

**Northfield Township Board Meeting
Notes of Regular Meeting
Public Safety Building; 8350 Main Street
April 9, 2013**

department, Dockett said the Township does not need this. In answer to a question from Otto, Wagner said when a boat is needed now a private boat is commandeered if one is available; however, a boat is not always available as was the case two years ago when someone died because no one could get to a man who had been thrown from his boat. He said even though the grant was denied he is still looking into options for having a boat available.

Wagner asked for approval for an Engine repair.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Chick supported, to authorized \$2,250 for a brake repair on Engine 8-2. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.**

In answer to a question from Dockett, Wagner said the cost of this repair will have to come from the Fire Department Fund balance. Dockett said the Township gives the Fire Department \$600,000 per year from the taxpayers and they are not able to stay within their budget.

Manager's Report. Wagner referred to his written report, and he noted that the new Township Manager, Howard Fink, will start work on May 1st. He said he will be issuing Fink a check for the approved amount of his moving costs.

In answer to a question from Engstrom, Wagner said the welcoming open house for Fink is scheduled for May 3rd and he will be sending out a flyer about this. In answer to a question from Chick, Wagner said complaints about the Sutton Road shooting range will be responded to by the DNR and reports will be forwarded to the prosecutor. He said if the Board would like to have the Township attorney look into additional information provided by residents he can do that, but the attorney will charge the Township for that work. Dockett said the attorney has advised the Board that this is a civil matter so no more money should be spent on this. Manning agreed.

Regarding the non-motorized path, Wagner recalled that the drainage solution for a section of Phase I implemented last year appears to be working at this point in the season.

Police Department. Lt. Greene reviewed his written report. He explained that he needs approval to repay \$7,500 spent from a Justice Department grant to subsidize a police officer's salary in order to be awarded a new grant for \$11,964.60 for the purchase of bullet-proof vests.

- ▶ **Motion:** Otto moved, Chick supported, to authorize repayment of \$7,500 to the Justice Department to comply with their finding, and to move forward with purchasing new bullet-proof vests. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.**

Zoning Board of Appeals

No report.

Planning Commission

Chick reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Capital Improvement Plan and a Conditional Use Permit for the Stop n Store on Main

Street, and it will be setting a public hearing on revisions to the LR (Low-Density Residential) district of the zoning ordinance.

Treasurer

Braun referred to the Cash Activity and Investment Activity Reports for March that she had distributed. She noted the Township's investment broker and auditor will be at the May 14th meeting to answer questions from the Board.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider Sewer District on Whitmore Lake Road

Manning reviewed the history of this request and said she had met with the property owners, and with Township engineers, financial advisors, and bond counsel. She referred to the information in the packet, including the proposed resolution of intent to create a district. In answer to a question from Dockett, Brian Rubel of TetraTech of said he has not charged any fees yet. Dockett said someone should make sure funds are in escrow before doing any chargeable work. Manning said she has previously done this, but the Township Manager will do it in the future.

In answer to a question from Engstrom, Manning said the southern point of the district is the Regal Recycling property. Manning noted that the proposed resolution does not mean a district will definitely be created, but it is a first step. In answer to questions from Dockett, Rubel said a pump station will be required for this project, the size of the line it connects to will not have to be increased, and by increasing the size of the district from the original area the cost per property owner has decreased. He confirmed that the cost of the project will be an obligation against the properties included.

Manning noted a public hearing date should be included in the motion.

- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Otto supported, that the Resolution to Tentatively Declare its Intent to Create a Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewers which will be known as "Whitmore Lake Road Sewer District #1" be approved as presented, and that a public hearing be set for May 14, 2013. **Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote.**

2. Conditional Use Permit: 8769 Main Street

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