

The Washington Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on January 3, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Government Center, 8200 McEwen Road. Joyce Young opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

None.

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP **2010 State of the Township Report – The Year in Review**

By Joyce C. Young, President
Washington Township Board of Trustees
Montgomery County, Ohio

A decade into the 21st century, Washington Township has maintained its “stability of finances,” in the words of Trustee Dale Berry. We also continue to work toward a “bright, sustainable future,” as described by Trustee Scott Paulson. In these days of financial uncertainty, the Township, simply put, has “accomplished a lot” in 2010, according to our Fiscal Officer Tom Zobrist.

You can point to our fiscal stewardship; our ability to plan and execute; and our attention to quality of service and response to residents. These may be the top three reasons Washington Township has moved ahead in challenging times.

Fiscal stewardship dominates all the actions of the Trustees. From the beginning of the year, when all three trustees were sworn in to new terms, trustees have considered revenues and expenditures when making a decision. Conservative planning was paramount when they authorized two replacement levies for the May primary ballot, a 2-mill levy with a five-year term and a 1.95-mill continuous levy. Both levies received overwhelming approval by voters, thus ensuring continuation of the Township's contract with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, including dispatch, space for a substation, and the cruisers and equipment for 31½ deputies and personnel.

Proof of our ability to manage taxpayer money was achieved again with the highest rating on our 2009 audit from the State Auditor. Elected officials devoted significant time to determine the 2011 budget and the five-year capital improvement plan.

Our ***attention to quality of service*** was demonstrated when Township Trustees examined the dramatic increase in fire and medical runs from 4,933 in 2004 to 5,903 in 2009. They responded to the rising demand by adding a new 24-hour coverage engine/medic crew in June at Station 41 on Maple Avenue. Response time was further improved by re-aligning fire districts and adding a full-time firefighter and additional part-time staff. Three of the township's five stations are now staffed 24/7.

The Township renewed its four-year contract with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, which has been awarded Flagship Agency status by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Township police offer a wide array of services to the community, including community-oriented policing, traffic safety programs, school programs, security surveys, vacation house checks, citizen education efforts and Neighborhood Watch/Business Watch.

The Rec Center and Rec West opened their doors to 156,955 people this year who registered for or participated in: aquatics, exercise, classes, after school programs, summer camps and swim team practices. Woodland Lights celebrated the holidays for its 18th year in 2010. A big frog slide, named Fribbit, made a splash in the children's pool. Town Hall Theatre continues to provide high-quality theater for young audiences and attract strong attendance to its Town Hall and outreach performances. Rec West now offers more options for weddings, parties and events since Trustees approved a policy allowing party hosts to serve beer and wine to guests. Rec West offers an array of rental choices for parties of varying sizes, including a 270-seat theater.

Our **ability to plan and execute** is a necessity in today's world. The elected officials took time to review our mission, vision and goals in readiness for the challenges of the future. The Fire Department, one of only six accredited fire departments in the State of Ohio, worked on updating its Strategic Plan for fire and emergency medical services with a Community Input Session and a two-day Planning Committee meeting. The Strategic Plan is one key component of re-accreditation.

The Butterfly Playground at Countryside Park – planned as a handicapped-accessible playground for children throughout the community – took a big step forward in June when it received \$57,000 from the Yukta Garg Foundation and a Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant. The Garg Foundation raised funds through a series of four concerts featuring popular musicians and artists from India in honor of Yukta Garg. The Township has pledged \$50,000 in matching seed money.

Trustees made key decisions on improvements and maintenance of 135 miles of Township roads. More than six miles of roads were resurfaced and 2,700 feet of curb and 600 square feet of sidewalk repaired. Bids were awarded to widen a half-mile section of Nutt Road from Meadow Woods Lane east to Schoolhouse Park as part of a project to improve Nutt Road.

Trustees moved forward with improving and widening Paragon Road south of Spring Valley by asking the Common Pleas Court to decide the value of six land parcels on Paragon. The Township was awarded a \$1 million Ohio Public Works Commission Grant to proceed with its 2004 plan to improve safety and accommodate increased traffic on Paragon. The Township also improved Paragon Road north of Route 725 with a mixture of Township levy and Federal Stimulus funds.

Implementation of a streetscape plan that fosters a sense of community identity continued with the erection of an attractive entry sign on Miamisburg-Centerville Road at the entrance to the Township and installation of a mast-arm traffic signal at Rahn and Marshall roads.

As part of the Township's commitment to provide our city residents with excellent value for the property taxes they pay, Trustees contributed \$62,000 to help fund the City's reconstruction of north Sheehan Road.

