

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING

MAY 8, 2006

Pizzino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Lyon, Fitzgerald and Ruwadi present.

Pizzino moved and Meeks seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Park Department (Appointment/Employment/Compensation) Interview park maintenance worker applicants and programming assistant applicants. **3-0 yes**

Upon return from Executive Session, Pizzino opened the Work Session at 5:34 p.m.

Heck: Good evening, gentlemen. I've got a couple items beforehand. First of all, a reminder that May 17 is the airport disaster drill. Again this is just a reminder that if you want to attend that, you need to give me a heads up on it, because they're going to close the site down pretty tight just because of the things that are going on in the airport itself and it still needs to be maintained and security. But it's up on Port Jackson for the fire and the old Hoover plant for the police operations to it. That's the 17th of May.

Also I've been contacted by Sunset Hills and they want us to provide an EMS unit to them on May 20th. Probably upwards of 2,000 people are going to be on their site for a couple hours. Some of them will be quite elderly. It has to do with the military and awards and they felt that we should have an ambulance over there. Since that is a private company, similar to Glenmoor, I don't know how the Board wants to perceive that. But I would like to make you aware that, technically, it is open to the public, that's who is coming in. There's no charge for the people that are going to be there to view some of the activities that they have going on, but they felt based on the age of a lot of the people who may be there that it might not be a bad idea to have a squad present. What we've done in the park is send an on-duty medic over there, just to assist until the arrival of a squad unit and that would be all right with me. I don't know how the Board feels about it.

Pizzino: Gentlemen?

Meeks: I would just think, Chief that you have your thumb on the pulse of what we need and I think that how we've handled certain activities in the park with that personnel and vehicle and then if there is a need. . .

Heck: Call the actual squad.

Meeks: Absolutely. I think that works very well.

Heck: I think based on the fact of the age of the attendees that would be coming in during the day, and if it's a warm day the potentials that we could have, it would probably be a smart thing to do. Thank you.

The other item is our Fire Levy. Since our defeat I've had a number of people call me and said they want to get involved with us in putting it on again. I've also checked with Fire Chiefs across the State and how they did with levies, the majority of the levies that were on did pass. Ninety-five percent of them did exactly what we did with the news media putting out the information. The two that I talked to that campaigned both lost and I'm at the point where we're meeting this Thursday with our Chief grade officers and sometime next week I'll hold a general meeting with all fire department employees in regards to what actions we want to take based on how we go forward tonight in regards to that.

The same scenario faces us that we need to do a replacement levy and because of the personal property tax loss, the .4 that's on there, we need to put that back on if we're going to be able to maintain the services that we need. Maybe we need to go the five years with it and move forward and I think we need to do it with a special election in August. If that doesn't fly, then I think the Board needs to make a decision about doing a renewal instead of the levy in November. I will guarantee at that point we will have to close two stations when I went back through the cost factors with it. We, again, get money at the beginning of the levy more than we need, those are put in reserve accounts. The Clerk has done an excellent job, I think, setting that up and I think showing that to other townships in the County, but we know at the end of the levy we are pulling dollars back out of the reserve accounts and that's what we're doing at this point. If the people so desire to do reductions, I estimate if we close two stations there will be 70 to 80 calls a month that we will not handle. And those would be routinely turned over to, I assume, private ambulance or mutual aid companies to handle. We just will not be able to cover. We're heading towards a 200 plus call increase this year and that's not anything different than we had last year and the year before. It's just going to continue to go up.

Meeks: Chief, if I might. First and foremost we understand how serious this is. It would not be this Board member's wish or want to close down any stations. We have a second to none fire department that we take care of our residents and those who visit our township, with first class professionalism. I think Mr. Pizzino said it, shame on all of us for not going out and beating the bushes, making the people understand the necessity or the need and quite frankly, even the way the language was stated, and Neal, we have to talk about that, making sure that the people when they at least read the title understand that it is a fire levy.

Gonzalez: Can't change it.

Meeks: Well, then we need to do in our handout and our walking, create our armies to walk these neighborhoods. I know that we will get the support of our residents, our voters, to come out in favor of this. We just have to give them the opportunity to understand the need and ask the questions to us face to face. I will do whatever it takes to make sure I'm out there with your forces because you guys are very good. They're very good at walking neighborhoods. They've helped the Police, they've helped anytime that there was a need, they've been out there. Now it's time for them to help themselves and for us to help them and we have to do it.

