

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Special

Meeting

Reed Printing Co., Cols., O. Form No. 29004

Columbus Book Book Co., Cols., O. Form No. 1987

Held

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A special meeting was called to order by Chairman George Fisher, Jr., at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the adult book store on Route 8. Present were Trustees George Fisher, Jr., Joseph Broderick, Daniel Schneider, Jr., Clerk Morgan and Legal Advisor Edward Pallekins.

Mr. Fisher introduced Mr. Carmen Roberto, law director of Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court. Mr. Roberto briefly explained how the court system in the Falls works. He explained various things that had happened in the Tallmadge book store case stating that proceedings had begun in 1978 and still were not completed. Stores of this kind thrive on the publicity such as they are now receiving.

Susan Robins of Bath Twp. asked who had issued the search warrant for closing the store. Mr. Roberto explained that the Summit County Sheriff's office had asked for the warrant. Although, he thought this was not the way to go at the present time, the warrant had been issued and would probably be subject to a long legal battle.

Ms. Robins stated that she, Mrs. Vernon and Mrs. Kube had visited the book store but did not purchase anything. She was told to complain to the Peninsula Police Department if they found the merchandise to be offensive. Any books purchased would have to be reviewed in court before any action could be taken.

Mr. Statte asked if the township could make obscenity laws to prevent such stores. Townships have no power to enact such laws.

Others who spoke asked what type of such warrant had been issued, did Mr. Roberto feel that the book store could be closed, how to keep the residents informed as to what is going on, would harassment of the store do any good.

Mr. Roberto stated that very definitely no harassment should take place but that the case should be proved civilly. Perhaps violations of zoning could be proven. The best way to proceed would be to file complaints with the police department and not to make public comments about the store but to leave it up to the officials to take action. He stated that the case would not be solved nearly as soon as residents would like but not to lose interest.

Mrs. Kube thanked the trustees for giving their support to this matter.

Mr. Fisher thanked Mr. Roberto for attending the meeting and informing the residents as to how to proceed in this action.

A motion by Broderick, seconded by Schneider, to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Voting yes: Fisher, Broderick, Schneider.

