

**Brimfield Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2012**

The Brimfield Township Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on the above date, at the Brimfield Town Hall. Present were Trustees Sue Fields, Mike Kostensky and C.J. Sprague, Jr. Absent was Fiscal Officer John Dalziel.

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.

It was asked if the plaque presentation for Bill Whited/K-9 presentation could proceed. Present were Sergeant Knarr, Chief Oliver and Bill Whited.

MOTION #2012-67

Sue Fields moved to table the minutes from February 8, 2012 meeting. Second by Mike Kostensky.

Mike Kostensky – yea	Sue Fields – yea
C.J. Sprague, Jr. – yea	Motion Passed

MOTION #2012-68

Mike Kostensky moved to accept the agenda as presented. Second by C.J. Sprague.

Mike Kostensky – yea	Sue Fields – yea
C.J. Sprague, Jr. – yea	Motion Passed

MOTION #2012-69

Mike Kostensky moved to accept PO's as presented. Second by Sue Fields.

Mike Kostensky – yea	Sue Fields – yea
C.J. Sprague, Jr. – yea	Motion Passed

MOTION #2012-70

Mike Kostensky moved to accept the warrants as presented. Second by Sue Fields.

Mike Kostensky – yea	Sue Fields – yea
C.J. Sprague, Jr. – yea	Motion Passed

MOTION #2012-71

Mike Kostensky moved to table Fund Balances. Second by Sue Fields.

Mike Kostensky – yea	Sue Fields – yea
C.J. Sprague, Jr. – yea	Motion Passed

Public Comments:

Lynn Garver of 3753 Morley Drive, Kent, Ohio 44240 was present to commend the Road Department for the start of repairs on her road but would like to see the completion of the project, which is forty years overdue.

Jim Nethken, Public Works Director, explained that concrete patchwork is too expensive.

It was further explained by Mike Kostensky that the Public Works Director is now permitted to work as many hours as needed. There have been new concessions made for his position by the union. The previous position was only allotted eight hours.

Dan Alexoff of 2171 Tallmadge Road, Kent, Ohio 44240 was present to express his stand on the liquor permit for Dollar General. He asks the Board of Trustees to set a precedent and repeal the license. He references the Internet Café as an example of poor community reflection. It was further stated that it has been decided by additional congregations to participate in a “do not shop Dollar General” campaign.

Bob Buehl of 3461 Mogadore Road, Kent, Ohio was present to express his concern regarding the “eyesore” of R& R property. He also expressed his gratitude to the Road Department for a job well done.

Mike Kostensky informed the Board of Ohio Revised Code 505.87.

It was further stated that Suffield Township is now utilizing the above referenced to demolish a total of two houses.

Chief Keller reported that \$400,000.00 has been approved by the FDA. Kudos was also given to Firefighter/Paramedic Drew Helmling, Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Biltz and Lieutenant Christopher Morrison for an excellent job done during the traffic debacle on Interstate 76.

It was also reported that Jeff Meyers would be in on the following Wednesday to review the remodel project for the Fire Station.

Chief Oliver stated a peaked interest in the bid for the Police Station addition. The walk through is scheduled for February 28, 2012 from 11 AM to 1 PM. The deadline for the bid is March 16th at 2:00 PM local time.

MOTION #2012- 72

Sue Fields accepts the request by InSite for the reduction in zoning fees. Mike Kostensky second.

Mike Kostensky – no
C.J. Sprague, Jr. – no

Sue Fields – no
Motion failed

Public Works report presented to the Board.

Jim Nethken, Public Works Director, reports that the lack of snow has saved the Township money due to the reduction in wear and tear on the Township roads. He further reports that Dave Rufener, the new employee for the road department is doing well.

Cline Road received a repair due to a five by eight foot sink hole.

Most repairs are being held off until Issue II takes place in the fall.

The Road Department has possession of two ladders; one 3 stage aluminum ladder and one 2 stage aluminum ladder. These ladders were originally given to Steve Detwiler and are not on the inventory. No motion is needed.

Chief Oliver will be taking the 2 stage ladder for use at the Police Department.

Jim reported that eighty percent of the cost will be covered for the purchase of a new truck through the Ohio Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program.

REFERENCE

(Ohio EPA announces a new grant program expected to award up to \$10 million in Federal Highway Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for clean diesel projects in 2012 and another \$10 million in 2013.)

The deadline for the preliminary is March 30, 2012. Brimfield Township has a total of one truck that qualifies for the program. This program is a reimbursement program.

Sue Fields reports that Portage County Development Board has changed to quarterly, to which she is on the Board.

On December 19th, 2011 a letter was received from the liquor board regarding the permit for Dollar General, located in the Town Center. They are allowed four cubic foot area for the sale beer only. Sue Fields explained that in her research she discovered that permits allowed for liquor are based on the number of people. There are currently eleven places within three acres that are permitted to sell alcohol and eighteen total places within Brimfield Township. There have been a total of one hundred sixty five alcohol related arrests in 2011.

Chief Oliver states that there has been one “Meth” arrest from the Internet Café’ also located in the Town Center.

MOTION #2012-73

Sue Fields moved to send the Dollar General liquor permit to the Prosecuting Attorney for appeal. Second by Mike Kostensky.

Mike Kostensky – yea	Sue Fields – yea
C.J. Sprague, Jr. – yea	Motion Passed

MOTION #2012-74

Sue Fields moved to allow the transfer of the BP liquor license to the new owner. Second by Mike Kostensky.

Mike Kostensky – yea	Sue Fields – yea
C.J. Sprague, Jr. – yea	Motion Passed

Mike Kostensky made a recommendation to take the advice of Chad Murdock and enter into agreement with Matt Freeman of Ohio Realty Group regarding the Farmikidis Rental Property.

MOTION #2012-75

Sue Fields moved to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Second by Mike Kostensky.

Mike Kostensky – yea	Sue Fields – yea
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C.J. Sprague, Jr. – yea

Motion Passed

We, the Trustees of Brimfield Township, do hereby set out hands as approval of the foregoing minutes as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer