

Record of Proceedings: September 11, 2012
West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: President Stoker convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., and asked those in attendance to take a moment to think about those who lost their life on 9/11/2001.

Roll Call: Mrs. Stoker, Mr. Wong and Mr. Lang responded.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Mr. Lang said he would need to leave the meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m. in order to attend a meeting of the Butler County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Board. He is the designated West Chester Trustee representative on the Board.

Citizen's Comments

Citizen's Comments: There were no citizen's comments.

Presentations

There were no presentations

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

MOTION to approve the Trustee Work Session Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2012. Mr. Lang motioned for approval, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: Mr. Lang said he was not at that meeting. **Motion carried with Mrs. Stoker and Mr. Wong voting to approve and Mr. Lang abstaining.**

MOTION to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2012. Mr. Lang commented he was not at that meeting. Mr. Wong motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Lang.

Discussion: Mr. Lang said he did not attend that meeting, but wanted to comment. He quoted the comment "made by Mrs. Stoker with the following corrections to the Trustee Comments by Mrs. Stoker: 'I cannot agree with Mr. Lang that the students would be safer stumbling '100 yards' in total darkness along the edge of a very busy street, than crossing the street on a crosswalk to get to a safe sidewalk.'" Mr. Lang said that comment pertained to a discussion about the Eagleridge crosswalk, he reviewed the meeting video, and said, "At no time did I say, 'students would be safer stumbling 100 yards in total darkness along the edge of a very busy street, than crossing the street on a crosswalk to get to a safe sidewalk.'" He said he's very concerned about their safety, and made no such comment. Mrs. Stoker said she made the comment about "stumbling". Mr. Lang continued by recalling the August 28th meeting when he asked that they delay acting on a document Mrs. Stoker just handed him, and they declined to delay action. However, when Mrs. Stoker said she had received the minutes for the July 24th meeting just before the August 28th meeting, they agreed to delay acting on them until this meeting. He concluded by saying he would appreciate it if they would extend to him the same courtesy when he asks that action be delayed on matters that are just presented to him.

Mrs. Stoker said she wanted to comment on the minutes, saying they don't get the minutes until Thursday or Friday before the meeting, adding that they "throw the Township business into a difficult spot" if they don't address them in a timely manner. Specifically referring to the requirement that meeting minutes for nuisance assessments be approved. She asked that the

Fiscal Officer get the minutes to them sooner, allowing time for changes such that they can be approved at the meeting.

Mr. Lang said he thought staff could systematize the process with Fiscal Officer Jones. Additional discussion followed, followed by the vote on the existing motion. **Motion carried with Mrs. Stoker and Mr. Wong voting to approve, and Mr. Lang abstaining.**

MOTION to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2012. Mr. Lang motioned for approval, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION to approve payment of bills: Mr. Lang motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Requisitions – Greater than \$2,500.00

There were no requisitions greater than \$2,500.00.

Personnel Items

There were no personnel items.

Business Items

MOTION made by Mr. Lang that, having reviewed the staff report and affidavit, we declare the properties listed on the West Chester Township Board of Trustees meeting agenda dated September 11, 2012 to be a public nuisance as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code:

- 7358 Walnut Creek Drive
- 7160 Forest View Drive
- 5584 Heron Drive
- 9117 Cincinnati Columbus Road

Staff is directed to cause removal of the nuisances identified, and monitor these properties for 90 days to require continued compliance. An administrative charge of 25% shall be added to the contractor fee for these properties. Motion seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Lang to apply for grant from the Norfolk Southern Foundation for the Citizen Police Academy program and if awarded authorize the Township Administrator to accept said grant. Motion seconded by Mr. Wong. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Lang not to object to new liquor permit for AED Enterprises LLC, DBA Dewey's Pizza, 7663 Cox Lane, Unit 7663. Motion seconded by Mr. Wong. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Lang not to object to liquor permit transfer from R2S2 LLC, DBA Wine List to NONU, Inc. DBA The Wine List, 7659 Cox Lane. Motion seconded by Mr. Wong. **Motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading of Resolutions & Reading of Emergency Resolutions

There were no first readings of resolutions or readings of emergency resolutions.