Our **response to our residents** is best exemplified by the deep gratitude the elected officials expressed at a Volunteer Dinner to all the wonderful people who are members of the Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Recreation Center Advisory Committee, Visual Improvement Program Committee and to those who help the sheriff's deputies and the Rec Center. I want to repeat our thanks again, and would especially thank Zoning Commission members for their efforts this year to update our Zoning Resolution.

The dedicated volunteer members of the VIP Committee presented 21 Beautification Awards to residents and businesses for the exceptional beauty of their properties which benefit the entire community. The VIP also led efforts to beautify Volunteer Park, a mini park at Yankee Street and Yanks Court, with an infusion of shrubs and perennials. This park, acquired from a major ODOT project to realign Yankee Street was named in honor of all the volunteers who help the Township.

Development highlights include construction of three new preschools, a worship center, and a hotel. Development Services staff supports local businesses by working with Montgomery County on the Business First Program. The Township also had the pleasure of hosting business leaders for breakfast in September to network and receive updates about township services and activities.

The Township pursues green initiatives, by reducing its own consumption and offering a Community Shred day four times during the year for residents to recycle sensitive documents. Nixle, a free service that delivers text messages to email accounts and cell phones, provides a paperless way to receive updates from the Township.

We are proud of many of our 2010 highlights: the Grand Marshall's Award for our float in the Americana Parade; our annual Community Service Award to Ashley Sarmiento, a 2010 Centerville High School graduate; and recognition of two of our employees for their exemplary service with the Buckeye Sheriff's Association Award and the Robert O'Toole EMT/Firefighter of the Year Award.

This State of the Township demonstrates that Washington Township did more than move ahead in the year 2010; it made preparations for the challenges of 2011. It has been my pleasure to serve as president of the Trustees, and I pledge to do my best to work toward the future.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None.

ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS

Joyce Young turned the meeting over to Fiscal Officer Tom Zobrist for election of the officers for 2011. Mr. Zobrist called for nominations for president and vice-president for the year 2011.

Mrs. Young moved to nominate and approve Dale Berry for president. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paulson.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-001

**Roll Call: Young, aye;
 Berry, aye;
 Paulson, aye.**

Mrs. Young moved to nominate and approve Scott Paulson for vice-president. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Berry, aye; Paulson, aye. M2011-002

**Roll Call: Young, aye;
 Berry, aye;
 Paulson, aye.**

Mrs. Young turned the meeting over to the new Board President Dale Berry.

ANNUAL BUSINESS ASSESSMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

Regional Assessments and Allocations

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, that the Board approves the expenditure of approximately \$13,784.82 to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for 2011 membership dues.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-003

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board approves the expenditure of approximately \$12,717.84 to the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance for the Township's 2011 Alliance contribution.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-004

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, that the Board approves approximately \$7,418.74 to the Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team for the 2011 membership dues.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-005

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board approves the Township's 2011 financial contribution to Hithergreen Senior Center in the approximate amount of \$116,000, said amount to be paid in four equal quarterly installments.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-006

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, that the Board approves the Township's 2011 financial contribution to Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society in the approximate amount of \$69,025, said amount to be paid in four quarterly installments.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-007

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board approves the expenditure of approximately \$5,394.06 to the South Metro Regional Chamber for the Township's membership dues for 2011.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-008

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board approves the Township's 2011 financial contribution to the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management in the approximate amount of \$5,993.40.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-009

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board approves Washington Township's 2011 membership to the Dayton Development Coalition, Dayton, Ohio, for a one-year membership at an approximate cost of \$7,500.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-010

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, that the Board approves Washington Township's 2011 membership to join the Center for Local Government in the approximate amount of \$3,825.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-011

REAPPOINTMENT OF LAW DIRECTOR

It is required by the Ohio Revised Code for the Board of Trustees to appoint a law director annually. Staff recommends reappointing the firm of Surdyk, Dowd & Turner, CO., L.P.A. The appointment of Bob Surdyk as our law director needs to be done by Home Rule Resolution.

President Berry asked for a motion to read the Resolution by title only.

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, to read the resolution by title only.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-012

**Roll Call: Berry, aye;
 Paulson, aye;
 Young, aye.**

RESOLUTION RETAINING SURDYK, DOWD & TURNER CO., L.P.A. AS LEGAL COUNSEL TO ADVISE AND REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP IN VARIOUS MATTERS

President Berry asked for a motion to pass the Resolution on for the second and final reading.

