

**WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 20, 2008  
REGULAR MEETING**

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Carolyn Sims called to order the regular meeting of the Westfield Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:04 p.m. Trustee Sims, Likley and Kratzer were present as well as Fiscal Officer Evans. (See attendance sheet for complete attendance of audience).

**Guest Speakers**

Mr. Daryl Kubilus Cloverleaf Superintendent. Mr. Kubilus is the new Superintendent (2 months in the position). He stated he was present this evening to inform the community on the new elementary construction project and the District's financial outlook. The District is on the ballot for a 5.7 mill emergency renewal levy. They are in the process of designing a new elementary school, which would go in right across the street from the current high school per the results of the District, which wanted a centralized campus based on transportation issues. It would consist of Pre-K through Grade 4 and the students would all be educated in one building. The District did not have to go to its constituents with a bond issue. We were able to use Medina County sales tax money (which cannot be used for operations or salaries but only permanent improvements) to fund this school. We are planning to break ground in 2009 and open for the 2010-2011 school year. The new school will not only benefit the students but the community as a whole. Mr. Kubilus continued there was a committee formed to also look at the renovation of facilities for Grades 5-12 and try to make them part of this centralized campus. The District will need to pass a bond issue in the new few years (probably 3 mill) in order to accomplish this. The State of Ohio, when all this is completed, will give the District \$73 million in facility renovations that will cost in bonds and indebtedness, \$27 million dollars from our constituents. This is a great investment for the community.

Regarding finance and operations, Mr. Kubilus stated there is a 5.7 mill levy on the ballot. This is a renewal levy. In January 2009 the District will lose that money if the levy does not pass. The 5.7 mill levy represents 11% of our budget for operations or \$2.8 million dollars. Cloverleaf has run a fiscally conservative school district and we would like to continue to do so. In preparation of a failure (the last 2 levies have failed) we have cut jobs and building costs and increased school lunches costs and athletic fees to keep the District solvent at least in the short term. If the levy fails, there will be a process the State will mandate for the District to borrow money from the State solvency program. Borrowing money has a snowball effect because it has to be paid back. It could potentially cost the District more money if the levy does not pass. These are the facts. The need is real so please consider this renewal levy.

Trustee Sims asked if a concept plan of the new school could be brought before the BZA for an informal review and discussion. Mr. Mike Schmidt and Mr. Gary Harris could be used as contacts.

Trustee Likley asked if the renewal levy of 5.7 will be the same cost to the residents as the 6-mill levy previously? Mr. Kubilus stated yes.

### **Northstar Planning**

Mr. Mark Majewski from Northstar Planning presented the Comp Plan Proposal. The Commission is scheduled to meet on November 11, 2008 and if possible he would like to be on that agenda. Mr. Majewski stated he would draft a contract for the work to be undertaken and it would have to be signed by the Trustees. A Steering Committee would need to be formed shortly to begin the undertaking of the Plan. Mr. Majewski stated he hoped 15-20 applications would come in and then a selective process will have to be completed for the formation of the Committee. A cross representation of the Township for Committee members is highly encouraged. An open information flow between the residents, Committee members, Township officials and board members will also have to occur. Mr. Majewski stated he would set up a separate website and forms for gathering, relaying and receiving information on the Plan.

Regarding gathering the opinions of the public, Mr. Majewski stated there were several ways this could be handled. A mass survey could be mailed, or the survey could be put on the website, which tends to be quicker and less costly. It needs to be respected that not all individuals are wired so hardcopies will need to be utilized. Another option are workshops that could be held possibly on a weekend for public input. It is important to remember that an ad hoc committee such as a Steering Committee has no decision making power. The Zoning Commission will make the recommendations to the Trustees and the Trustees are empowered to approve and adopt the Comp Plan.

Trustee Likley stated there was an advertisement for Steering Committee members placed in the Township newsletter. He hoped there would be a diversity of public input and resident participation to move forward with a Plan for the entire Township. Trustee Likley stated he would contact the Zoning Commission to see if Mr. Majewski could be placed on their agenda. Trustee Sims concurred and stated she was looking forward to moving forward with the process. She added that the Township had environmental benefits, concerns and issues that would need to be looked at in the Plan. Trustee Sims stated she was very supportive of a resident survey being conducted to gauge the opinions of the community. Mr. Majewski stated that he felt there should be a list created of the issues and concerns of the Township first and then a survey of the residents on those items so their investment of time and responding is something that is worthwhile.

