

EDINBURG TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Edinburg Townhall

August 30, 2012

Thomas Repcik called the regular meeting of the Edinburg Township Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, present; Thomas Repcik, present; Sandra Templeton, present; Judy Repcik, present; Chris Diehl, arrived late; Tim Paulus, present; Tami Scott, present.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM PERSON(S) IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathryn Bulgrin Robinson Memorial Hospital
Bob Walker - Robinson Memorial Hospital

There were no comments at this time.

RESOLUTION 2012-117: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2012 Regular Meeting; this was seconded by Thomas Repcik. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

--Frank Gates Advisor
--NOPEC Information on Electric Rates
--Grassroots Clippings - via email
--Healthy Habits
--OTARMA Update

RESOLUTION 2012-118: A motion was made by Diane Austin to approve the Agenda as presented; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Closure

RESOLUTION 2012-119: A motion was made by Thomas Repcik to approve sending the EMS Closure to First Federal for collection as presented; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Tami Scott - Zoning Inspector, Zoning Secretary, Administrative Secretary & Parade

--There were 15 phone calls.
--There were 2 permits issued.
--The Zoning Commission did not have a quorum on August 2nd so no meeting took place.
--Pettigrew Feed & Hardware was granted their building expansion by the BZA.
--A letter was sent on August 17, 2012 to Steve Corpening for the property on Rockspring Road for the yard to be mowed.

Tami submitted a letter of resignation. Diane requested that this be tabled until the next meeting to allow discussion with Tami in an executive session. All agreed.

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Tim Paulus - Fire Department Report

Iamresponding System

Palmyra decided not to jointly purchase the Iamresponding system and to purchase it on their own. As he stated before, three years was too long to enter into a contract in an ever-changing technology market. He found a new system called Spotted Dog. This system does more than the Iamresponding System and is \$100 less per year.

Diane Austin: What does it do that's more?

Tim Paulus: It lights up on the screen and when a call comes in, it maps it. When dispatch sends the page it will automatically pull that information (the location of the call) out of the page and display it on the map on the screen.

EMS Training

The Fire Department will be holding the ITLS class on October 6 and 7. The cost has been reduced to \$75 per person.

Personnel

He presented an application from Shannon Paulus for a Firefighter/EMT position. Tim recommended that the Trustees hire her pending favorable results of her physical and drug screen.

Judy Repcik - Fiscal Officer Report

She presented:

--Cash Summary Year to Date

--Certificate of Copy of Resolution Accepting Budget Amounts

RESOLUTION 2012-120: A motion was made by Thomas Repcik to approve accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Diane Austin

Since attending the meeting with Kathleen Clyde, Diane has been working with Dennis Moore, who is heading up the committee on Clark Road. Since then, residents on Yale Road have been advised that Ohio Edison is coming in there to survey. Dennis has been in touch with Kathleen Clyde's office and Diane spoke with them this afternoon and there has been a PUCO docket file number assigned.

The residents know there's nothing the Township can do but they want somebody involved and Diane doesn't mind since she's already been talking. Because there's so many of them, they all want to get together. She called Noreen this afternoon and they want to have a meeting September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Townhall. She's planning to attend. She's also trying to get somebody from Ohio Edison to attend.

Diane asked Tom to send her the name and phone number of the Township's Ohio Edison representative. Kathleen Clyde or a representative from her office will attend the meeting. Anthony Debetes and the Record Courier are supposed to attend also.

She's also been in touch with the mayor of Glen Willow and they have received notification that they are getting the substation. They are still not sure if Ohio Edison is going to go through here but Ohio Edison won't tell them that they're definitely not going through here. They told the residents that their properties won't be devalued. She feels that it's important to try to help them. She will keep everybody posted. Ohio Edison did start to respond to the residents once Kathleen Clyde got involved.

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She will send Lynn Morris an email letting her know about the meeting.

The residents also found an ordinance in a small town in Wisconsin that their township was able to pass. She will put a copy of it in everyone's box and she will send a copy to Chris Meduri once she gets a legible copy. She's hoping if it's something Edinburg can do, it may help in the future.

Thomas Repcik: What are they [Ohio Edison] doing down there?

Diane Austin: They are going on people's property and surveying. They're just about finished with Clark Road and moving to Yale Road.

Thomas Repcik: Are they asking the people?

Diane Austin: No, they don't have to ask. They sent them all certified letters and that's how this came about. That's the first thing I received from Dennis. He was upset and was going to call the Sheriff but the Ohio Revised Code gives them the permission to do this.

She will email the PUCO docket number to the Trustees so they can go online and look at the complaints that they've made. Dennis asked if the Trustees wanted to [make a complaint] but Diane told him she wanted to talk to the Trustees before she does anything. She is trying to do whatever she can to help them.

Ohio Edison is not telling anyone what route they plan to take with the lines.

Glen Willow is trying to fight it and has been in touch with Dennis as well. Mr. Moore is going to ask the Glen Willow mayor to attend the September 12th meeting.

She made a request to go into executive session to discuss Fire Department personnel.