Heck: I was going to say the concept of what we've had in the past, and looking, obviously, we put a levy committee together, we finance publicity and publicity is going to be a fairly large area. The ballot language, I think, as you mentioned, needs to be addressed. Workers that we organize into what we're doing and I think we're doing an analysis on our precincts to find out where our strength was.

Gonzalez: It's in front of you.

Meeks: Randy has already done that and I think it's a no-brainer here. Those precincts that passed are highlighted there and those that failed are those that. . .

Gonzalez: It's kind of hard to see on the sheet because the highlighted one did not copy. This is exactly what we have talked about, when you look at it, it passed in 8 precincts. The ones that it passed in are Hills & Dales, Foxboro, Mallard's Crossing, and the allotment up there where Dave Benner lives at. These are all the more wealthy areas. The areas that were going to pay the very most, the highest priced areas are the ones that passed it. Where it failed miserably, 60% or more are the ones that are highlighted. They represent exactly what I and this Board have been saying for the last year, of how much we need tax reform and property tax relief in Ohio. It is the elderly, it is the older allotments, it is the Taggart's, it is the Amherst Heights, it is the Echo Valleys where Mr. Meeks' allotment is, my allotment of Bob-O-Link, all of the areas where people have lived in their houses for 25 to 30 years, many of them on fixed incomes, those are the ones that would like to support the Fire Department that are, quite frankly, just saying no because they can't afford it. Now I believe we can easily pass this Fire Levy, because I don't think they understood how inexpensive it was. If I could show the Board what the Auditor put together for us (Gonzalez showed the Excel file on the viewing screen), I'll just go to mine because it's in that neighborhood. This was prepared by the Stark County Auditor and as you can see it shows every household, the Auditor's evaluation and the cost of the proposed levy. The average cost in my neighborhood was about \$49 per year. What the committee should have done with this and now should do with it is a mailing. The mailing can have all the facts of what the levy will provide, the reasons for it and exactly what it will cost that individual tax payer. So it will come to Randy Gonzalez and it will read in the heading your house is worth \$119,300 and your cost will be \$43.18. That mailing would cost about \$2,000 to do and I think if we would have done that it would have passed. People are all over the board, I mean, they walked in, they saw the school levy, this levy, unsure about what the costs were on both of them and many people just voted no, no. I feel bad for that but I don't think a lot of people that voted no would have voted no if they knew it may only cost them \$43 a year. We just need to put together a campaign and as Mr. Meeks said, shame on all of us, to ask people to increase their taxes and not tell them what they would get for it, (addressing the media Gonzalez said), I'm not taking anything away from you guys, you did a marvelous job, you guys being the media, but it just goes to show you, unless it's in their house, most people just didn't understand it or know it. You have to be able to tell them and, shame on all of us for saying we want you to raise your taxes but we're not telling you what you're going to get for it, how much it's going to cost you and those are very important issues. As many times as we may say it here and as you may print it, the only way that I feel comfortable knowing that those people would know is if something gets mailed to their house. And unfortunately, we can't do that with tax dollars, that has to be done by a levy campaign.

Pizzino: I don't think there's going to be a problem with raising the funds for the fire levy and everything Mr. Meeks and Mr. Gonzalez says is true. We know there were some ballot problems. And then again we probably didn't get out there and do what we were supposed to do. A lot of people didn't know 20 years ago that we consolidated all those levies, as many times as Chief Heck said it, into one levy and for the average of \$3.50 a month, you're right, Mr. Gonzalez, I think it would have passed pretty easily. So saying that I believe the Chief is telling us that he would like to see a levy back in August.

Heck: I think we have to do a special election if we're going to do it at the millage it is. If not, we're, I think, back to a renewal. I hate to go into November with this levy on the ballot and lose it. If we lose it, that's what runs the Fire Department, there's nothing after January the first coming in, it's only the reserve accounts. And those accounts will go dry pretty quickly.

Gonzalez: You know, I respect that, Ted, and I know that you and I talked about this numerous times and I talked to some of the firefighters and some of the guys who are in charge of the campaign and I understand that they felt that a low level levy here could have done it. But the issue now is, that's in the past – what we should have done. We have three bites at the apple, one of those is gone. The second one is in August and that one is going to cost the taxpayers about \$20,000 to put on the ballot. I'm told today, \$500 a precinct at a minimum. The ballot language, I checked that out with the Secretary of State's office, we cannot change that. As much as I argued, literally had the Board of Elections, I'm the President of the Board of Elections, I had them call down there today, they said there's no way that we can change that ballot language.