### **MISC. Public Comment**

Ms. Sturdevant mentioned the Zoning Secretary had a fire at her home and her husband was taken to the hospital and would be undergoing surgery. As a result a benefit for the Ferencz family is in the process of being organized. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 15 2008 at Dirty Cowboys from 6-9 p.m. There would be food, games, prizes, and entertainment. She encouraged anyone who wanted to help with the organization of this event and stated that as more details became available she would

forward that information. The Trustees thanked Ms. Sturdevant for her willingness and diligence in organizing this event.

### **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

Fiscal Officer Evans presented the Trustees with the bills that needed to be paid in the amount of \$13,966.43. Trustee Sims made a motion to accept the bills and payment thereof in the amount of \$13,966.43 as presented. It was seconded by Trustee Likely.

ROLL CALL-Kratzer-yes, Sims-yes, Likley-yes.

Supplemental Appropriations-Fiscal Officer Evans stated she had to add more money to the tax collection fees. We had the rollback from the second quarter come in. She also had to move money into the account appropriated for fire repairs in the amount of \$1500.00. However it must be kept in mind that of that \$5800.00 bill, ½ will be paid by Westfield Center. Westfield Township pays the bill upfront and then Westfield Center is billed for their portion of the cost.

Zoning Fee Refund- In the amount of \$100.00.

Fiscal Officer stated there was not enough for the printing of the newsletter (\$159.56) so she took that amount of money out of the election expense and moved it to printing.

Trustee Sims made a motion to accept the supplemental appropriations as presented. It was seconded by Trustee Likley.

ROLL CALL-Kratzer-yes, Sims-yes, Likley-yes.

Fund Status-The Township checking account balance right now is \$118,770.93. In our investments the balance is \$865,972.29.

The cash fund summary. To date the Township has spent \$22,000 more in General Fund than we have collected. We have had a lot of office expenses, an additional salary, and a lot in zoning. Fiscal Officer Evans stated that she believed Gary Harris (Zoning Inspector) only wrote maybe 25 permits if that this year so far. There is no money in zoning so it comes out of the General Fund. That money is mainly used for the board members meeting salaries. Trustee Likley stated that Trustees have also added training for the board members, which is an additional cost.

Fiscal Officer Evans stated the Trustees would need to make a motion to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levy and certifying it to the County Auditor. It has to be in by November 3<sup>rd</sup>, but if the levy passes it will need to be done again.

Trustee Sims made a motion to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levy and certifying it to the County Auditor as presented by Fiscal Officer Evans. It was seconded by Trustee Likley.

ROLL CALL-Sims-yes, Likley-yes, Kratzer-yes.

Fiscal Officer Evans then read general correspondence that has been received by the Township. Some highlights were:

KLA Risk Assessments through OTARMA for Loss Control Management

October 23 2008 meeting with ODNR.

Certified Letter returned not signed by Joe Hanna but he did receive via regular meeting.

Time Warner-Rate changes. Trustee Likley stated he would like to talk with them about serving areas in the Township that are not currently covered.

World Planning Day-October 31, 2008 from 2-4 at Buffalo Creek Retreat.

IRS Appeal Update-Discussion was to pursue OTARMA for the full amount of the penalties. The Medina County Pros. Office would follow up with the Trustees to see if that is a viable option.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **FIRE DEPT.**

Fire Chief Snoddy-Having an issue of finding parts for the old ford truck #161. Regarding SOG update and position vacancies, this has not been completed as of yet but is being worked on.

Fire Dept. Clam Bake held on October 18, 2008 was a success.

Fire Chief Snoddy informed the public about the ramp closure per ODOT. One cannot go westbound on I-76 off of I-71 in either direction for 21 days starting on October 24, 2008.

An article would be put in The Post about the Fire Levy which will be on the ballot on November 4, 2008.

