COPLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008

President Helen Humphrys convened the regular meeting of the Copley Township Board of Trustees at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

Trustee Humphrys opened the meeting with accolades for the Copley Township Safety Forces and Service Department crew and their efforts during the recent winter storms; residents in attendance echoed Ms. Humphrys remarks as did the entire Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Panovich made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 25, 2008 as presented; second by Humphrys; all voting aye.

Trustee Humphrys made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of March 4, 2008 as presented; second by Trustee Panovich; all voting aye.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Received notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the transfer of stock ownership from Ni's International Buffet, Inc. dba Ni's Dynasty Buffet to Yellow Tail, Inc. dba Yellow Tail. Chief Mier has indicated his belief that a hearing should be requested. Ms. Spraggins requested an Executive Session to discuss the matter at the end of the meeting.
2. Received notice from Ceridian, our COBRA Administrators, that the administrative charges will increase 3.5% effective April 2008. Our initial contract with special discounting has expired; consequently, the pricing structure has reverted to the standard tier rates. Requested approval to continue service with Ceridian.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye
3. Requested approval to reappropriate funds to account #1000-220-190-0000 Salaries – Traffic Enforcement from account #1000-110-599-0000 Miscellaneous-Other effective 2/29/08 to cover payroll expenses in the amount of $1,000.00.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye

   All indicated their desire to continue the program and noted the reduction in traffic related complaints since more patrols had been made available. Requested approval to reappropriate $5,000.00 from account #1000-110-599-0000 to #1000-220-190-0000 to cover future payroll expenses.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye
4. The following bids were opened for the Copley Concrete Repair Project on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. at the town hall:
   - Vito Gironda Construction $ 159,690.00
   - Ray Bertolini Trucking $ 165,340.00
   - TriMor Corp. $ 177,400.00
   - Karvo Paving $ 228,650.00
   - Tony Zumbo $ 170,720.00
   - MGL Enterprises $ 152,760.00
   - Lockhart Construction $ 148,700.00
   - Spano Brothers $ 175,240.00
   - Perrin Concrete $ 152,650.00

   All bid packages contained a bid bond; Mark will submit bids to County Engineer for recommendation.
5. Requested approval to change Dental Insurance carriers from Medical Mutual to Ameritas for the period 4/1/08 to 3/31/09. Benefits increase while premiums are

reduced from current rates of $27.40, $56.92 and $97.54 for single, two-person and family coverage respectively to $$24.48, $49.36 and $82.80 for a savings per month of $687.98. The Health Care Committee has been consulted and a meeting for interested/concerned employees was held with both our broker and the new provider available to answer questions; have not received any negative feedback.

Motion: Trustee Humphrys
Second: Trustee Panovich
Voting: all voting aye

6. Requested approval to issue Purchase Order to Ameritas for the April 2008 premium in the amount of $4,048.80.

Motion: Trustee Panovich
Second: Trustee Humphrys
Voting: all voting aye

7. Requested approval to accept check from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of $10,308.00 for 2007-08 DARE Grant funds. Funds will be deposited to account #2911-210-190 DARE Grant Salaries.

Motion: Trustee Dressler
Second: Trustee Humphrys
Voting: all voting aye

8. Requested approval to repay $9,000.00 to the General Fund #1000 that was advanced to the DARE Fund #2911 to cover payroll costs until the grant was received.

Motion: Trustee Dressler
Second: Trustee Humphrys
Voting: all voting aye

9. Requested approval to issue Purchase Order to Charles Harris & Associates in the amount of $12,000.00 for the 2006-07 audit which began today, March 10, 2008.

Motion: Trustee Dressler
Second: Trustee Humphrys
Voting: all voting aye

10. Requested approval to pay all non-union employees for time scheduled to be worked but unable to be worked on March 7, 2008 when the town hall closed due to the winter storm.

Motion: Trustee Humphrys
Second: Trustee Panovich
Voting: all voting aye

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Recommended approval of Resolution #5-2008 requesting the Summit County Engineer to conduct a review of the roads in the Meadows of Copley subdivision to determine if the roads meet the necessary standards to become dedicated.