Heck: It's a penalty, levies for fire departments in my possession that are very blunt, very plain, fire, EMS, this is what it's going to cost you. Period. Either for or against. Townships

Gonzalez: can't do it. There is a way we can do it. The reason we can do it with Police is because it is a Police District and if it was a Fire District we could do it but we're not a Fire District. The Secretary of State's office asked their Legal Counsel today and they said if we prepare that, send it down, they will tell us to strike it or it won't go on the ballot. We cannot put that in the heading. And I agree, I agree with John when I read your comments in the paper, John, how as soon as I walked out of there I knew we were in trouble when I saw that ballot. I couldn't even, in fact, I talked to Chief Escola that night and his mother lives in Jackson and he told me that his mom said there was no fire levy on the ballot. A lot of people didn't understand that was a fire levy. I had to read through the body of the language myself to make sure what I was voting on.

Pizzino: There's no way, Chief or Randy, to change that ballot language?

Gonzalez: Neal, you want to explain.

Fitzgerald: They're not going to budge on that. That statutory language has been in the fire levies for a long time.

Heck: 1919.

Fitzgerald: forever. You're correct, on the top of the police ballot, has Police District, that's the taxing unit. The fire department, the taxing unit's called Jackson Township.

Burger: I don't understand with all the Townships in the State of Ohio, what we have to do, did you say 1919, to get these people down in Columbus' attention. Drop a nuke on them? To change this language. I've heard so many people say, I didn't understand the language. And I said, I can understand. Probably, if I wouldn't have been involved in it with 27 years as my income, I wouldn't understand it either. I don't know what it's going to take to get these people to change.

Gonzalez: Although that's a great suggestion. Maybe start with writing our legislators to do that but I don't think we'll have it done by August. But I would agree with that, we really should do that though. I mean, it is ridiculous, as long as I have been around here I still had a hard time reading the ballot language. So how is John Q. Citizen supposed to understand it? I feel sorry for people like my Mom who's 82 year old, she said Randy, I didn't see a Fire Levy, and you told me to vote for the Fire Levy. Sorry, Mom. That's tough you must have missed it, it was hard to read.

Pizzino: I can't believe we can't change that ballot language around, incorporate everything they want to incorporate but instead of waiting until towards the middle or the end of it, talk more about the Fire Department from the beginning. Why can't we flip that language? Put it in there.

Gonzalez: We'll never get it in the body of the text.

Fitzgerald: We try that and they'll bounce us. Then you'll be in November for renewal. They're not going to accept it. It's the law.

Gonzalez: We can't get it in the heading. We'd have to change the law.

Fitzgerald: It doesn't make sense, I know, but it's what the law is.

Gonzalez: But you know what is, and Neal said, this has been like this since every levy that we've ever passed and in my recent history, Ted, yours probably goes back further, not that I'm saying that you're older than I am. I don't ever remember a fire levy failing. I've never seen one in my history in Jackson.

Heck: We had the one fail in the mid 80's.

Gonzalez: Really?

Heck: We turned around six months later, actually it was a higher millage, and it was probably 30% the other way favorable to it. But again it's going out and making sure the public understands what's there and what we're after and the reason behind it.

Gonzalez: If the campaign levy committee gets together, I will be more than willing to help with this mailing, since Mr. Perez was good enough to put this together for us. The issue here is this

is every single household and you know mailing that out to every single household would be very expensive and many of them will not go vote, what I gave you, if you take a look at the sheet. It's the second sheet back. And this is kind of a sad thing, go to the very last sheet and the Jackson Township turnout was less than 30% probably. You can see it as a precinct by precinct breakout there. I did look at this today to see if the ones that turned up in high volume, 40%, if you call 40% high volume, if it got beat worse. No, that didn't really dictate whether it did good or bad by the turnout. But when you look at the turnouts of these, to mail this to every single household is almost a waste. I wouldn't try to narrow that list down, when I said \$2,000 that wouldn't be mailing this entire list. That's, I believe, let's see how many households or properties.

Heck: I would assume we'd look at the last couple general elections and who voted and try to. . .

Gonzalez: Exactly. This is 17,000 land owners. I would say 2 out of 3 of the last elections.

Pizzino: I guess that committee could decide if we should send it out or if we shouldn't send it out. I think that if we would have just promoted it at \$3.50 a month on the average, we wouldn't have had a problem. Again, but it's hindsight, we have to look forward. I would like to see as this Board member it's my opinion that I would like to see pretty much the same thing other than five years, Chief. I voted for the three year at the beginning, we're tying your hands, I don't know what your thinking is about that.