The newsletter has slowly been received in the Township. The printer assured Trustee Sims it was not their error but thought because it was sent bulk mail and it was also an election year those were possible reasons for the delay in delivery.

### **ZONING**

ZI Harris stated he sent a letter to Westfield Terrace about the mowing. No time was given as to when it would be completed but it would be completed. September 15<sup>th</sup> was the cut date for fall. ZI Harris stated he would follow up the Pros. Office as to the enforcement or time frame for the mowing to be completed, who would complete it and how the cost would be assessed. Trustee Likley stated the owner should be contacted to see his time frame for completion before the Pros. Office is contacted. Trustee Sims

stated the dates for spring and fall mowing were legally set at a public hearing. Trustee Likley stated the owner should be contacted and given a time frame to complete this as well as contacting the Pros. Office to see about the date of completion and the assessment for the completion.

Zuber Zoning Prosecution-ZI Harris stated that Mr. Zuber was contacted and items were being removed from the property. The items are to be removed by October 28, 2008. ZI Harris stated that he did speak with Trina Devanney from the Pros. Office if Mr. Zuber failed to comply he could be cited for contempt of the court order. Trustee Sims stated that a cleanup schedule has been legally agreed to and ZI Harris will have to follow through with compliance and then follow up with the Pros. Office.

Trustee Sims stated she did speak with Aaron Klingen on Buffham Rd. about his ditch enclosure and he is to contact ZI Harris or Lee Evans to get a zoning permit. Mr. Klingen intends to do that as soon as he gets paid. (This individual put an addition onto his barn and did not obtain a permit.)

## **ROADS**

Lee Evans-Quote received from Lytle Construction regarding White Rd. They are going to dig it out 2 ft. on each side and put in 6 inches of 448 hot mix. It will cost \$10,000 to widen White Rd. and \$17,000 to topcoat if that is the Trustees intention to do so. Trustee Sims stated at the last meeting it was discussed to put up gates and lights at the RR Crossing. The Township is not eligible for gates and lights at the crossing due to a reduced traffic count from 900 to 300. White Rd. was used as the ODOT haul road and ODOT had some repairs to the road due to the damages caused. The Trustees tabled an earlier bid from Lytle to come in and put a top coat on White Rd. after the repairs were made by ODOT. Trustee Sims stated at the railroad track it is very narrow. We have a lot dump truck traffic and school buses go through that intersection. Trustee Kratzer asked if the count of 300 included vehicles that cross the railroad at the same time. He then asked, do we spend \$10,000 to add a foot on either side to accommodate which may only happen once or week or do we spend \$17,000 for the topcoat and leave it be? Lee Evans stated the PUCO said the Township could widen it to what's there now but also talked to the PUCO about getting the added timber put in. Mr. Evans continued that he told them if we were going to asphalt we could not wait. There was a due date as to when the timber would be put in. Mr. Evans questioned, why spend the money if Baker decides he is going to move the whole thing-then what does the Township do? Trustee Sims stated the initial traffic count was 900 trips a day and that has been reduced to 300. The probably of cars passing simultaneously over the track is a good point. However if it is the Township's intention to spend the \$17,000 to topcoat those repairs, Trustee Sims thought the Township should make the necessary base repairs to make that a safe crossing especially in lieu of not getting the gates and lights. She added that there have been injuries at the crossing and with the addition of ramps on the highway being closed, and traffic patterns changing to get around, it might be a good idea to spend the money to make it a safe crossing. Trustee Likley stated he remembered one of the concerns was the signage. He added that if the Township upgrades the signs in which one sign shows the

narrowness of the railroad tracks... We commented that the Township is looking at \$10,000 to widen it and \$17,000 to topcoat 950 ft. of road. He added he is all in favor of providing safe roads for the community but that is a lot of money to consider spending. Trustee Kratzer stated the Township could not do both projects at the same time or it has to go out for bid. Fiscal Officer Evans stated this is a project and felt it needed to go out to bid regardless because it is a project. Trustee Kratzer suggested to shim the road and let it go until spring. Trustee Sims stated another issue is that there was not a defined ditch on the other side. Trustee Likley stated he felt if signage was put up to support that section of road it should be enough to make the crossing safe. Trustee Kratzer stated the road should be shimmed on the east side now.

