

Record of Proceedings: **May 13, 2014**
West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: President Lang convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Lang, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Wong responded.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

David Brown, representing the office of Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds, advised that June 2nd was the deadline to enroll for the Homestead Exemption, adding that the standard property tax savings for West Chester property owners was about \$450. He said anyone age 65 or older may file, however anyone hereafter aged 65 will be subject to an Ohio legislature imposed annual income restriction of \$30,500, excluding Social Security income. Mr. Brown said anyone now aged 66 or older may file under the old law this one final time through June 2nd, which entailed no income restrictions.

Mr. Lang then noted that he would need to leave the meeting at about 6:30 because he represents the Board on the Butler County Emergency Management Agency Board and they had a meeting scheduled for that evening.

Presentations

Police Memorial Week, May 11–17, 2014: Mrs. Boyko presented a proclamation to Acting Chief David Kelly in recognition of the police officers that had perished in the line of duty. Chief Kelly expressed his appreciation to the Board and Mrs. Boyko on behalf of all the employees of the West Chester Police Department for their support for the department.

Emergency Medical Services Week, May 18–24, 2014: Mrs. Boyko presented a proclamation to Chief Gollar and EMS Captain Bonifield, saying the purpose for the proclamation was not only to recognize the sacrifices and efforts of EMS personnel, but also to remind people how to take care of themselves. Captain Bonifield expressed his appreciation for the Board's support, adding that it's an honor to be trusted to do that which was expected of them.

National Public Works Week, May 18 – 24, 2014: Mrs. Boyko presented a proclamation to Community Services Director Tim Frank, saying they do an outstanding job with little recognition. Mr. Frank expressed his appreciation for the Board's support.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2014. Discussion: Mr. Jones confirmed for Mr. Lang that the minutes captured the comment about the one employee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2014. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to approve payment of bills.
Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Boyko submitted the following requisitions greater than \$2,500:

Requisitions – Greater than \$2,500.00

1. Adm \$52,824.43 Dell Marketing L.P. – Purchase 28 computers and 3 servers per five-year replacement plan
2. Adm \$4,550.65 Ohio State University – Renew annual service and support for OARnet VMWare server virtualization
3. Comm Dev \$12,185.00 Vickers Demolition, Inc. – Demolish and remove structures previously declared structurally defective located at 6975 Tylersville Road (Parcel M5640-129-000-012) pursuant to Resolution No. 04-2014 and 7911 Fourth Street (Parcel M5640-130-000-081) pursuant to Resolution No. 05-2014
4. Fire \$6,884.98 Bound Tree Medical LLC – Purchase bulk EMS supplies
5. Fire \$5,717.20 Midwest Medical Supply – Purchase bulk EMS supplies
6. Fire \$3,300.00 Vidacare – Purchase bulk EMS supplies
7. Fire \$2,997.06 Henry Schein Matrix Medical – Purchase bulk EMS supplies
8. Fire \$4,882.40 Warren Fire Equipment, Inc. – Perform annual bench testing of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and masks

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Welch, to approve payment of requisitions 1 through 8. Discussion: Mr. Lang asked Mrs. Boyko if the Township practice of purchasing new computers every 5 years could be extended, noting that his business is getting 7 to 8 years out of their computers compared to 3 to 4 years previously. Mrs. Boyko said they could look into deploying their computers longer. She said their usage varies, sometimes being used 24/7, adding that technology is changing such that they want their employees to have the most efficient materials to do their jobs, though they could look into it. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Personnel Items

Mrs. Boyko introduced the next item saying the Board has previously approved a complement of 12 seasonal employees, they had hired seven to date – one of whom has since pursued employment elsewhere, thus this item entailed hiring six seasonal employees to fulfill their seasonal staffing.

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to hire one (1) April through October seasonal employee: Chad Theiss (Parks) effective May 12, 2014; and five (5) May through September seasonal employees: Drew Phillips (Parks), Steve Anderson and Logan Smith (Roads) effective May 5, 2014; Mike Capella (Roads) and Mea Williams (Parks) effective May 12, 2014 all at the hourly rate of \$11.25 Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Business Items

MOTION: Mr. Lang read the motion, that having reviewed the staff report and affidavit, we declare the properties listed on the West Chester Township Board of Trustees meeting agenda dated May 13, 2014 to be public nuisances as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code. Staff is directed to cause removal of the nuisances identified, and monitor the properties for 90 days to require continued compliance. An administrative charge of 25% shall be added to the contractor fee for these properties. Mr. Welch so moved, seconded by Mr. Wong. (Fiscal Officer note: The subject properties are 7305 Cascade Drive and 7184 Gregory Creek Lane.) Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to not object to a liquor permit transfer from MOFCO Inc., DBA Olde Village Tavern, to TA Dino LLC, DBA Olde Village Tavern, 8123 Cincinnati Dayton Road. Discussion: none. **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

Barry Riddell, 8069 Lawrence Drive, said he spoke to West Chester Police Lt. Walker after seeing a speed detection sign on Plantation Drive, requesting one for his street. He was advised that the Township only has four such signs, said the speed detection signs are very effective and they're having to rotate them around the Township. Mr. Riddell asked that the Board purchase more such speed detection signs. Mr. Riddell also commented on a section in the zoning code pertaining to non-conforming certification. He said it was his personal experience that the documentation evidencing his purchase of a vehicle in question was not accepted into evidence. He could not submit photos or any other forms of evidence, except affidavits, and he was declined. He said the purpose and intent of the burden of proof as expressed in Ohio statute was invalidated by government changing the law. He said this change necessitated the alleged zoning violator to litigate the matter and "purchase back the right he already has". He asked the Trustees to also look at section 10.06 of the zoning resolution relative non-conforming uses, saying it places the burden of proof on the government and the Township was not abiding by it. Rather, he said, if they had followed it, the Township would have been required to first issue him a non-conforming use certificate, thereby validating his prior non-conformance and he would not have had to prove it.

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 & Elected Official Comments

Mr. Lang said they would forego discussion of the Trustee initiated zoning text amendments until the next meeting because, as previously noted, he needed to leave that evening for a Butler County Emergency Management Agency meeting.

Mr. Wong observed that veterans would be conducting their annual Poppy Sale the coming weekend outside Kroger and other places, and that proceeds would benefit veteran's homes.

Mr. Welch touted the BBQ Bash the coming weekend, observed the numerous events, said it was a Kansas City sanctioned BBQ event, and the winner of the BBQ contest would go on to the Jack Daniels World Competition. He also noted that the West Chester Memorial Day Parade would be held on Monday, May 26th, starting at 9:30 at the old Union Elementary School.

Mr. Lang added his appreciation for the BBQ Bash festivities.

Adjournment

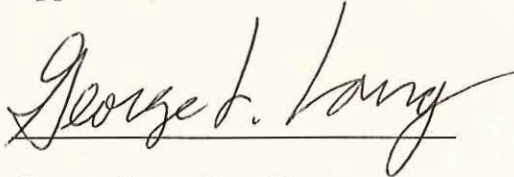
MOTION made at 6:25 p.m. by Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Wong, to adjourn the meeting.
Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,



George Lang, President