Citizen's Comments

Bruce Jones, 5685 McCarthy Court, commented on the fire service to the northwest area of the Township work session of July 24th, commending Chief Goller and his staff, as well as Mike Juengling and the Community Development Department for the thoroughness they demonstrated in harvesting data for that presentation. He noted that he's made inquiries on 4 previous occasions from that lectern in the 4 previous years as to the status of the proposed fire station to the northwest area. He expressed appreciation for the recently established agreement with Liberty Township to provide fire service to structural fires in that area from their Route 747 station in the event our personnel cannot respond in a timely manner. He also noted the report concluded there was insufficient demand, given how few fires there were in that area to construct a new fire station. He expressed concern that emergency medical services, however, were not part of the agreement, and that no one should conclude "there weren't enough heart attacks in that area" for adequate, timely emergency medical service to that area. He asked the Administration and Board, rather than considering the extremes of either constructing a fire station in that area, and realizing all those related expenses, or providing inadequate emergency medical services to that area, to consider some kind of "flexible response" in between. Mr. Jones suggested they could pursue establishing a similar agreement with Liberty Township to provide emergency medical services to the northwest area of the Township in the event our personnel cannot respond in a timely manner. He also suggested creating some kind of emergency medical presence in that area, citing as examples the existing collaborative agreements between the Township and the Lakota schools, as well as the Sheriff's department and Liberty Township. Mr. Jones concluded by saying he understood there was a 10% reduction in survivability for every minute of delay in the delivery of emergency medical service, and hoped these services would not be delayed until they realize a need for the construction of a new fire station in the northwest area of the Township.

Second Reading & Vote on Pending Resolutions & Vote on Emergency Resolutions

There were no second readings & vote on pending resolutions, or vote on emergency resolutions.

Discussion Items & Trustees Comments

Mr. Lang expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Stoker and Pastor McManus for their comments about the 9/11 victims, and our need to never forget the acts perpetrated against us that day.

Mr. Wong read a statement about 9/11; he said we will always remember those who lost their lives that day. He also noted that about 4,500 American military men and women have been killed and 40,000 have been wounded in the Iraqi and Afghanistani wars. He said they "uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution of the United States of America, maintain law and order, foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism. Their honorable acts allow each of us to pursue our dreams. Looking back, I feel privileged and proud to have served in the U.S. military. In my humble opinion, America is not a matter of race and ancestry, but of mind, heart and spirit."

Mrs. Stoker commented on the 9/11 flight that went down in Pennsylvania and how the terrorists that took over that airplane gave the passengers time to call their loved ones, at which time they learned the fate of the other three airplanes that were flown into the Pentagon and the Twin Towers. Realizing that they too shared a similar fate, they charged the cockpit. She said she believed the terrorist were going to fly that plane into the Capitol or the White House. She said their courage saved many lives and demonstrated to her the American spirit. She was most

moved when the army of police and firemen walked miles across Manhattan, through dust to get to get to the Twin Towers for the purpose of recovering bodies.

Mrs. Stoker asked at 6:26 p.m. that the record show that Mr. Lang had just left for his Butler County EMA Board meeting.

Mrs. Boyko then commented that they pursue collaborative relationships whenever possible, that there's very unique deployment of personnel and capital whenever considering a new model or collaborative relationship, and that data for both fire runs and EMS runs were both accounted for in the presentation. She said they do not have an EMS squad dedicated to each of the 5 fire stations, but 3 (Fiscal Officer note: later in the meeting she corrected herself, indicating there were 4 squads, not 3), and that they're more maneuverable on our roads such that there isn't any delay in rendering service.

Mrs. Stoker said we have collaborate agreements with surrounding entities to provide emergency services as the need exists, and our emergency personnel constantly evaluate changing needs.

Mrs. Boyko said there's always implementation of mutual aid, and that Chief Goller pursued the agreement with Liberty Township because of the property damage and risk to life that exists with structural fires.

