

OCTOBER 26, 2009

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AG AND PUBLIC HEARINGS/PROPOSED BUDGETS

A regular meeting of the Ontario Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Kelsch at 7:00 p.m. in the Ontario Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Robert Kelsch, Council members: Lori Eaton-Smith, James Switzer, Stephen Tobin, Superintendent of Highways Jerry Santangelo, Superintendent of Water Utilities Rodney Peets, Accountant Scott Erdeli, Library Director Sandra Hysten and Town Clerk Debra DeMinck.

Absent: Councilmember Jason Ruffell

19 residents and visitors were present at portions of the meeting.

Mrs. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Revisions to the Agenda 6 A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **approve the agenda as presented.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

The Legal Notice of Public Hearings on the proposed 2010 preliminary budgets and contracts for the Town of Ontario was posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board and published in the Wayne County Mail on 10/15/09 and 10/22/09.

Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2010 contract with the Ontario Volunteer Emergency Squad (O.V.E.S.) at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Switzer is the liaison for fire and emergency services and acknowledged Mrs. Joan Stark was present to represent O.V.E.S. They have added an evergreen line item in the contract to establish an ambulance fund for replacing their ambulances. The proposed allocation is \$15,000.00 for 2010.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2010 contract with Northeast Quadrant Advanced Life Support (NEQALS) at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Robert Meddaugh was present to represent NEQALS. Their contract is also evergreen to 2011 with a proposed increase of 5% over last year for a total of \$8,109.00. They have faced challenges this year with revenue. MVP (Preferred Care) stated they were over reimbursing for claims and withheld payments for 2007 and 2008. They are in litigation over this matter.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to **close the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2010 contract with Union Hill Volunteer Firemen's Association at 7:15 p.m.

ter were present to represent Union Hill Volunteer Firemen's
place equipment. They have about 2,000 calls a year and fire calls

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2010 Ontario Fire District budget at 7:20 p.m.

The Ontario Fire District held their public hearing on Tuesday, October 20st. They are in the process of trying to buy a new fire truck.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **close the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2010 contract for the Ontario Rural Fire Protection District at 7:25 p.m.

The Town Board is the Board of Commissioners for the Ontario Rural Fire Protection District. Their contract is evergreen and expires in 2011.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Switzer thanked the volunteers of each agency for their many contributions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **close the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Smith thanked everyone who responded and assisted during her recent accident. She praised all the volunteers and stated we are lucky to have such wonderful services available.

Mr. Kelsch opened a public hearing to consider the proposed 2010 Business Improvement District budget at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Switzer stated the budget request for 2010 is the same as last year, \$1,494.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **close the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Kelsch open a public hearing to consider the proposed 2010 budgets for General, Highway, Library, Water, Sewer, Watershed Management Funds, Lighting District #1 and Lighting District #2 at 7:35 p.m.



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stricts and their impact on the budget. The tax rate is down a little

Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **close the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **adopt the Preliminary Budget presented as the final 2010 Town of Ontario Budget as follows:**

- General Fund \$2,954,825
 - Highway Fund \$1,457,800
 - Library Fund \$324,866
 - Ontario and Union Hill Fire Protection District \$515,000
 - Ontario Fire District \$56,000
 - Water Fund \$1,747,047
 - Sewer Fund #1 \$1,118,715
 - Sewer Fund #2 \$95,175
 - Light District #1 \$10,000
 - Light District #2 \$2,000
 - Debt Service Fund \$521,490
 - Business Improvement District \$1,494
 - Drainage Fund \$123,983
- 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Comments From the Public ó None

Approval of Minutes ó Mr. Kelsch asked for approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2009 Town Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to **approve the minutes as presented.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence ó None

Old Business ó A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **amend the motion that was approved on October 23, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 to read: to approve a change order for the landfill closure project, regarding the clay composite soil and amend the bid and cost estimate for the landfill soil barrier for an amount not to exceed \$825,000.00 as recommended by MRB Group, the town’s engineer.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

New Business – A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **adopt a RESOLUTON for the annual**

TRANSFER TO WASTEWATER EQUIPMENT REPAIR RESERVE

CREDIT SS-205.2	Money Market	\$7,000.
DEBIT SS-522/8130.4	Treatment & Disposal	\$7,000.
DEBIT SS-205.2	WW EQUIPMENT FUND	\$7,000.
CREDIT SS-980/2272	Wastewater Equipment Reserve	\$7,000.

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) RESOLUTION ADOPTED



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by Mr. Tobin, to **authorize the refund of \$125.00 for Zoning** waive the building permit fees and security deposits for two it is a not for profit organization. 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Budget Transfers/Adjustments ó A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **approve the following budget transfers/adjustments:**

WATER Fund transfer \$3,000.00 from F1990.4 to F1440.4

GENERAL Fund transfer \$255.44 from A1221.4 to A9055.8

HIGHWAY Fund adjustment increase 960/Expense DA5130.2 \$167,378.00 from 599/Appropriated Fund Balance. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Appointments/Resignations ó A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **approve the appointment of Jessica Hanlon, Matthew France and Richard Whitbourne as attendants effective 10/7/09 for an hourly wage of \$8.00 in the Parks and Recreation Department as requested by the Director of Parks and Recreation.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, to **amend the motion that was approved on June 22, 2009 to read: appoint Rodney Peets provisionally to the position of Superintendent of Water Utilities. This position includes Superintendent of Water and Wastewater, Superintendent of Water Utilities – Watershed, Laboratory Director for Water and Wastewater and Stormwater Management Officer. This provisional appointment has an annual salary of \$84,767.00 and is effective Thursday, June 25, 2009.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **amend the motion that was approved on January 28, 2008 to appoint Joseph Stramonine to the Watershed Management Advisory Council effective 2/1/08 – 12/31/09 to read: appoint Joseph Stramonine to the Watershed Management Advisory Council effective 2/1/08 – 12/31/2010.** 3 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstention (Smith) 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Reports by Town Board Members ó Mrs. Smith thanked all the staff and volunteers for their hard work and support at the Halloween Event last weekend at the Ontario Community Center.

Mr. Switzer reported the ADA compliant sidewalk from the north parking lot to Ridge Road between 2001 and 2003 Ridge Road is finished and awaiting the railings. He congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for their awards and recognition dinner on October 22. He attended the grand opening of Lily's Used Clothing shop across from the elementary school and mentioned H & T Jeweler's in Town is closing.

Mr. Kelsch reported the Town of Ontario has 13 homes in foreclosure and there are 510 homes in foreclosure in Wayne County.

He also noted that a cooperative effort with a local business for an energy savings project for town services is under review.

The November 2, 2009 Town Board Workshop meeting is cancelled to allow for set-up of voting machines in the town hall meeting room for the November 3rd election.

Approval of Claims ó A motion was made by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Tobin, to **approve the abstract of claims for October 26, 2009 including vouchers #2488 through #2605 with a grand total of \$294,095.13 and to authorize the Supervisor to issue payments for same.** 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED



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, seconded by Mr. Tobin, **to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.** 4 Ayes

0 Nays 1 Absent (Ruffell) MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Debra DeMinck
Ontario Town Clerk

The above minutes will become official upon approval of the town board.