Heck: I would – 3 years or 5 years – put it on the ballot. I think we'll have to face the facts of where the dollars are two or three years out from now, then. They may dictate that we do a mill addition, I don't know. It remains to be seen. If we were talking, what we did on our last levy in the year 2000, I would never have anticipated the type of hits that we took during the last six years especially with the trickle down effect, if you will, on mandates to what was paid for and now we're to pick up the bill for them on EMS services and same on gasoline costs, the types of costs that we've incurred.

Pizzino: What's the Board's pleasure on the length of the levy?

Meeks: Well, I understand the reason that we were going 3 now so that we can get that reassessment and that's very crucial for those funds. I still say we need to stay with that mindset.

Heck: The only other choice would be if we look at a mill or mill and a quarter a couple years out, how it looks into Station 6 coming on line. You're probably 2011 – 2012 somewhere in there. Maybe make it some type of continuous levy. Those due are allowed now to go back in front of the voters to be acted on, and if they elect not to approve it, it stays in place as it was. Might be a consideration at that point.

Gonzalez: I really believe that as much work as we've put into this, I really believe it was the best financial plan. I still believe that. I think the only reason it failed was just lack of getting the word out. Do you have any feelings of whether it's three or five years people would have voted yes or no on it? I don't think that had anything to do with it.

Heck: No, I don't think that was an issue.

Gonzalez: It was the best financial plan for the residents and the Fire Department.

Heck: The only thing we're doing is we're looking at where our other levies fall, how we impact on those, how does reappraisal impact on our operations, what are we going to do in relationship to that.

Gonzalez: That's how we did them all. We did it so it doesn't fall with the Police, it doesn't have the people at the ballot always asking for taxes, and it hit the reappraisal. It did everything you asked for it. And I believe it kept the price down. Well, you can see, it was \$45 for me.

Heck: I would guess I would defer to you people if we wanted to go five years, we could, but I still think at the end of three years or four years, I'm going to – or whoever's sitting here- is going to be back asking you to consider what you're going to do with sixes and where we stand with things.

Meeks: I have to stay with my statement, Chief. I agree with Randy's comments. This was the best financial plan we had for three years and we need to stay with that. It wasn't the plan, it was just that we fell short on trying to educate our voters and we did nothing to get that message out to them. But again it sends a very clear message just what we've talked about time and time again, you're asking our senior citizens, fixed income people, to vote for an increase that they aren't getting any increase in their pay to offset these things, which is a huge concern of ours.

Heck: Well, I think with your larger townships, we're in the same boat the cities were in the fifties.

Meeks: I understand. But we cannot. And that's why I said in the past it's time to look at all the options. And quite frankly if there were to be a change in the form of government that we see here in Jackson Township those people who come out religiously and vote on all of our levies would be the true winners because they would be the ones who have the most to gain.

Pizzino: Mr. Burger, any comment?

Burger: One thing the phone calls that I've got the people don't seem to understand the soft-billing on their ambulance trips. And I don't know if that's something we could make a little bit more positive if we're going to send out a mailing or whatever to explain the millage.

Heck: We could explain the soft billing and the impact it has if the Board wants to entertain about .3 additional millage we could remove that and not have that there. It's just one of those things that have caught up with us. If we'd had our major reappraisal, soft billing would not be an issue with us, but it's just how this levy expiration has fallen, it caught up with us, and we just had no alternative to do it without cutting services.

Gonzalez: We did a radio interview, which I never heard the radio interview, Ted and I went down to do it, it was on at 5:30 in the morning, so obviously I wasn't going to hear the radio

interview, but that was one of the things they asked, Bill, and again, that's what we need to get out there. If it was not for that soft billing, and I am not a proponent, I don't even agree with the soft billing, but financially it is like a user base tax. If we didn't have it on there, all these numbers would be going up, quite frankly, and hopefully none of us will ever have to use that fire department and if we do hopefully our insurance will pick up that bill and if it doesn't they don't have to pay.

Heck: That may be something we want to look at in the next year or two in relationship to it but I will tell you it's about .3 - .35 addition to cover that.

Gonzalez: It's about \$350,000 to \$400,000 a year that we would have to add, everybody else would have been paying for it.