Trustee Sims asked if the Resolution for grant consideration for the White Rd. vegetation was mailed out. Mr. Evans and the other Trustees stated that Trustee Sims said at the last meeting that she was going to complete the form and mail it. Trustee Sims stated she would look into it and make sure it was completed and sent. This work would not end up being done until the spring.

Regarding the wall or ditch enclosure on Buffham Rd., Trustee Sims stated the resident has approved an enclosure and would pay for half the pipe. She added she had the signed estimate and would make copies. Trustee Sims stated there were various motions made by the Trustees to build a wall, enclose the ditch, etc. Now that the resident has agreed to pay for half the pipe those motions are no longer relevant. Mr. Evans stated the applicant already obtained a permit to asphalt the driveway. Trustee Likley stated the catches are still going to be placed and if the resident chooses to asphalt he should consider channeling it towards the catch. Trustee Sims asked Mr. Evans to get this scheduled as soon as possible so the resident can take this into consideration if he is going to do anything with his drive. Mr. Evans stated he would close both sides of the road to get this done and post it. He would try to get it done on a Saturday/Sunday or during a set time during the day so it would not interfere with bus traffic. Trustee Likley told Mr. Evans to let Chief Snoddy know when this would be done. Trustee Kratzer stated for the record that he felt the resident should pay for all the pipe and the catch. Trustee Sims stated the Township was only paying for the pipe that affects the road base and the resident is paying for other half to connect it to the existing enclosure. This meets the recommendations of the County Engineer's in their report due to the enclosure of the soft shoulder or lack of shoulder in that area.

### **Issue II Money**

Mr. Evans stated he would send in the letter. Part of what is stipulated in that letter for Buffham Rd. is to put up a guardrail and to change the pitch and take some of the crown out of the road. This letter is being sent to see if the Township would be eligible for monies at a future date (2010) and there is no guarantee the Township would receive the funding. The distribution is usually 80-20.

Trustee Sims stated that Mr. Minor has repeatedly complained about Cliff Gregoire having a reduced pipe in an existing culvert. Mr. Kratzer stated Mr. Evans has put a price

together to take the pipe out and replace it with new plastic pipe and put in a new catch basin if Mr. Gregoire agrees.

### **Road Signage Review**

Trustee Likley stated the Township really needed an audit of the existing signs and where they are located to know what signs are missing and or needed. Mr. Evans stated he would begin working on that review. Trustee Sims stated she has volunteered to help Mr. Evans complete that inventory. Stickers should be placed on the signs with the date they are erected and the Township name on them. Mr. Evans stated all new signs have a sticker.

### **Smith Complaint-Westfield Landing Rd.**

Trustee Sims stated Mr. Smith wrote the Township a complaint letter dated September 15, 2008 and has written several complaints regarding the water that runs through his yard that goes through 2 culverts on Westfield Landing Rd. Mr. Evans has gone down and shot elevations in the ditch and a site review has been completed. The next heavy rainfall it will have to be observed as to what is and is not working and discuss it.

Trustee Sims stated the feeling of the resident per the initial report by the County of putting in (3) 27-inch pipes should have been installed. Currently there are (2) 24-inch pipes crossing at Westfield Landing. One of the pipes is a direct flow into the pipe and the other is offset. The resident is contending the pipe that has direct flow actually shoots at a velocity onto the opposite side of Westfield Landing Rd. onto the park property. The second pipe installed about 5 ft. north does not get the activity. On the park property the other diagonal 24 inch pipe for whatever reason brings water down and those head waters lay at the northern pipe. Therefore the bulk of the water is being carried by the initial 24-inch pipe. This will need to be documented during the next heavy rain and addressed.

### **Cell Tower Contract review the Pros. Office**

Trustee Sims asked Fiscal Officer Evans if the Trustees have a special meeting with the Pros. Office if the topic could be listed and then General Business in the newspaper so that the Trustees could use the time with Mr. Thorne to discuss any issues before the Township. This has been requested of Fiscal Officer Evans several times previously. Mr. Kratzer stated that if there is a special meeting then that topic should be discussed and if there is General Business to be discussed another meeting should be set up with the Pros. Office. We don't need to spend 2-3 hours for every meeting. Trustee Likley stated the significance of the meeting is that Mr. Thorne was available at that time to discuss not only the topic at hand but any general business.

