

The February 22, 2006 meeting of the Delhi Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President of the Board Jerome F. Luebbers. Trustee Michael D. Davis, Trustee Albert C. Duebber, Fiscal Officer Kenneth J. Ryan, Acting Administrator Gerard G. Schroeder and Law Director David C. Lane were present. The Board received certification from the Fiscal Officer that the rules adopted pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code had been complied with for the meeting. The meeting began with a moment of silence, in honor of those who are serving in the armed forces and for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our freedom, which was then followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Robby Volz, Boy Scout Troop 909.

Motion 2006-018

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Luebbers seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8 and budget hearing of February 6, 2006. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2006-019

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Davis seconded to approve bills for payment. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2006-020

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Duebber seconded to approve payment of overtime. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2006-021

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Davis seconded appointing Ed Casey to the Financial Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Harry Groen. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2006-022

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Duebber seconded approving the hiring of Aaron McKnight as a full time fire fighter filling a position made vacant through resignation. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2006-023

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Luebbers seconded to approve the hiring of Michael Branigan as a full time fire fighter filling a position made vacant through resignation. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2006-024

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Duebber seconded approving the hiring of Amanda Becraft, Brian Evans, Anthony Lipps, Matthew Meelee and Anthony Morano as part time firefighters/paramedics and David Dannemiller, Pete Doherty, Andrew Hall, Brian Hummeldorf, Brett Bartling, Peter Gardner, Steven Hamon, Joseph Kappa and Robert Stockmeier as part time firefighters/EMT effective Friday, February 24, 2006. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2006-025

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Davis seconded to accept the terms and conditions of the recently agreed upon Public Works contract and addendum.

This contract is to fill a one year term with the Road Department Employees Bargaining Association.

Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion 2006-026

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Davis seconded to recommend that the Kenton County Airport Board appoint Gerard Schroeder to the Aviation Noise Abatement Committee as a representative from Delhi Township. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES. Motion carried.

Trustee Luebbers swore in FT firefighters: Aaron McKnight and Michael Branigan; returning PT: Amanda Becraft, Brian Evans, Anthony Lipps, Matthew Miele, David Dannemiller, Pete Doherty, Andrew Hall and Brian Hummeldorf; and new PT: Anthony Morano, Brett Bartling, Peter Gardner, Steven Hamon, Joseph Kappa and Robert Stockmeier.

Trustees' Correspondence:

A letter from Alexander Lewis:

Dear Mr. Davis,

There has been a fire station on Greenwell that was built and opened a very long time ago. Another station was also built in 2001 on Rapid Run next to Rapid Run Middle School. It's a very old fire station on Neeb Rd. has been there very long. Then the station on Neeb was demolished and the new station was built there, and then a tax levy was needed to help keep Greenwell and Rapid Run stations functional. When the vote for the levy took place the majority of voters were against the levy. The Greenwell and Rapid Run fire stations were forced to close. That left only one station which was on Neeb to take care of all of the fires in Delhi Township. In 2005 the levy was finally passed in May. The Greenwell fire station was then reopened in September of 2005. Now fire fighters who were laid off are now being rehired and going back to their jobs. Some time in 2006 they also plan to reopen the station on Rapid Run. I think that the station should be reopened. That station should be reopened because it would shorten the distance of travel for a fire truck somewhere along Rapid Run. For example, if a fire occurs at Rapid Run Middle School, the fire station would literally be right next door, they could easily put out the fire instead of sending a truck from all the way on Neeb. It would also give the opportunity for new fire fighters to join the group. They could learn what it is like to be a fireman and to help the community. By reopening the Rapid Run fire station you would reinforce the safety of Delhi Township citizens. ps. Will you write back with what you think about my opinion?

Trustee Davis welcomed the new fire fighters commenting that it is all about keeping the residents safe and that it is important for the residents to see for themselves who is serving and protecting them. He advised that the Rapid Run station is scheduled to reopen on March 6, 2006.