Heck: And the only reason we put it in place was to maintain what we were doing out there and again to the news media, soft billing is what the insurance company pays, not what the co-pay of the resident is or if they have no insurance, there's no bill to those people. It's only strictly the insurance. And again that's what we mean by soft billing, but it is the equivalent of about 3.5 tenths mill addition to a levy and the decision was either do soft billing, go out and seek a mill increase, or reduce services and the easiest method was to do the soft billing and maintain the services that we have to the residents of this township.

Gonzalez: Bill's point is well taken. We've got to get that out to the voters.

Heck: It is.

Gonzalez: We've got to get that out to the voters because it's just like he said, a lot of them are getting those questions. I keep saying we, we're all willing to stick our necks out, but quite frankly, we can't do anything legally, the committee has to put it together.

Heck: Obviously, we will take all the help we can get from the community in regards to putting this levy through and people can make contact with me or one of the Trustees and we will have a levy committee put together here very shortly.

Pizzino: Okay, you've heard this evening that we are talking about a levy in August. You heard that we're going to keep this same millage and the same time of the levy, the length of the levy. Neal, what do we have to do from this point on?

Fitzgerald: By May 25th, the resolution has to be submitted to the Board of Elections, so we have the May 22nd meeting we can do that. Before then, we'll have to call a special meeting at least 3 or 4 days ahead of time, so that the Auditor does their part.

Gonzalez: Can we get moving today, as fast as we can? I'd like to get the earliest number we could, because I know Perry is going to go, too.

Fitzgerald: We don't have a resolution prepared.

Pizzino: We could set a special meeting, Mr. Fitzgerald, for that, and Mr. Gonzalez, whatever time you feel you need to get it down through the County and let us know.

Gonzalez: I just want to get it on and get it moving. The sooner we do that the sooner you can, you can't raise money, really until you have it in writing.

Meeks: All right, Neal, how much time are you going to need to prepare the resolution?

Fitzgerald: They told me to just use the same paperwork I used and we can go. Twenty four hours notice to the press is required for the special meeting. We can't do that quite from the record tonight, though. Marilyn, we'll have to do some faxing. A special meeting probably Wednesday morning. Okay.

Meeks: It's supposed to rain, that's fine.

Fitzgerald: Okay, Marilyn? Call it tomorrow morning.

Pizzino: You're going to call it for when?

Lyon: We have to have time in the morning to call it so. . .

Pizzino: So you're going to call it

Fitzgerald: tomorrow morning.

Pizzino: for Wednesday or Thursday.

Gonzalez: Call it – you mean to call the press?

Fitzgerald: Yes, 24 hours notice.

Gonzalez: This is notice. They're all here.

Fitzgerald: It's not.

Gonzalez: Doesn't work?

Fitzgerald: No. We have to follow the established procedure.

Pizzino: We'll follow what procedures we need to follow, Mr. Fitzgerald. The only thing I have is a 7:30 meeting with the Stark County Safety Council, I don't know how long that's going to last on Thursday, and so we could schedule it around 10:00, if you're going to do it on Thursday that will be fine.

Meeks: See what the time frame allows and that's the only business that we'll transact, is to pass resolution to put this on a special election.

Lyon: We'll get it set tomorrow.

Pizzino: Mr. Gonzalez, one question, you said it's going to cost approximately \$20,000. If the school decides to go on in August, could we share that?

Gonzalez: Yes, we could share that. Today I was told, we don't really have a, we have the Board of Elections only out of a fixed cost because of this new equipment but if it's four precinct workers which we think would be a minimum Jeanette Mullane told me there should be a minimum of five hundred precincts which would be \$20,000. John, I think that would be a great idea. If they decide to do it, I'm sure we could probably split that.

Pizzino: Okay. Anything else, Chief?

At 6:07 p.m., Pizzino called the General Session to order with all department heads present except Chief Neftzer who was represented by Lt. Goe. Pizzino requested that all cell phones and pagers be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Speaks – None

Police Department

RESOLUTION 06-029, ATTACHED

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion that pursuant to ORC Section 505.49 and 509.01, Jason E. Hall is hereby appointed to the position of full time Patrol Officer and Police Constable for the Jackson Township Police District Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective May 9, 2006 at 0001 hours at the compensation rate and benefits contained in the Negotiated Agreement and we hereby accept the attached Oath of Office. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 A

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to accept the resignations of part time patrol officers John J. Conny and Dawn M. Smith effective May 5, 2006. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 B

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 209.250.5387, Discretionary, to account code 209.250.5363, Hooked on Fishing, in the amount of \$1,500.00. **3-0 yes**

Meeks moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept donations to Hooked on Fishing program.