Trustee Sims stated the discrepancies of what the Township wanted and or agreed to and what was actually in the contract for the cell tower was the reason for the special meeting. The Pros. Office has now been provided with the revisions, suggestions or clarifications on the cell tower contract.

### **Web Site Contract/Software/Training**

Ms. Karen Micklas provided the Township with several training class options on DreamWeaver software and other software. Trustee Likley asked if Mr. Kratzer had contacted the individual he was speaking with regarding the website. Mr. Kratzer said he had but it seemed Trustee Sims was set on going with DreamWeaver so until the Trustees decide which way they wanted to go this gentleman would then determine if he would present to the Trustees. Trustee Likley stated no matter what software or program used he just did not want to do it through a third party. He added that he would like any changes, modifications and or updates to be accurate and simple as possible. Mr. Kratzer stated he would speak to the individual he was in contact with and give him this information.

Trustee Sims stated she too wanted to get away from a third party and would rather have it done in house or locally using someone with the understanding of the posting of legal notices, public hearings, meetings etc. She added that with the Dreamweaver tutorial and the ability to go to some classes possibly Kim Ferencz would be able learn the program and then teach the Trustees some of the basics. Trustee Kratzer stated the individual he spoke with would do the programming where the Trustees could make and add all those changes but added when he heard Trustee Sims was intent on Dreamweaver he stopped contacting the gentleman. It was also suggested to contact other Township's to see how they handle their websites and the updating thereof.

### **SOLID WASTE INFORMATION**

Trustee Kratzer stated it was brought up at the CPF meeting last week that in order for the Township to work with the central processing facility and the bidding process; the Township would have to pass a Resolution to allow one trash collector to come in for the whole Township. The question would be how we would get that information out to the residents. Also, they did not really explain how the billing process would work. Trustee Kratzer added that most of the interest was coming from the cities but Litchfield Township and York Township were also contacted. Trustee Likley stated that if there was a savings to the residents (competitive bidding) then maybe it would be worth looking into. Trustee Kratzer stated he would look further into this and bring back more information.

### **Announcements**

October 22, 2008 @ 7 PM: Trustees Public Hearing: Kratzer Map Amendment

October 31, 2008 Planning Services Open House

November 3, 2008 @ 7PM Trustees next regular meeting

### **Meeting minutes**

Due to the meeting running late with the addition of two guest speakers, the Trustees decided to hold a special meeting for the review and approval of pending meeting minutes. Trustee Sims stated that she has requested all the outstanding meeting minutes either electronically or burned to a disc. Trustee Sims asked Fiscal Officer Evans if she



could have the outstanding meeting minutes in electronic format. Fiscal Officer Evans stated no, as she did not have a computer to use. Trustee Sims responded that the laptop is a Township computer for her to use as well as Kim. Ferencz. She continued that prior to Kim being hired as Township Administrative Assistant, Fiscal Officer Evans used the computer almost solely. Fiscal Officer Evans responded that is the computer Kim is using and I would respect that she would not want someone using her computer. Trustee Sims stated the computer is Township equipment and can be used by both the Fiscal Officer as well as Kim Ferencz. Trustee Sims stated she had a right to have the minutes electronically or on disc which Fiscal Officer Evans could do on her own computer. Fiscal Officer Evans stated Trustee Sims already had a hard copy of the minutes. She added that Trustee Sims could use that computer, scan them in and send them to herself. Trustee Sims stated she did not need a scanned copy she needed an electronic copy in Word. Trustee Kratzer asked why Trustee Sims felt she was so special that she should have the pending meeting minutes electronically? He then asked, is it because you are a Trustee? Trustee Sims stated no. Trustee Kratzer stated he and Trustee Likley get along fine with hard copies but you seem to be special and wanting special treatment and when you don't get it you make a big deal about such as with Mr. Thorne today talking down to Fiscal Officer Evans and he felt it was disrespectful and unprofessional. Trustee Sims responded that she has had the door slammed on her with every request she has made for documentation and information to make decisions. She added this is not a complicated issue as if Fiscal Officer Evans types the minutes in Word on her personal computer at home it can be burned to a CD. The request was not because she is a Trustee it is the Sunshine Law. Documents can be made available on the medium the Township uses to store them and if we store them electronically a copy can be provided electronically. Trustee Sims stated she could site her reasons why she needed to minutes electronically. Trustee Kratzer stated Trustee Sims could go ahead and knock herself out. Trustee Sims responded she did not feel this was constructive. Trustee Kratzer stated he did not feel it was constructive to sit here while you (Trustee Sims) belittle Fiscal Officer Evans because she doesn't provide you with what you demand. Trustee Sims stated it was not a demand it was a request. It is a public records request. Anyone could request this information. Trustee Kratzer stated Trustee Sims was provided with a hard copy. It does not say the Fiscal Officer has to provide the documents on a CD. Trustee Sims asked Fiscal Officer Evans to explain the Sunshine Laws to Trustee Kratzer as the keeper of the public records. Fiscal Officer Evans stated no as she did not have it in front of her to read. Trustee Sims asked if her recollection was adequate as to what the Sunshine Law states which is if the Township stores information on a particular medium it can be requested on the medium on which the record was stored. Fiscal Officer Evans stated the Township does not store minutes on that medium. Trustee Sims asked, you don't store the draft meeting minutes in word on your computer? Fiscal Officer Evans stated yes she does. Trustee Sims responded that this type of dialogue creates great dissention and she was not going to engage in it. She added that she was entitled to these meeting minutes on the medium, which they are stored. Trustee Sims stated that there was contention going on here since the Trustees did not hire your friend/ neighbor to be your assistant Clerk. That was a board decision. Trustee Sims added that as a compromise, the Trustees hired an Administrative Assistant for the Township. We were not even going to hire a Secretary

until you (Fiscal Officer Evans) ran an ad. Trustee Sims continued that Fiscal Officer Evans ran an ad which she felt was overstepping your bounds. She added that Fiscal Officer Evans did not even tell the Trustees and then you held applications and you held interviews on the one person you wanted. When it came to our (Trustees) attention that you held interviews and you were hiring, I felt it was overstepping your bounds. Trustee Sims stated that she felt the Trustees compromised and hired an individual who could work for the Trustees as well as the Fiscal Officer. The Trustees could pay one person to do the work for the entire Township. Fiscal Officer Evan stated she had every right to ask for someone and have every right to ask them to do what she needed done because there was money. Trustee Sims stated that money was appropriated because Kelly Gregoire was a failing Clerk. She added that on the December 6, 2005 the previous Board of Trustees got together and they approved the funding before she sat on the Board in January 2006. Fiscal Officer Evans stated Trustee Sims did not understand the process. The appropriations are done every year at the beginning of the year for that year so 2005 had nothing to do with it. Trustee Sims stated she was not new anymore, and at the beginning of 2008 she declared those positions vacant. Even though you (Fiscal Officer Evans) changed the wording to Secretary or Administrative Assistant when it was Assistant Clerk. Trustee Sims stressed that was why the meeting minutes are so important to her. There is no Secretary position here. When you changed the title of a position in the January 2008 organizational meeting from Assistant Clerk to Administrative Assistant; there was no Administrative Assistant until the Trustees hired one as a Board. In January 2008 there was a 4-hr. appropriation meeting for a secretary. I declared that position vacant as well as one for administrative assistant. Fiscal Officer Evans stated Trustee Sims did not take away the appropriations. Trustee Sims stated you (Fiscal Officer Evans) asked that the money be appropriated in case you had a health emergency and she agreed. She added the Township has an Administrative Assistant and you (Fiscal Officer Evans) chose not to participate in that hiring process nor did she feel Fiscal Officer Evans have worked in good faith with her and continued that she was acutely aware that Fiscal Officer Evans have not worked in good faith with me since the Trustees did not hire the person you selected. Fiscal Officer Evans stated she did not care who the Board hired. Trustee Sims stated Fiscal Officer Evans actions spoke differently and often.

