

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

At the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Don Lewis, Rick Beck and Jim Hurley present. Others present: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, and Police Chief Core. Others present: Pam Rogers, Melissa Miller, Butch and Carlotta, Sharon DeVault, Thomas Hendel, Dave Rogers, and Dave Wallace.

The meeting was opened by Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call. Fiscal Officer Miller opened the floor for nominations of chairman and vice-chairman for the year 2017. Trustee Beck nominated Trustee Lewis as Chairman, Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Trustee Hurley nominated Trustee Beck as Vice-Chairman, Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered Aye and the nominations were approved with a 3-0 vote. Trustee Lewis then took over the meeting as chairman of the Washington Township Board of Trustees for the year 2017.

Trustee Beck made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and the December 27, 2016 Special Meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

- ◆ **Pay Financial Obligations** - Fiscal Officer Miller presented and Trustee Hurley made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Beck seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Financial Reports** - The Fiscal Officer also presented the Trustees for the period of 12/1/2016 – 12/31/2016 a Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register, and Bank Reconciliation for their review and signature. Trustee Beck made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered Aye - motion passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Township Meetings** – Trustee Lewis reminded all present that our regular township meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at the township hall. All meetings have been publicly advertised. If a meeting date is changed, it will also be publicly advertised in the newspaper.
- ◆ **Mileage** – Trustee Beck made a motion to set the mileage reimbursement rate to 53.5 per mile for township officials traveling outside of the township to perform township business. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion and all answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Vacation** – Trustee Beck made a motion that the township provide and pay for two weeks (80 hours) vacation for full-time hourly employees. Part Time employees may take 40 hours annually. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion; all answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Zoning Fees Set** – Trustee Beck made a motion that the zoning fees remain the same. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Indian Lake Joint Fire District Board** – Trustee Lewis nominated Trustee Beck to serve as the 2017 ILFD Board Representative; Trustee Hurley seconded the nomination. All answered Aye and the nomination was approved 3-0.
- ◆ **LUC Representative** – Trustee Lewis nominated Trustee Hurley to serve as the 2017 Washington Twp. LUC Representative; Trustee Beck seconded the nomination. All answered Aye and the nomination was approved 3-0.
- ◆ **Indian Lake EMS Representative** – Trustee Beck nominated Trustee Lewis to serve as the 2017 Washington Twp. Indian Lake EMS Representative; Trustee Hurley seconded the nomination. All answered Aye and the nomination was approved 3-0.
- ◆ **Mandatory Attendance** – In past years, it has been mandatory that all department heads attend monthly township meetings. Trustee Beck made a motion to continue this requirement and that employees will be paid for attending. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion; all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Elected Officials Pay**- