

## SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Feb. 23, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees was held in the Shawnee Township Administrative Building, 2530 Ft. Amanda Rd, Lima, Ohio, at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Holly called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. A brief moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call indicated the following were present: Chairperson Russell Holly, Vice Chairperson Christie Seddelmeyer, Trustee Christi Brown, Fiscal Officer Stephanie Hoffer, Police Chief Michael Keith, Fire Chief Todd Truesdale, Road Superintendent Howard Gray, Zoning Inspector John Gosnell, and Attorney Clay Balyeat.

### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Brown motioned for approval of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held Feb. 9, 2009, as amended to change the words "gave oath of office" on pg. 2, following Resolution 27-09, to "was given oath of office". Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

### Report of Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Brown made a motion to table the financial statements for the month ending Jan. 31, 2009, as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

### Attorney's Report

There was no business to report for the Attorney's Report.

### Privilege of the Floor

Announcing there were several residents from the Crayton Ave. area at this evening's meeting, Mr. Holly asked those wishing to speak give their names and address and asked that each speaker limit their discussion to 4 minutes.

Nanette K. Craig, 2160 Arcadia Ave., Lima, Ohio

Mrs. Craig presented a petition signed by twenty residents of the Berryman Addition who are Petitioning for the Removal of Garbage and Hazardous Waste at the Property of 1201 Crayton Ave., Lima, Ohio, 45805, Property Owners: Aaron C. & Donna J. White, Parcel ID: 46020702008001, Tax District: L35 Shawnee L.S.D., School District: 208 Shawnee LSD, Neighborhood 01102 Shawnee Twp-Shawnee Garden. The petition is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mrs. Craig also presented photos of the property at 1201 Crayton. Mr. Holly mentioned that the Township has also taken photos of this area and may have some of the same pictures. She also presented a letter addressed to the Board of Trustees in regards to

the problems in that area. The letter is attached and made part of these minutes and was read as follows:

Dear Shawnee Township Board of Trustees:

Other concerns with these property owners are that there have been numerous criminal events occurring from the occupants of this house. I have distributed a Neighborhood Watch Alert to neighbors of close proximity to this property. Content of the flyer is as follows.

Neighborhood Watch Alert

Be aware of the recent crimes occurring in our Berryman Addition.

Residents at the north end of Crayton Avenue are of great concern to our community's safety & well-fare.

Multiple houses and automobiles have been broken into and property has been stolen. 01/31/09, Saturday morning several gunshots were fired from this residence toward the next door neighbor's house, damaging their vehicles.

02/11/09, Tuesday evening a robbery and shooting event left one of the robbers wounded, which is a resident across the street from the house that was robbed. We have a block watch organized and have petitions needing your support to eliminate these problems.

Call Police of any Suspicious Activity at 419-227-1115 or 911

I and many others are very concerned for our safety in this neighborhood and some have moved because of such activities. The houses that have been robbed and property that has been stolen or damaged deems conviction of those that are responsible. Aaron and Donna White are accomplices to these crimes and justice should hold them accountable for their actions.

From the adults to the minor occupants and the dogs that are sent out to attack fellow neighbors in one form or another is beyond acceptable behavior and needs stopped now. It's really too bad that the one neighbor who came home while the robbery was in progress had to deal with horrifying experience himself.

I don't know how law enforcement can not get the point across that this will not be tolerated and someone will go to jail if it continues.

The minor children are left by themselves continuously and are being abused and neglected.

Why hasn't children services taken those children to safe haven?

Why hasn't the Health and Well-Fare addressed this unsanitary living condition for these children?

Why hasn't the Township enforced the Trash and Hazardous Waste Ordinance with Aaron & Donna White?

The US Bank National Assn. as trustee of this property should be notified of the damages occurring to the property by the occupants, since there was a foreclosure notice as of 12/26/08.

This is causing all of our properties to lose their market value.

These people are a menace to society and we should not have to tolerate these behaviors and fear living in this area.

What does this say for our community as a whole?

We are an easy target and invite more criminals to this area since there is no justice for the crimes that are committed in Shawnee.

What more can we do as residents to help ensure that criminals know that this is not where they will be welcome to live?

Thank you for taking great concern to these matters, signed, Nanette Craig.

Mrs. Craig complained about the trash piled up at the White's property, and the robberies in the area. She said she called the Police about a week ago about their dog chasing her car, and was upset that her name was announced over the radio. She further stated she has a difficult time sleeping because of what is going on in her neighborhood and shouldn't have to live this way in Shawnee Township, and that a lot more should have been done and should have been done a year ago, and that we need to be proactive not reactive in these kind of situations.

Andrew Reaman, 880 Berryman Blvd., Lima, Ohio

Mr. Reaman stated he has resided at his residence for 14 years and this is the worst he has ever seen happen to a neighborhood, and said the problems, some life threatening, are happening on a day to day basis, and the residents can't do anything in fear of retaliation, and that the residents at this evening's meeting are here to plead for the Township's assistance.

Amy Cox, 2210 Arcadia Avenue, Lima, Ohio

Amy Cox complained about the trash and smoke from bonfires at the Aaron White residence, and the numerous break-ins in the neighborhood. She stated the White's eleven year old boy runs around loose shooting at targets, and said residents have called police on many incidents, but the problems persist.

Vicki McKinney, 2228 Garden Blvd., Lima, Ohio

Vicki McKinney complained about the trash, and the ongoing problems residents are having with the family residing at 1201 Crayton Ave. She said the family's twelve year old boy shot at a neighbor's vehicle, and the eleven year old boy had threatened her daughter with a butcher knife. She said she is in fear for her children playing in the neighborhood, and that something needs to be done.

Mrs. Harmor-Hoffman, 2148 Garden Blvd. had concerns about kids hanging out at abandoned TB Hospital.

Caroline M. Platvoet, of 898 Berryman Blvd., had questions in regards to trespassing laws for private property.

Larry Cox, 2210 Arcadia Ave., had questions about homeowner's rights in regards to breaking and entering.

Mr. Holly informed the residents that the Allen Co. Health Department has been contacted in regards to the trash at the Crayton Ave. residence and that in the spring when the Township has "Spring Clean-Up", a dumpster could be placed in that area in efforts to get it cleaned up, and that the Township has done this in the past.



BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Chairperson Russell E. Holly to enter into contracts for renewal of business and, or service on behalf of the Township, effective January 1, 2009.

Mrs. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 42-09, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.  
Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

RESOLUTION 43-09 Extension of Employee Agreement

Whereas, in Resolution 26-09 the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees appointed Tim Mosher Assistant Fire Chief for the Shawnee Township Fire Department effective Feb. 15, 2009; and,

Whereas, Mr. Mosher's previous employee agreement as Fire Chief for the Township Fire Dept. was up (terminated) as of Dec. 23, 2008;

Be it hereby resolved, the Board of Trustees hereby extend Mr. Mosher's previous employee agreement from Dec. 23, 2008 until Feb. 15, 2009, when he will begin his new position as Assistant Fire Chief.

Mrs. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 43-09, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.  
Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

RESOLUTION 44-09 Authorization to Enter into Salt Co-op with Allen County Engineer's Office

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Shawnee Township Road Department to enter into a Salt Co-op Contract with the Allen County Engineer's Office for 600 tons of salt for the winter of 2009 – 2010 to aid in reducing costs for the purchase of road salt, and;

FURTHER, the terms set forth for the Co-op are outlined as attached hereto.

Mrs. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 44-09, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.  
Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

RESOLUTION 45-09 Family Medical Leave for Police Officer Christopher Miracle

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Police Officer Christopher Miracle to begin Family Medical Leave (FMLA) due to a work related injury effective February 19, 2009 and to continue as necessary.

Mrs. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution no. 45-09, Mr. Holly seconded, and the motion passed 2-0. Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

RESOLUTION 46-09 Family Medical Leave for Firefighter Dick Oder

BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Firefighter Dick Oder to begin Family Medical Leave (FMLA) due to a work related injury effective February 13, 2009 and to continue as necessary.

Mrs. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 46-09, Mr. Holly seconded, and the motion passed 2-0. Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

RESOLUTION 47-09 Sergeant Larry Curl to Property and Evidence Training

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes Sergeant Larry Curl to attend Property and Evidence Training on March 12 - 13, 2009 at OPOTA, Richfield, Ohio, and;

FURTHER, the total cost of the training is \$350.00 shall be covered, along with lodging for 2 nights. Meals and mileage being paid as per the Shawnee Township Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

Mrs. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 47-09, as amended to correct the title of "Officer" Larry Curl to "Sergeant" Larry Curl, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and the motion was passed 3-0. Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

Resolution 48-09 Sergeant Hartman and Officer Hackworth to Taser Instructor Training

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes Sergeant Shane Hartman and Officer Travis Hackworth to attend Taser Instructor Training on March 14, 2009 at the Bluffton Police Department, Bluffton, Ohio, and;

FURTHER, the total cost of the training is \$125.00 shall be covered. Meals and mileage being paid as per the Shawnee Township Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

Mrs. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 48-09, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

Resolution 49-09 Sergeant Shane Hartman to Armorers Training

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes Sergeant Shane Hartman to attend Armorer's Training on November 17 - 19, 2009 at OPOTA in London, Ohio, and;

FURTHER, the total cost of the training is \$500.00 shall be covered along with lodging at \$15.00 per night for 3 nights. Meals and mileage being paid as per the Shawnee Township Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

Mrs. Seddelmeyer motioned to adopt Resolution 49-09, Mrs. Brown seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

Resolution 50-09 Chief Mike Keith and Sergeant Larry Curl to Public Records Training

Mrs. Seddelmeyer motioned to adopt Resolution 50-09, Mrs. Brown seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

Mrs. Brown motioned to amend the agenda to include Resolution 51-09, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 51-09 Authorize the Fire Chief to Advertise for Bids for a Ladder Truck

Be it hereby resolved, the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees authorizes Fire Chief Truesdale to advertise for bids for a new Ladder Truck for the Township Fire Dept.

Mrs. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 51-09, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.  
Roll call:

Mr. Russell Holly (yes)  
Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes)  
Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Todd Truesdale

Chief Truesdale reported that Firefighter Dick Oder is recovering from injuries sustained in accident in the ladder truck with another vehicle. He said Dick is scheduled for surgery tomorrow and that rehabilitation is going great and is ahead of schedule.

Discussion:

- Replace Ladder Truck # 3.
- Repair Tanker 8.
- State House of Representatives Proclamation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Michael Keith

Discussion:

- Officer Jeremy Shellenbarger.
- Pre-Grant application for purchasing vehicle.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Superintendent Howard Gray

Discussion:

- Road Dept. and County to review roadways.
- Grant for the purchase of signs.

ZONING

Zoning Inspector John Gosnell

Discussion:

- Two zoning permits issued.
- Township Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting to be scheduled.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Neighborhood Relief Thrift Store
- West Central Ohio Land Conservancy, "Protect your Farmland"
- Auditor of State 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Officials Conference
- Economic Outlook for 2009, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, at the Shawnee Country Club. Sponsored by First Federal Bank and Allen Economic Development Group
- 40<sup>th</sup> Law Officer of the Year Luncheon, 11:30pm, Feb. 26, 2009, at the Lima Elks Club

BILLS

Mrs. Brown motioned the Board approve paying the bills by resolution, Mrs. Seddelmeyer seconded, motion passed 3-0. Roll Call:

Mr. Russell. Holly (yes) Mrs. Christie Seddelmeyer (yes) Mrs. Christi Brown (yes)

At 9:30 pm, Mrs. Seddelmeyer motioned the board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, with no further business to be brought before the regular meeting, Mrs. Brown, seconded, motion passed 3-0.

At 10:07pm, Mrs. Seddelmeyer motioned the board reconvene the regular meeting, Mrs. Brown seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be brought before the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees, Mrs. Seddelmeyer motioned the meeting adjourn, Mrs. Brown seconded, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes held Feb. 23, 2009

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Russell E. Holly, Chairperson

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Christie A. Seddelmeyer, Vice Chairperson

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Christi L. Brown, Trustee

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Stephanie J. Hoffer, Fiscal Officer