

Chagrin Falls Township Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, November 22, 2011  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Jeff Homans at 7:05 p.m. President Tom Florkiewicz was out of town. Those present included Trustee Mike Wise, Trustee-elect John Finley, Township Hall Rental Agent Kelly Hendricks, Village Councilman-elect Jim Newell, Unincorporated Township residents Chuck and Judy McConnell; Loyal Wilson; Alfred and Helen Stanley; Edgar Boles; Ilene McMullen; Joe & Tammy Saccone; Franz Sauerland; Tod Johnson; Lisa Hollyer; Jack Shoemaker; Katherine & Dan Lee; and Fiscal Officer Elizabeth Boles.

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting were read. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the minutes as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Trustees acknowledged receipt of the October Financial Report. A copy is attached to these minutes and a copy is in the Financial Report notebook.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### VILLAGE-TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT:

- The Unincorporated Township (UT) residents attended the meeting to find out more about two discussions Trustee Wise had with Village Mayor Brick, Village Councilman Patton, Village Chief Administrative Officer Ben Himes and Village Finance Director David Bloom over the 1990 Agreement between the Village and the Township.
- Fiscal Officer Boles reported she sent the 9/27/11 approved Township Minutes, after she noticed they were not posted on the Chagrin Falls Township web site, to her neighbors who wanted to read them.
- Trustee Wise stood up and began with a brief history of the Village and Township relationship over the years including the Township-Village Agreement.
  1. The first concern of the UT residents was who exactly do the Township Trustees represent? Trustee Wise explained the Trustees represent the entire Township including the Village portion. The residents asked if Trustee Wise thought this was a conflict of interest in his discussion with Village officials since, it appears, the Village is represented twice. Trustee Wise said that the Trustees' duty is to look out for the best interests of the whole Township, not just the unincorporated part. The UT residents responded by saying they are not properly or fairly being represented then. They suggested that Trustee Wise first find out what the Village wants

and to wait a year or so before continuing these discussions/negotiations. Trustee Wise said they will continue. They asked Trustee Wise, who is a Village resident, to step down and/or cease any negotiations and discussions with the Village immediately.

2. The UT residents expressed their second concern over a proposed Township/Village Committee put together by Village-Township officials including three representatives each from the unincorporated and incorporated (Village). Trustee Wise was asked the purpose of forming this committee. He said this committee would increase knowledge and awareness throughout the whole Township for the good of the whole Township. The UT residents felt this committee would not represent the best interests of the unincorporated part of the Township since the majority of this committee would be from the Village.
3. The UT residents left the meeting. Trustee Wise, Trustee Homans, and Trustee-elect Finley further discussed the Village-Township Agreement.
4. During this discussion, the three men talked about potentially not going ahead with forming a Village-Township Committee and taking the *merger* issue off the table during any discussion with Village officials.
5. The Trustees ended their discussion with the agreement that they will take into full consideration the views of the unincorporated Township residents.
6. Trustee Wise agreed that all future meetings with Village officials about the Village-Township agreement will be Open Meetings.
7. More discussions will follow in future Township meetings.

#### TOWNSHIP HALL RENTALS:

- Trustees still waiting for "Holly Hall" contract from *Your Hometown* as well as the \$1,250.00 for renting the Township Hall.

#### TOWNSHIP HALL MAINTENANCE:

- The railings on the Township Hall front steps have been installed by Ken Roby. He is waiting for the cement to dry to make sure the railings are totally stable.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Jeff Homans, Trustee

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Elizabeth Boles, Fiscal Officer

These minutes were unanimously approved as amended on 12-5-11.