- \$1,500.00 from Sam's Club Foundation
- \$250.00 from Stark Commons, Ltd.
- \$500.00 from Jackson Local School District
- \$300.00 from Charles & Maria McDonald

3-0 yes

Administration Department

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 C

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of Jason Lindesmith as a seasonal park maintenance worker, through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$6.50 per hour, effective May 10, 2006, per the recommendation of the Park Operations Director. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 D

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of Patton Nickels as a part-time park maintenance worker, through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour, effective May 10, 2006, per the recommendation of the Park Operations Director. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 E

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to hire Josh Kumpf as a seasonal park programming assistant (second year), through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$6.50 per hour, effective May 16, 2006, per the recommendation of the Park Program Coordinator. **3-0 yes**

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to hire Ashley Hartzell as a seasonal park programming assistant, through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$6.00 per hour, effective May 16, 2006, per the recommendation of the Park Program Coordinator. **3-0 yes**

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to hire Jessica “Ashley” Holt as a seasonal park programming assistant, through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$6.00 per hour, effective May 16, 2006, per the recommendation of the Park Program Coordinator. **3-0 yes**

RESOLUTION 06-030, ATTACHED

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the attached changes to the Zoning Certificate Fee Schedule effective May 9, 2006. **3-0 yes**

RESOLUTION 06-031, ATTACHED

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to adopt the attached Draft Jackson Township Comprehensive Plan dated June 27, 2005 which replaces the Township’s prior Comprehensive Plan dated January 25, 1983. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 F

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the HIPAA Security Addendum to the Business Associate Agreement with PCM as required by the Security Rules of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and to authorize the Board President to sign said Addendum. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 G

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve attached Health Benefit Plan Amendment No. 18, effective April 20, 2006, as required by HIPAA Security Standards, and to authorize the Board President to sign said amendment. **3-0 yes**

Lyon announced the awards presented to Jackson Township by the Stark County Safety Council. Those awards were for outstanding effort in reducing the annual incident rate by 25% or more, having the lowest incident rate in a safety council group, and for outstanding effort by supervisory personnel and employees in operating the entire year without a lost-time injury.

Fire Department

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 H

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to accept the retirement of Captain John Mattern effective April 30, 2006. **3-0 yes**

Highway Department

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 I

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account number 204.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 204.310.5514, Sign Supplies, in the amount of \$2,500.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 J

Burger moved and Meeks seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Agreement with ME Companies. **3-0 yes**

RESOLUTION 06-032, ATTACHED

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board's signatures upon the attached Agreement and Right of Entry. **3-0 yes**

Fiscal Office

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 K

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$614,848.82. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 L

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve minutes of the April 24 and May 1, 2006 Board of Trustees meetings. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 M

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the financial reports for April 2006. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 05/08/06 N

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the use of facsimile signatures of 2 Trustees and the Fiscal Officer to be placed on purchase orders, accounts payable checks, and payroll checks through the printer and software during the printing process after approved by the Board of Trustees. **3-0 yes**

Routine Business

Announcements

- Next regular Board of Trustees meeting, May 22, 2006, 4:00 p.m. Executive Session and/or Work Session, 6:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.
- LOGIC, June 1, 2006, 9:00 a.m., Safety Center, Chiefs' Conference Room.
- CIC, June 5, 2006, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- Board of Zoning Appeals:
 - May 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Township Hall.
 - May 25, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Zoning Commission, May 18, 2006, 5:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Citizens Advisory Committees:
 - Community Celebration, May 15, 2006, 6:00 p.m., Township Hall.
 - Park, May 16, 2006, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
 - Highway/Traffic, May 17, 2006, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.

Old Business – None

New Business

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion not to request a hearing upon issuing a liquor permit to Ohio Spring Inc., 2939 Whipple Ave. NW., Canton, Ohio 44708. **3-0 yes**

Burger moved and Meeks seconded a motion to accept an \$80 donation to the Park Tree Fund in memory of Jonathan Funk from Donna Eby, Margaret Gardner, Sue Bacon, Aaron Stoller, Kim Haines, Carolyn Stauffer, Darlene Taylor, Pat Primack, Susan Rollings, Melissa Sims, Kevin Lanzer, Jessica Carrothers, Shirley Miller, Fred Edgar, Ralph Dechiara, Lori Foutz. **3-0 yes**

Public Speaks – Open Forum

No one came forward.

Meeks moved and Burger seconded a motion to adjourn.

3-0 yes

John Pizzino

Randy Gonzalez