Sandra Templeton

She reported that she would be unavailable from September 12 through 17th.

Chris Diehl - Roads, Buildings, Cemetery and Park

His department has cut down the dead tree by the Townhall and one across the road.

They've also been cleaning up and mowing roadsides.

Thomas Repcik

The air conditioner went out at the Administration Building and will need to be fixed. He has called Phillips. The compressor is \$2,000 with a one-year warranty and the unit is \$2,400 with a five-year warranty.

Chris is no longer present due to a vehicle hitting a deer. [He's been asked to remove the deer.]

RESOLUTION 2012-121: A motion was made by Thomas Repcik to hire Shannon Paulus as a Firefighter/EMT to the Edinburg Fire Department; this was seconded by Diane Austin Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-122: A motion was made by Diane Austin to enter into an executive session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss Fire Department personnel discipline; also invited: Mr. Walker, Dr. Bulgrin and Gary Stewart; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2012-123: A motion was made by Diane Austin to come out of executive session at 9:17 p.m.; this was seconded by Thomas Repcik. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

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Diane Austin: While we're on record I want to go on record saying I feel that I owe the residents of this Township an apology because I feel that I made a hasty decision when I voted to switch our med control before I investigated and questioned people further at all levels and I want to go on record, and I know you're not going to like this, and I don't care if either one of them – nobody had to second it but I need to do this for myself so I can sleep at night, but I would like to make the motion that we remain with Robinson until my investigation is further 'til at least November 1st. It doesn't matter if anybody seconds it—it can be dead in the water but I just need to go on record stating that because I have to worry about the residents and I am just not comfortable that we did this for the right reason--so that's all I got to say.

Sandra Templeton: I think we all did this together, so we're all gonna have to do everything together because I'm not going to be a tie breaker.

Diane Austin: No it's fine.

Sandra Templeton: So we've all decided what we're gonna do so if we need to get back into executive session and all three of us have to talk this out and figure out what we're gonna do then that's what we need to do.

Diane Austin: And I really have no problem with nobody accepting it because we did do it together. But I just need to be on record that I feel that I didn't make the best decision and I did not do the work that I should have done that the people expect of me and I am ashamed of that so -- we can go forward and it can go September 1st but I will tell you when you got problems, don't come crying to me.

Sandra Templeton: I think that really none of us really [had] done any investigating. Tim was the one that brought it to us; we took that on his recommendation. Tom had the letter that he had done some investigation; I didn't investigate anything because I just—

Diane Austin: Well, Tom's investigation was of the incident not the switching control—

Thomas Repcik: —of the hospital. I'm not qualified to say, "Well, this one's better than the other."

Sandra Templeton: Let me ask you this, do you think we did a hasty decision? Tim? Gary? from the time of the accident to the time we decided?

Gary Stewart: No, I –if I'm allowed to speak on my behalf?

Sandra Templeton: You can speak but I just want to ask—was there more stuff leading up to all this that— ok, boom, we're gonna get out of here.

Gary Stewart: No, and this is nothing against Robinson, this is fully my belief that Akron City is a better choice for the residents, for the crews, fire personnel and that's what I'm gonna stick with. The only thing I wanna caution you on is any switching back is -- the drug license is now with Dr.Mencl, he signed off on it already and that takes effect the first.

Diane Austin: Well then maybe we can't, but I'm just telling you—

Gary Stewart: You have a drug license it couldn't be in limbo so close—

Sandra Templeton: So our drug licenses are at Akron City.

Gary Stewart: Yes, correct. So you'd have to—

Sandra Templeton: So see I didn't know that either. I didn't know that was gonna get switched over to do that.

Gary Stewart: That all goes with the protocol.

Diane Austin: Let me ask you a question then: why do you feel that Akron City is better for our residents than Robinson?

Gary Stewart: They have, now everybody has their opinions—

Diane Austin: Dealing only with EMS, not the hospital.

Gary Stewart: Yes. With that –everybody has their own opinions and like I said, when they were sitting here saying they were the best; anybody will come out and say they're the best. I truly feel that Akron City, and I don't know who you're speaking to there, so, they have way more aggressive and

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progressive CE schedule than Robinson. I'm gonna tell you that. I function in Akron under Akron City protocol already with the AMR Ambulance Company in Akron.

Diane Austin: So it's what you're used to.

Gary Stewart: So I'm gonna look at both sides. I'm currently under three different protocols. I function under Akron City through there; I function under Akron City September 1st here; I function under UH at Community EMS in Garrettsville. So I get a little bit of everything and it happens. Hiram Township--Hiram Fire just switched from UH protocol to Cleveland Clinic Twinsburg because they see something or feel that Cleveland Clinic Twinsburg—it's nothing personal. Their chief or office or staff felt that they'd get more from them—they've got—whatever reasons— Um, for instance?

