

## **FINDLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP MEETING - JANUARY 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Janet Craig, Thomas Gallant, and Raymond Chappell, Manager Christopher Caruso and Assistant Manager Thomas Garrett.

\* **IVFD DISCUSSION ON NEW FIRE WHISTLE OFF PINE STREET.** Bob Lambert from the Imperial Fire Department was present to discuss an alerting system. There is already alerting systems in Clinton and Westbury, but the one in Imperial is missing since they moved their fire station. He gave the Board handouts on two systems: Mechanical Siren (as in Clinton and Westbury) and a Speaker Array system that could be a public address system too. The handout indicated the radius for the different decibels. This system was previously tested at Elm Street Park. He indicated that the Fire Department recently acquired land north of the station and the system could be installed on that location towards the top near the cemetery. He asked if a public hearing needed to be held, which the Board indicated that one was not necessary. He felt that a redundancy was needed since members don't always have their pagers on them. He went on to explain that the speaker array system coverage is based on atmospheric conditions.

Mr. Chappell indicated that Collier Township did away with their alert system completely since there wasn't a need for it with electronic technology today. He also indicated if the 80 to 90 decibels would inhibit nearby residents. Mr. Gallant added that Moon turned their system off, Robinson uses the whistle at Forest Grove and North Fayette did away with theirs.

The cost for the mechanical system is \$12,500 plus installation, and the cost for the speaker system is \$20,000.

A policy was discussed on turning off the system at night so that fire fighters would rely on pagers of phones. Also the set-up was discussed on different types of "wails" and to educate our residents on the meaning of them.

The Board asked Mr. Lambert to gather costs for the product, installation and engineering an present at either of the February meetings.

\* **REQUEST TO CHANGE WESTPORT WOODS DRIVE TO WILLIAM DRIVE.** Imperial Land Corporation submitted a request to change the name of Westport Woods Drive to William Drive (being named after William Aloe).

Mr. Gallant moved to approve the name change from Westport Woods Drive to William Drive upon the request of Imperial Land Corporation. Mr. Chappell seconded. 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

\* **NANCY STREET GUIDERAIL ISSUE**

Mr. Caruso indicated that the resident of 109 Nancy Street removed the existing guiderail and threw it into the woods in order to put up a retaining wall and expand his driveway. He explained the topography of the area and that the guiderail is needed to keep someone from going over the hill. A letter will be sent to the resident along with an invoice for \$1,016.58 to replace the guiderail.

\* **POLICE PERSONNEL ISSUES.**

1. Chief Lesko presented the results of the Community Survey that was sent out last Fall.
2. He also addressed the retiring of Mark Joyce, who is the Accreditation Manager. With their assessment coming up this year, he would like to maintain him as a part-time employee thru July, 2 days a week, to get them through their assessment. The Board indicated that they would rate he be hired as a consultant (as a non-employee) with a dollar amount cap and an ending date. Chief is to contact the Solicitor's office to draw up a contract.

3. We might be losing one of our part-time officer to Upper St. Clair. He would like to offer the existing part-time officer, Tony Mascelli, a full-time position. The Board agreed and action will be taken at the February meeting.
4. Chief has scheduled interviews starting Monday to replace our part-time officers. The Board agreed on hiring of three part-time officers.
5. Chief discussed promotions within the department to replace Captain Joyce.
6. In response to a call from Mr. Chappell on the visibility on Matchette Road with trucks entering from AGX. He met with the owners of AGX, who have cut down a tree that was blocking the view and will remove the slats in the existing fence. They also have a mirror to mount on a pole, but need to determine whose property it will be installed on.

\* LIGHT REPLACEMENT AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING. Mr. Garrett indicated that the flood lights on the memorial and flag pole in front of the building have burnt out. Tim Cook suggested upgrading and switching to LED lights. They are currently looking at replacing all the light fixtures around the building to LED lighting. Todd Electric gave a proposal of \$4,500 to perform the work. Mr. Chappell will contact FSH to inquire about magnetic induction lighting.

All further business having been discussed, Mr. Gallant moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Chappell seconded. 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl L. Rinehart