

BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007
BRIMFIELD TOWN HALL
6:00 P.M.

The Brimfield Township met in the first of four scheduled evening meetings on Monday, January 29, 2007. President Mike Kostensky called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with all members present

Announcements: - Debbie Darlas presented the Board with signed petitions requesting that the Board do everything that is possible to save the Brimfield Elementary school building that was constructed in 1921. Mike Kostensky spoke regarding the efforts the Township is making to secure this building. He assured those present that as information becomes available the Board will keep the residents informed.

MOTION #2007-044

Mike Kostensky moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings, based on the Board's review. Motion seconded by Sue Fields and passed unanimously.

MOTION #2007-045

C. Daniel Tronge moved to accept the agenda, amended as follows:

Executive sessions

Police Department – 2

Cemetery – 1

Parks Department – 1

Motion seconded by Sue Fields and passed unanimously.

MOTION #2007-046

Mike Kostensky moved to accept, following review, the warrants and purchase orders as presented. Motion seconded by C. Daniel Tronge and passed unanimously.

MOTION #2007-047

Mike Kostensky moved to accept, following review, the financial statements as presented. Motion seconded by C. Daniel Tronge and passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Andy Manning, Pistachio Way, asked if the speed limit at Meloy and Sandy Lake Roads, currently at 45 MPH, could be reduced. Police Chief Blough stated that he would request a speed limit study for this area.

David Hardman, Morley Drive, expressed his concerns with the Ohio American Water system and the rumor of a possible sale of the company in 2008. He was also concerned if the fire hydrants in the Morley Drive area were working. Fire Chief Robert Keller will check them out, although he reported that Ohio American had reported the hydrants in question as having been put in working order.

Mike Casamento, Brimfield Plaza, discussed the main valve and meter located at Ranfield and Tallmadge Roads and wondered who is responsible for the maintenance. He

asked that the Township send a letter to Portage County and to Ohio American Water asking that they resolve the issue, if there is one. Mr. Casmento also asked about the repair of the railroad crossing on Tallmadge Road, near Sunnybrook Road, uneven tracks, etc.

Susan Bacon, Westminster Lane, asked about a street light at Tallmadge Road and Mogadore Road at the off ramp. Chief Blough will make the contacts regarding the possible installation of a light or lights at this location.

Police Department: No action requested

Fire Department:

RESOLUTION #2007-048

Re: Joint Fire District

WHEREAS: There has been discussion in Portage County regarding the establishment of a Joint Fire District, and,

WHEREAS: The Brimfield Township Board of Trustees believes that it would be in the best interests of the Township residents to explore the possibilities of such a Joint Fire District, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED: That the Brimfield Township Board of Trustees will allow Fire Chief Robert Keller to become involved in non binding discussions and research on Brimfield Township's participation in a Joint Fire District.

Sue Fields moved for adoption of the above resolution this 29th day of January, 2007. Motion seconded by Mike Kostensky. Upon a roll call vote:

Mike Kostensky – yea

Sue Fields – yea

C. Daniel Tronge – yea

Motion passed

MOTION #2007-049

Sue Fields moved to acknowledge the receipt of donation(s) to the Brimfield Fire Department in memory of Lynette Messner, these donations to be deposited in Account #2281 and used toward the purchase of EMS equipment. Motion seconded by Mike Kostensky and passed unanimously.

Parks Department:

RESOLUTION #2007-050

Re: Soccer field development grant

WHEREAS: It has been determined, by Parks Director Missy McIluff, that grants are available for the development of soccer fields, and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees has determined that it would be in the best interests of the residents of Brimfield Township to apply for such a grant, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Brimfield Township shall apply to ODNR for an \$18,000.00 grant for the development of soccer fields at Cranberry Creek, and be it further,

RESOLVED: That there will be a \$7,000.00 in-kind expenditure toward this project by Brimfield Township.

C. Daniel Tronge moved for adoption of the above resolution this 29th day of January, 2007. Motion seconded by Mike Kostensky. Upon a roll call vote:

Mike Kostensky – yea
C. Daniel Tronge – yea

Sue Fields – yea
Motion passed

RESOLUTION #2007-051
Re: Parks contracts

WHEREAS: The Brimfield Parks Director Missy McIlduff has developed winter classes for Brimfield Parks this winter, and has contacted instructors for these classes, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED: That the Brimfield Township Board of Trustees shall approve a contract with Katie Dean for nature programs in the Parks this winter and spring, and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the Brimfield Township Board of Trustees shall approve contracts with Debbie Gyoker, Patti Harmon and Joanne Wilson to teach craft classes this winter, and be it further,

RESOLVED: It is understood that the instructor fees will be covered through fees charged for these classes.