Gary Stewart: The doctors at Akron City in the residents come out monthly if that's what we choose that we want them to do. They will come out monthly and put on a CE lecture for us. Their CE's can go anywhere from the hands-on parts basics to – doctors also recently just put on a pig lab at Canal Fulton Lawrence Township Fire with those two that are under my control--that's in Stark County. Distance doesn't really matter when you deal with med control. Patients have a choice where they want to go. They can still go the Robinson. It has nothing to do with any of that. They're down in Stark County, they're under Summa-Akron City so county lines don't matter anymore like it used to but they recently did a pig lab and that's where you go and you do airways on a pig just like you would an actual human—dissecting—they bring it all out to the station and do it.

Diane Austin: Well my motion is dead and that's fine. I just needed to go on record.

Gary Stewart: No, that's fine.

Diane Austin: But I'm telling you guys right now—

Gary Stewart: I hope that some of this explains to you and makes you a little more comfortable.

Diane Austin: Well, I'm waiting on some return phone calls tomorrow that's why I just—but I did not do the job that I should have done and that's where I made the motion.

Tim Paulus: Would you like to speak to Dr. Medel?

Diane Austin: I have a call in to Dr. Mencl.

Sandra Templeton: You know what Diane, I don't—I kinda disagree with you on saying you didn't do the best job that you could have.

Diane Austin: I didn't—I just—I should have made phone calls.

Sandra Templeton: I don't think that's true. I think just like you said, we've always listened to Tim's recommendations and this board has always done what they thought was best for the residents and at that time when we passed that, that's what we thought.

Diane Austin: Yes.

Sandra Templeton: So I don't think at that time, that we thought we were failing our residents.

Diane Austin: I personally feel that way, that's what I'm saying.

Sandra Templeton: But we always do what we think is best for the residents. Do we not?

Diane Austin: I won't make hasty decisions again.

Sandra Templeton: Well I'm not gonna do 'em any more after this because this stuff—

Diane Austin: I want to give our fire department everything that they need. I think that you will agree—I know you will agree because of the situation you've been in, that this board tries to support the Fire Department 100% with 100% of the things you want—

Tim Paulus: Absolutely and I thank you for that, but all I ask is that you give us a chance and we'll prove that this was the correct decision to make.

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Diane Austin: You've got six months, in my book. The reason I'm not gonna push this is because of the drug license and you're right I didn't think about that and from now on I will ask you better questions--I promise.

Sandra Templeton: I think we all will because I think this is a lesson that everybody—

Thomas Repcik: But you will still take people to Robinson, won't you?

Tim Paulus: Absolutely.

Diane Austin: They don't want to go to Robinson, that's their choice.

They can go wherever they want to.

Sandra Templeton: So I need to—what's Robinson's problem that we don't do our med control 'cause all we're doing is taking our meds there and changing them from one-on-one.

Gary Stewart: Well Robinson used to change the whole box.

Sandra Templeton: Right, what's the big deal if we don't do that? Do they get a black eye or what?

Diane Austin: No. No. They don't care.

Gary Stewart: Portage County is the only one that does the whole box exchange under the Akron Regional Hospital Association.

Sandra Templeton: Well, I mean, that's what I'm asking because if it's just a med control then why do they seem like that they're gonna get a black eye because we're not gonna do that?

Gary Stewart: Like I gave you an example, Hiram just--I mean you can call Hiram if you wish--it was just a couple weeks ago that they switched from UH protocol to Cleveland Clinic Twinsburg and their fire chief and what not saw something with the Cleveland Clinic that they didn't see with UH. Like I pointed out there's hard points—

Diane Austin: Well I just--I promise you from now on I will not make a decision the same night on those things--I will take the time to check it out and ask and I'm not trying to be—but just so you know.

Sandra Templeton: I'm kinda with you there because I think that's what we do a lot of—if it's brought to our attention then we just kinda go --we've always kinda—

Diane Austin: Lucky you guys I'm gonna be off for like six weeks—I'll have nothing but time on my hands. Lucky you, huh?

RESOLUTION 2012-124: A motion was made by **Diane Austin** to approve the payment of the bills; this was seconded by **Thomas Repcik**. Roll call shows: **Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.**

Thomas Repcik: One thing too, I don't know if you've looked at any of the legislative reports that I send around?

Diane Austin: I've been trying to read them. I get copies—I get yours and theirs.

Thomas Repcik: They were talking about moving the OPERS—you'd have to have \$1,000. Well they got a compromise and it's at \$600 and so it will not affect any of the Trustees.

Diane Austin: When I was gone I got a call--it was like a recorded message from the President and I actually did email some people.

Thomas Repcik: That is from that--he's the director of OTA and people were calling in so they did make—well OTA went in front and offered the compromise and the board of commissioners for OPERS said that's a problem--they went along with that. If we ever get a raise, it'll go up proportionally.

Diane Austin: Well, yeah that's what I said when I emailed—well, let's end the meeting.

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RESOLUTION 2012-125: A motion was made by Diane Austin that the meeting is adjourned at 9:30 p.m. this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; Thomas Repcik, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

Thomas Repcik, Chairperson

Diane Hargett Austin, Trustee

Sandra Templeton, Vice Chair

Judy Repcik, Fiscal Officer