new explorer will come from our EMS Collection Fund.

Roll Call: Mr. Eldreth-Yes, Mr. Vartenuk -Yes, Mr. Calcei - Yes

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER (Brittany Porter)

It was moved by Mr. Calcei and seconded by Mr. Eldreth to accept Chief Rasnick's recommendation to remove Brittany Porter from the Fire Department roster due to not meeting her requirements of her probationary period and further to approve Chief Rasnick's recommendation that she be permitted to resume her previous role as a fire fighter explorer.

Roll Call: Mr. Calcei-Yes, Mr. Vartenuk -Yes, Mr. Eldreth - Yes

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAY

It was moved by Mr. Calcei and seconded by Mr. Eldreth to Amend Resolution No.9 from the 2016 Re-organizational meeting by replacing the compensation chart with the chart listed below, and to remove the line that states \$1.50 per hour additional compensation shall be granted to the Fire Dept. Captains, the EMS Educator and the Assistant Chief and the line that states \$15.76 per hour for the Administrative Assistant, Connie Mihalik, in lieu of any other hourly compensation.

Rate 1	\$11.25	State License
Rate 2	\$13.50	Firefighter/Basic EMT
Rate 3	\$13.79	Firefighter/Intermediate EMT
Rate 4	\$14.34	Firefighter/Paramedic
Rate 5	\$15.15	Assistant Fire Chief
Rate 6	\$15.76	Administrative Assistant
Rate 7	\$15.99	Paramedic Officer
Rate 8	\$15.00	Secretary

This motion was made to clarify the pay rates.

Roll Call: Mr. Calcei-Yes, Mr. Vartenuk -Yes, Mr. Eldreth - Yes

RECYCLING SURVEY

There was more discussion about recycling. At one of our meetings, Portage County Solid Waste Management director Bill Steiner, talked about sending out a survey to see how the resident of Suffield Township wanted their recycling handled. As of this time, to survey has not gone out. The Trustees will look into this.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Due to confusion again about residents getting phone calls from individuals saying they are with the Township, Trustee Calcei reaffirmed that any elected official or Township employee should always state their name and title when talking to a resident on the phone.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Mr. Calcei and seconded by Mr. Vartenuk to approve payment of all Wages, Invoices, Bills and/or Committed Obligations as prepared by the Fiscal Officer per warrants No. 41116 through 4151, EFT's 1 through 35 and Voucher 38.

Roll Call: Mr. Calcei- Yes, Mr. Eldreth - Yes, Mr. Vartenuk- Yes

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Calcei and seconded by Mr. Vartenuk to adjourn the meeting. (9:35p.m)

Roll Call: Mr. Vartenuk- Yes-, Mr. Calcei-Yes-, Mr. Eldreth- Yes

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Thomas Calcei, Chairman

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