Mike Kostensky moved for adoption of the above resolution this 29th day of January, 2007. Motion seconded by C. Daniel Tronge. Upon a roll call vote:

Mike Kostensky – yea
C. Daniel Tronge - yea

Sue Fields - yea
Motion passed

Zoning Department: No action requested

Cemetery:

MOTION #2007-052

Sue Fields moved to table any action on the purchase of a mower for the cemetery until the Sexton is present to discuss the actual mower needed for the cemetery work. Motion seconded by C. Daniel Tronge and passed unanimously.

Road Department:

RESOLUTION #2007-053

Re: Catch basins etc, Beechcrest

WHEREAS: The Brimfield Township Board of Trustees has determined the need to replace catch basins and culvert pipes in the Duffield Road area in the Beechcrest Allotment, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED: To accept the bid received from Dave Helmling, Jr., in the amount of \$36,125.00, to replace designated catch basins and culverts in the Duffield Road area, Beechcrest Allotment, funds from account #2031-330-323-0000.

C. Daniel Tronge moved for adoption of the above resolution this 29th day of January, 2007. Motion seconded by Sue Fields. Upon a roll call vote:

Mike Kostensky – yea

Sue Fields - yea

C. Daniel Tronge – yea

Motion passed

RESOLUTION #2007-054

Re: JEDD money to Road Department

WHEREAS: The monies received by Brimfield Township from the Brimfield/Kent JEDD and the Brimfield/Tallmadge JEDD are now divided between the Fire Department (30%), the Police Department (30%) and the General Fund (40%), and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of Brimfield Township to allot a percentage of the JEDD monies to the Road Department for road paving, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED: That any future monies received from the Brimfield/Kent JEDD and/or the Brimfield/Tallmadge JEDD will be allotted as follows:

Fire Department – 30%

Police Department – 30%

Road Department – 30% (to be used for paving only)

General Fund – 10%

C. Daniel Tronge moved for adoption of the above resolution this 29th day of January, 2007. Motion seconded by Mike Kostensky. Upon a roll call vote:

Mike Kostensky – yea

Sue Fields – nay

C. Daniel Tronge – yea

Motion passed

MOTION #2007-055

Mike Kostensky moved to approve the mailing/postage/printing costs for the winter Brimfield newsletter, a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, account#1000-110-342-0000 and #100-110-344-0000. Motion seconded by C. Daniel Tronge and passed unanimously.

MOTION #2007-056

Mike Kostensky moved, at 7:15 P.M., to adjourn to executive session. Motion seconded by C. Daniel Tronge and passed unanimously.

Returned to regular session at 8:55 P.M.

RESOLUTION #2007-057

Re: Purchase of M series backhoe

WHEREAS: The Brimfield Township Board of Trustees believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of Brimfield Township to purchase a new back hoe for the Brimfield Road Department, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED: That Brimfield Township shall allow an amount, not to exceed \$64,969.60, for the purchase a M series backhoe, vendor to be Southeastern Equipment Company, Inc., and be it further,

RESOLVED: That this equipment will be purchased through the State purchasing agreement and that the first payment will be due and payable one year from the date of purchase, and be it further,

RESOLVED: That financing options will be explored by the Fiscal Officer and, following review the Board of Trustees will determine the financing, including years for repayment, etc.

C. Daniel Tronge moved for adoption of the above resolution this 29th day of January, 2007. Motion seconded by Mike Kostensky. Upon a roll call vote:

Mike Kostensky – yea

Sue Fields – yea

C. Daniel Tronge – yea

Motion passed

MOTION #2007-058

Sue Fields moved that the Township investigate the creation of a “project development” sign for the Brimfield JEDD dollar projects and report on costs, etc. at the next meeting of the Board. Motion seconded by C. Daniel Tronge and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Brimfield Township Board of Trustees Mike Kostensky moved, at 8:59 P.M. to adjourn, seconded by C. Daniel Tronge and passed unanimously

Mike Kostensky, Trustee

C. Daniel Tronge, Trustee

Sue Fields, Trustee

John Dalziel, Fiscal Officer