Mrs. Stoker had two comments regarding the minutes, including her desire that Mr. Jones meet with staff to work out their processing and keep them up to date. She said her other issue with minutes was her belief that comments by residents should have a fair and reasonable representation in the minutes, and that the minutes include "why" they're expressing their opinion. She said the minutes to the June 26th meeting reflected why three people expressed their opposition to a given subject, but of the several dozen people who spoke in favor of a topic, three had the reason "why" they spoke in favor, but 15 didn't indicate why they spoke in favor. She said this would help the Trustees and staff, and show fairness and respect to the residents. Mr. Wong said he agrees with his fellow Trustee here, that the minutes should include the reason why they come down here to speak on a particular issue. He gave an example of one citizen who jumped out of his vehicle to stop traffic so children wouldn't get hit by traffic coming down Eagleridge. To this Mrs. Stoker added that it was important for people to slow down traffic there.

Mrs. Boyko suggested this discussion happen when Trustee Lang is present. She also noted Mr. Lang and Mrs. Stoker expressed a desire that evening for Mr. Jones and staff to discuss a systemic approach to moving the minutes along, and said she "would be looking for direction from the Board at its next meeting to depth and scope you would like that assistance because (she) was not understanding what that direction would be." Mrs. Stoker agreed they would discuss that direction at the next meeting.

Mrs. Boyko corrected her earlier statement about the number of emergency squads there were among the 5 fire stations, indicating there were in fact 4 EMS/emergency squads, including one at Station 75, which provided substantial service to nursing homes in that area.

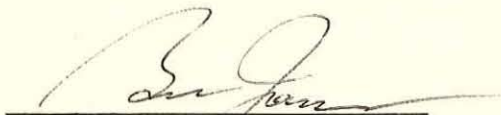
Mrs. Stoker, commenting on the minutes, quoted General Patton, "Tell people what you want them to do, but not how to do it". She reiterated she wanted to discuss this with Mr. Lang present, adding she has the upmost respect for staff and was hesitant to tell them how to do what they do. She said her concern was that she wanted the minutes sooner than Thursday or Friday.

Mr. Jones reminded them that two members of staff and Mrs. Boyko look at the minutes before they're available to the Trustees, and said he spoke to a member of staff the day before asking her how much time they need to review the minutes. He said, when rolling the clock back from the 6:00 p.m. Tuesday meeting time, the agenda, including the minutes, are available to the Trustees when they're uploaded at 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoons before the Tuesday Trustee meeting. He added that, if a Trustee delayed opening the upload at that point, it was their choice. He said the staff member ideally would like to have 2 days to review the minutes. Mrs. Boyko said she didn't agree to that statement, noting staff has been very responsive. Mr. Jones concurred, but said we need to identify quantitatively what all parties need in the 14 day timeline between meetings. Mrs. Stoker interjected she would like a week to review the minutes. Mr. Jones continued by saying, if two days are allotted to staff before the Friday upload – that being Wednesday, and he has access to the meeting video the day after the meeting - that being Wednesday, that leaves the 7 days that Mrs. Stoker wants. Consequently, he's left with no time to actually prepare the minutes. Mrs. Stoker said she wants the minutes 7 days before the meeting or the previous Wednesday; the 7 days she wants to review the minutes include the 4 days between the 4:00 p.m. Friday upload and the Tuesday meeting. This would allow her time to review them and submit changes. Mr. Jones said, if you look at the 14 days between meetings, that he receives the video the following day, and if he's given until that Friday, he only has about 2 ½ days to actually produce the minutes, which is a "real jam" on him. Then 2 business days must be allotted to staff to review the minutes, or until Tuesday.

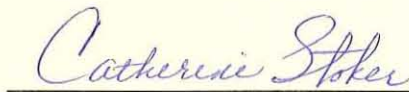
Mr. Wong said, "Mrs. Stoker, it appears that there is a deficit in minutes taken. I'm wondering if a, we could have a, we consider a staff take it, do it fulltime...in doing the minutes?" Mrs. Stoker said they need to think about it if it can't be done, but would want to talk about that with Mr. Lang present. Mrs. Boyko interjected that she believed the value in the discussion is with the full Board. She further suggested that Mrs. Stoker and Mr. Jones might be able to have some discussions, and come to some kind of amicable and mutually satisfactory arrangement as it appears the two of them have conflicting perspectives.

Adjournment

At 6:53 p.m., Mrs. Stoker said there was no executive session and motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried with Mrs. Stoker and Mr. Wong voting to approve.**



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer



Catherine Stoker, President