Reports from Department Heads:

An opportunity to purchase the Jansen-Fulton property, two parcels of property located between Bender and Hillside, for the sole purpose of conservation use or for park and recreational purposes. With some work, this property which consists of 39.939 acres of rough terrain has the potential to offer one of the very best hiking experiences in Hamilton County. The deadline to respond to the county is April 10. The trustees agreed to continue discussion at the end of March.

No objection from the Police Department concerning a liquor license application for Diane's Restaurant.

The Rapid Run fire station is scheduled to re-open on Monday, March 6th.

Resolution 2006-012

Trustee Duebber introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution approving purchase order obligations incurred on behalf of the township by the acting township administrator and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES.

Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES at roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2006-013

Trustee Duebber introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution entering into a DSL Products and Services Agreement with Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC for use of the Zoomtown Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) for Delhi Township, authorizing the acting township administrator to execute the agreement and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

This contract permits internet access throughout the township. By entering into a three year contract we have cut our existing cost in half and have kept from incurring a substantial increase.

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES.

Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES at roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2006-014

Trustee Davis introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution awarding contract to T. Luckey Sons Inc. in connection with the Delhi Township Foxcreek Drive Undersealing Stabilization Project 2006-B, waiving escrow and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Duebber seconded.

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Duebber seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES.

Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES at roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2006-015

Trustee Duebber introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution further amending temporary staffing levels and dispensing with the second reading. Trustee Davis seconded.

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Davis seconded to dispense with the second reading. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES.

Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted YES at roll call to adopt the resolution. Resolution adopted.

Report from the Financial Advisory Board:

The February 16 meeting consisted of a review of the budget process with Mr. Schroeder. They felt that the departmental breakdown of the budget provided a better understanding for everyone involved, especially the department heads who have taken on more of an ownership role concerning their budgets. Their next meeting is scheduled on March 9.

A reminder that the fourth budget hearing is tomorrow evening, February 23, at 5:00 pm concerning Fire; the last hearing is on Monday, February 27 at 5:00 concerning Administration and TIF.

Report from the Fiscal Officer:

- A letter from Jack Langlitz with the Couple to Couple League International Inc. concerning their appreciation for the Police Department.

Announcement of Community Events:

- The Oak Hills Classified Employees Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, February 25 at Rapid Run Middle School.
- St. Dominic's Vegas Night is on Saturday, February 25 starting at 8:00 pm.
- The Delhi Citizens Police Association is having an event to raise money to benefit the Police Department on Saturday, March 18 starting at 7:00 pm at Mariner's Inn West. For more information call Erin at 251-5484 or stop by the department.
- Residents are invited to a Business Focus Group on March 22, at 7:00 pm at the Administration Building to give ideas concerning revitalizing/reshaping the business district.

Citizen Comments and Concerns:

Dave Swenson addressed the board concerning current ranking levels within the Police Department. His suggestion was to increase supervisory levels within the department similar to the military through brevetting, appointing the rank without the increase to pay or benefits, then later when the budget was well funded, testing could take place and the salary and benefit increase could be given.

Congratulations to the Oak Hills School District concerning Delhi Jr. High and Rapid Run Middle School who made the National Watch List.

Our Lady of Victory and C.O. Harrison are getting some help from the Airport Board concerning soundproofing.

Motion 2006-027

Trustee Duebber moved and Trustee Davis seconded to retire to executive session to consider the employment, dismissal, or discipline of a public employee. Trustee Davis seconded. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted AYE. Motion carried.

Return from Executive Session:

There being no further business to come before the Board on Motion of Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Duebber the meeting was adjourned. Trustees Luebbers, Davis, and Duebber voted AYE. Motion carried.

Kenneth J. Ryan, Fiscal Officer

Approved: _____, President of Board

_____, Vice President

_____, Trustee

I hereby certify that the amounts needed to meet the above obligations have been lawfully appropriated and are in the treasury or the process of collection free from any and all obligations.

Kenneth J. Ryan, Fiscal Officer