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, to pass the Resolution on for the second and final reading.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-013

**Roll Call: Berry, aye;
 Paulson, aye;
 Young, aye.**

President Berry asked for a motion to suspend the reading of the Resolution on two separate days.

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, to suspend the reading of the Resolution on two separate days.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-014

**Roll Call: Berry, aye;
 Paulson, aye;
 Young, aye.**

President Berry asked for a motion to read the Resolution for the second and final time by title only.

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, to read the Resolution the second and final time by title only.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-015

**Roll Call: Berry, aye;
Paulson, aye;
Young, aye.**

RESOLUTION RETAINING SURDYK, DOWD & TURNER CO., L.P.A. AS LEGAL COUNSEL TO ADVISE AND REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP IN VARIOUS MATTERS

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young to adopt Resolution HR2011-001 in its entirety as follows:

HR 2011-001

**RESOLUTION RETAINING
SURDYK, DOWD & TURNER CO., L.P.A.
AS LEGAL COUNSEL TO ADVISE AND
REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP IN VARIOUS MATTERS**

WHEREAS, Washington Township has elected to become a limited self-government form of township government under Chapter 504 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,

WHEREAS, R.C. §504.15 requires a limited self-government form of township government to appoint a Township Law Director; and enables a township to employ additional legal counsel; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Montgomery County, Ohio that Surdyk, Dowd & Turner Co., L.P.A. be employed to provide legal services to the Township and that Robert J. Surdyk of that firm be reappointed as Law Director of Washington Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Surdyk, Dowd & Turner Co., L.P.A. be paid the rate of \$175.00 per hour for the services of a shareholder, \$170.00 per hour for the services of an associate attorney, and \$75.00 per hour for the services of all paralegals. In addition, Surdyk, Dowd & Turner Co., L.P.A. shall be reimbursed for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred upon the submission of appropriate documentation.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. HR2011-001

**Roll Call: Berry, aye;
Paulson, aye;
Young, aye.**

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following are the 2011 Board and Committee Appointments:

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that Dale Berry be appointed as the Board's delegate to the MVRPC with Joyce Young serving as alternate.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-016

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that John Davies be appointed as the Board's delegate to the Transportation Committee with Jesse Lightle serving as alternate.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-017

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that Joyce Young be appointed as the Township's delegate to Hithergreen Senior Center with Dale Berry serving as alternate.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-018

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, that Scott Paulson be appointed as the Township's delegate to the South Metro Chamber of Commerce with Jesse Lightle serving as an alternate.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-019

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that John Davies be appointed as the Township's delegate to the Transportation Committee's Technical Advisory Committee and the Dayton Mall Task Force, with Mike Wanamaker serving as alternate.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-020

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, that Bill Gaul be appointed as the Township's representative to the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance with Jesse Lightle serving as an alternate.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-021

It was moved by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Paulson, that Scott Paulson be appointed as the Township's representative to the South Suburban Coalition with Dale Berry serving as an alternate.

Vote on Motion: Young, aye; Paulson, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-022

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board approves the appointment of Joyce Young and Dale Berry to the Volunteer Firefighter Dependency Pension Fund Board for 2011.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-023

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board of Trustees to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any Trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Meeting Minutes

- December 20 Pre-Meeting
- December 20 Regular Meeting

B. Finance – A motion approving the following:

- Check Register dated January 3, 2011, in the amount of \$62,688.52; said amount having been certified and appropriated.
- Rec Refund Check Register dated January 3, 2011, in the amount of \$473.00; said amount having been certified and appropriated.

Finance – A motion to approve contracting with Software Solutions, Lebanon, Ohio, for VIP software for the Finance Department in the approximate amount of \$13,275.

It was moved by Mr. Paulson, seconded by Mrs. Young, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Vote on Motion: Paulson, aye; Young, aye; Berry, aye. M2011-024

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lightle indicated that the next Trustee meeting will be next week, Monday, January 10th since the third Monday of the month is a holiday. The Township's offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Day on January 17th. She added, however, that the Trustees will be attending the Martin Luther King Day Breakfast at Yankee Trace that morning.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Paulson thanked Mrs. Young for her year of service as president and for the beautifully stated State of the Township. He added he is looking forward to a good new year.

Mrs. Young wished Mr. Paulson a happy birthday and a happy new year to everyone.

Mr. Berry also congratulated Mrs. Young on a wonderful year and for her comments about the state of the Township.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 P.M.

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Washington Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in an open meeting; and of any of its committees resulting in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

President

Fiscal Officer