Trustee Sims stated she felt Fiscal Officer Evans minutes have become not only factually incorrect but biased and it is unfortunate. Trustee Sims stated when the Board hired Fiscal Officer Evans back in the position of Clerk she felt she had no reason to doubt that decision. Trustee Kratzer stated what happened to Martha (Fiscal Officer Evans) is Carolyn Sims and you sitting her saying, I did this and I did that. He added that ever since Trustee Sims became Chair, Jim and I don't mean anything. Trustee Sims responded she was sorry Trustee Kratzer felt that way, but she felt that Trustee Kratzer does not participate or add much to the dialogue especially recently. Trustee Kratzer stated he would let the residents worry about that in 2009. He added he did not care what Trustee Sims thought because it was all about her. He commented that he thought the Board should go home as we have wasted a half-hour listening to Trustee Sims.


Trustee Sims stated this would be her final request to Fiscal Officer Evans to receive outstanding meeting minutes digitally or on disc. If she did not receive those in 3 days which is what the Township public records retention schedule stated, there would be further discussion. Trustee Sims continued that when she finally receives those documents electronically she would send the Fiscal Officer the revisions so there is no postponement in approving minutes. Trustee Kratzer stated when the Board receives the revisions he asked Trustee Likley to review them carefully and unbiasedly. It was stated that both Trustee Kratzer and Sims record the meetings with their own recording devices. Trustee Sims stated that was why when she makes revisions she can hear that there are errors made. Trustee Likley stated the minutes needed to be accurate, factual and unbiased. That was all. If we need to make corrections to the minutes than that is what we need to do.

Trustee Sims stated that the minutes to August 27, 2008 state. First of all they were employee interviews and second we did not make an offer to one of the applicants at the meeting. That is illegal. Third, was the motion I made on September 5, 2008 to collect the sum of up to \$10,000 regarding penalties and interest. Trustee Sims stated Kelly Gregoire's name never escaped her lips in that motion. She added that she actually like to see someone else do the meeting minutes rather than the Fiscal Officer. (Oh you're done.) She added she would say that Martha was heads above Kelly regarding the minutes. Kelly would not even reference her presence at the meeting nor did the minutes reflect that she voted on motions. Trustee Sims continued that meeting minutes should be able to be read and understood regardless if you are at the meeting or not. She continued that the Trustees are paying Kim Ferencz so why not have her do the Trustee meeting minutes. Trustee Sims asked Fiscal Officer Evans if she found it acceptable to allow Kim Ferencz to transcribe...Fiscal Officer Evans interjected thank you so much I knew this was coming and I think it is actually time for me to step down and if you would like I can have my resignation in to you by tomorrow. Trustee Sims stated that Fiscal Officer Evans was an elected official and the people put her here she didn't. Fiscal Officer Evans stated she could resign. Trustee Sims stated she found it offensive that Fiscal Officer Evans turned the tape off after the statements she just made. She added she was not asking Fiscal Officer Evans to resign nor does she have the power to make her resign. Trustee Sims stated that she needed to have faith in the fiscal information that is given and the record keeping. Fiscal Officer Evans stated Trustee Sims was not happy nor did she have faith in her ability and felt this was appropriate. Trustee Sims stated she saw the parallels between Fiscal Officer Evans and Kelly Gregoire who quit every six months as well. She added that she was acutely aware that Fiscal Officer Evans handpicked her and trained Kelly Gregoire. Trustee Kratzer interjected that Trustee Sims just cost the Township a good clerk. Trustee Sims stated that we'll see if her (Fiscal Officer Evans) resignation is on the desk tomorrow.

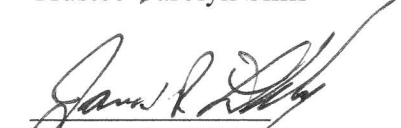
Trustee Likley made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Trustee Sims.  
ROLL CALL-

Respectfully Submitted

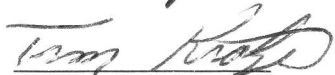
Kim Ferencz-Westfield Township Administrative Assistant.



Trustee Carolyn Sims



Trustee Jim Likley



Trustee Tim Kratzer