Motion: Trustee Humphrys
Second: Trustee Panovich
Voting: all voting aye

2. Requested confirmation of the following zoning board members' terms of office:

Zoning Commission

Colleen Ahern	Appointed 12/29/2003; expiration 12/31/2008
Mark Wasick	Appointed 12/27/2007; expiration 12/31/2011

Board of Zoning Appeals

Joe Weinstein	Appointed 12/29/2003; expiration 12/31/2008
Dave Robinson	Appointed 2004; expiration 12/31/2009
Paul Wilkerson	Appointed 09/25/2006; expiration 12/31/2011
Russ Hose	Appointed 12/28/2000; expiration 12/31/2010

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Voting: all voting aye

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3. Requested approval to accept the resignation of Kim Ferencz as Zoning Inspector effective April 22, 2008.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye
4. Recommended approval to hire George Beckham as interim Deputy Zoning Inspector as an independent contractor at the rate of $20.00 per hour effective March 11, 2008.
   Motion: Trustee Humphrys
   Second: Trustee Panovich
   Voting: all voting aye
5. Requested Executive Session to discuss the possible acquisition of land.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Fire Department – Chief Michael Benson

1. Informed Board of Trustees that the new ambulance has arrived and is currently being equipped.
2. The new Expedition vehicles will be available for lettering next week.
3. Attended risk management training along with two full-time firefighters.
4. Captain Moore attended the ODOT meeting outlining the I-77 repair project; the inside lanes currently under construction will be done and the outside lanes will be started at the end of March.
5. Submitted reports for February 2008.
6. Requested permission to purchase one Scotsman Ice Maker from Rizzi Distributors, Inc. in Akron, OH to be split/shared with the Copley Service Department at a cost of $3,000.37.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye
7. Requested permission to allow Lt. Carter to attend a "Command and Control F.D. Operations of Target Hazards" course at the National Fire Academy on September 7-12, 2008 in Emmetsburg, MD at a cost of $126.77 for meals only.
   Motion: Trustee Humphrys
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Voting: all voting aye
8. Requested permission to allow Chief Fire Inspector Ed Simpson to attend a "Fire and Life Safety Plans Review" course at the National Fire Academy on May 11-16, 2008 in Emmetsburg, MD at a cost of $126.77 for meals only.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Motion: Trustee Dressler
   Voting: all voting aye
9. Requested permission to allow Chief Fire Inspector Ed Simpson to attend a "Fire Protection Systems for Emergency Operations" course at the National Fire Academy on September 7-12, 2008 in Emmetsburg, MD at a cost of $126.77 for meals only.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Motion: Trustee Dressler
   Voting: all voting aye

Police Department – Chief Mier

1. Requested permission for Lt. Marchmon, Sgt. Goodwin and Sgt. Lynch to attend a Public Records Law Update seminar on April 24, 2008 at Perry Twp. Police Department at a cost of $90.00 per person.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye
2. Requested permission for Officers Webb, Simone, Dunleavey, Scott and Marchmon to attend a "Safe School Seminar" on April 8, 2008 at Prestwick Country Club in Uniontown, OH sponsored by SAC Consulting in Akron, OH at a cost of $25.00 per person.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye
3. Requested permission for Sgt. Lynch to attend an "Internal Investigations" class at Richfield O.P.O.T.A on March 27-28, 2008 at a cost of $130.00.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich

Second: Trustee Humphrys
Voting: all voting aye

4. Requested permission for Officers Newman, Santimarino and Yovanno to attend a Firearms Investigations class sponsored by A.T.F and held at the Stark Branch of Kent State University on March 18, 2008 at no additional cost.
   Motion: Trustee Humphrys
   Second: Trustee Dressler
   Voting: all voting aye
5. Requested permission to auction one 2005 Ford Crown Victoria black and white cruiser, one 1998 Crown Victoria used currently as a back-up and DARE vehicle and a 1995 Ford van previously used as a prisoner transport vehicle. Vehicles will be replaced with the newly purchased vehicles. The van was acquired used with a prisoner box which will be removed and sold separately for scrap; the van should be sold for a higher price without the box. Currently looking for an auction house; considering Akron Auto Auction. Will find out details of payment and title transfer and relay information at a later date.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Dressler
   Voting: all voting aye
6. Recommended acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Jaline Albert, a part-time Dispatcher, resigning because of conflicting career issues.
   Motion: Trustee Humphrys
   Second: Trustee Dressler
   Voting: all voting aye
7. Recognized Detective David Moore as "Top Cop" for February, as honored by County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan-Walsh, for his work in apprehending suspects connected with the 2007 bank robberies that occurred throughout the county.
8. Requested Executive Session under ORC 121.2265 as related to Liquor Permit Hearings.

