

Chagrin Falls Township Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2011
Minutes

President Tom Florkiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Those present included Trustee Jeff Homans; Trustee Mike Wise; Trustee-elect John Finley; CV Times reporter Barbara Christian; unincorporated Township residents Chuck & Christy Bittenbender, Edgar Boles, Malcolm Donley, Tom & Lisa Hollyer, Richard Hutchinson, Michael Johnson, Tod & Lexy Johnson, Tom & Janet Kuivila, Samir Latifi, John Lennon, Chuck & Judy McConnell, Mark Nasca, Smith McKee, Ilene McMullen, Eric Rothfucz, Alfred & Helen Stanley, Tom Weidenkopf, Bill Wiley; Village residents Henry Bruner and Rachel Swartz; and Fiscal Officer Elizabeth Boles.

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

OLD BUSINESS

VILLAGE/TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT:

- President Florkiewicz opened the discussion by explaining the history of the Village-Township agreement.
- Trustee Homans and several unincorporated Township residents wanted to know why Village officials seem to be unhappy with the Agreement. Trustee Homans suggested asking Village officials exactly what they want changed in the Agreement. President Florkiewicz agreed with this and said he will ask Village officials.
- President Florkiewicz assured the residents that the Agreement would still be in effect through 2012. He said the Trustees would not do anything unless the unincorporated Township residents are notified.
- The Trustees agreed they would support keeping 5-acre minimum zoning.
- The Trustees agreed that no Village/Township committee would be formed.
- President Florkiewicz assured the residents that the *Merger* topic has been taken off the table. The Trustees were asked where they stood on the *Merger/Annexation* issue: Trustee Homans: opposed to merger or annexation; President Florkiewicz: wanted to look into the new law and would oppose merger/ annexation if unincorporated Township residents did not want it; Trustee

- Wise: would not support annexation but would support merger if unincorporated Township residents agreed to it.
- Unincorporated Township resident Edgar Boles explained the ruling by Betty Montgomery about who would vote for a Merger.
 - Topics of discussion were Gasoline Tax Revenue; Snow plowing; unincorporated Township revenues.
 - The unincorporated Township residents agreed, by straw poll, that the Trustees should proceed *no further* in negotiations with Village officials and not to meet with them concerning the Village/Township agreement. They requested the Trustees do nothing more until the Village responds formally. President Florkiewicz replied he understood by saying the solution could be "no solution". Trustee Wise said he would continue to meet with Village officials about structures.
 - President Florkiewicz announced the Chagrin Falls Township Web site would be updated more promptly. A new Web site is being created right now.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTALS:

- CV Chamber of Commerce: President Florkiewicz reported the new electric meter for the Chamber office should be installed by the end of this year.

TOWNSHIP HALL MAINTENANCE:

- Installation of new railings: The railings have been re-cemented and the invoice has been paid.

DOCUMENTS/IMPORTANT PAPERS RETENTION POLICY:

- Fiscal Officer Boles reported she is working on compiling a list for the Retention Policy.

ANTI-POACHING POLICY:

- Trustee Homans and Trustee-elect Finley reported they attended the latest Chagrin Valley Intergovernmental Council Meeting where the Anti-poaching policy was discussed.
- A revised version of this policy has been submitted and everyone was advised by Jack Schron to sign only the revised copy.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Tom Florkiewicz, President

Elizabeth Boles, Fiscal Officer

These minutes were unanimously approved as amended on December 21, 2011.