Service Department –Service Director Mitchell

1. Requested guidance from the Board regarding a drainage/easement issue at 3795 N. Sunnyfield. Residents are requesting repair of a pipe inserted in the catch basin to relieve drainage problems which has collapsed and is now rusted. Upon further investigation, Mr. Mitchell discovered that there is no recorded easement that had ever been secured to install the pipe; consequently, no easement exists which allows the Township to repair it. Legal Counsel has suggested that the residents request for an easement to be taken by the township to repair the entire pipe, not just the portion in the right-of-way. Trustee Humphrys noted that other residents have had problems with drainage in the past and have not had relief; she would like to see what could be done for them as well. Mr. Mitchell requested permission to hire an engineering firm to provide a cost estimate and recommendations for repair for Westview Estates and property on Meadowood; will also look into costs of drainage repair for 2008 budget discussion.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye
2. Requested approval to auction one 2000 Ford F250 ¾ ton pick-up truck with a snow plow. Will work with Police Department and advertise/auction all vehicles together.
   Motion: Trustee Panovich
   Second: Trustee Humphrys
   Voting: all voting aye
3. Reported satisfaction with Senior Snow Plowing project; have 8 participants and sub-contractor is working out well.
4. Submitted two cemetery deeds for signature.

Zoning Department – Ms. Spraggins

1. Land Use Plan Steering Committee will meet April 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall.
2. The Copley Township BZA will not have a meeting in March.
3. Received request from the Stadium committee to erect a sign on the corner of Ridgewood and Cleveland Massillon through the fall of 2008. Trustees indicated that the request should come from the land owner, Copley- Fairlawn City Schools, for a 30-day temporary sign.
4. Received new map of trails and greenway in the county.
5. Submitted Zoning Certificate Report for February 2008.

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OLD BUSINESS

Permanent Appropriations will be considered for approval at the next meeting, March 24, 2008. Drafts will be provided prior to that date for input on capital requests.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received letter from resident who recently moved to the township wondering if there was a welcoming committee or packet for new residents. Ms. Spraggins indicated that the resident was sent welcoming information; however, no formal process is currently in place.

NEW BUSINESS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Jack Welton of Copley Road asked for an update to the previous meeting's discussion regarding the request from The Copley Stadium Committee asking Copley Township for help in removing the existing turf before new turf is installed. Trustee Humphrys indicated she had spoken with a representative from the committee regarding the written reports that the township had already committed $100,000.00 of "in-kind" services. She was assured that the information was removed from all documents and had been inserted strictly in the "hopes" that the pledge would occur. The Service Department indicated that they would be limited in what help they could provide.
2. Mr. Welton also asked if snow plowing assistance could be provided to handicapped individuals in the township. Ms. Humphrys answered that all Lifeline participants, who could include handicapped individuals, were eligible to receive the service. After the pilot program started this year, the township will consider expanding the service to other residents.
3. Mr. Bill Daniel requested an update regarding the Rotilli Lane project. Ms. Spraggins indicated that the project did not get approved by Summit County Planning Commission and the developers are taking some time to review their options.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

March 24, 2008	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 7, 2008	Land Use Plan Steering Committee	6:00 p.m.

Trustee Humphrys made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session following a two-minute recess to discuss the acquisition of property and ORC 121.2265; second by Trustee Panovich. Roll-call vote: Trustee Panovich – yes, Trustee Humphrys – yes, Trustee Dressler – yes.

The Executive Session began at 9:55 p.m.; the regular meeting was reconvened at 10:15 p.m. General discussion followed regarding Copley Commerce Park and water extension throughout the township. No actions followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Humphrys made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 p.m.; second by Trustee Dressler; all voting aye.

APPROVED BY: **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Helen Humphrys, President Janice L. Marshall, Fiscal Officer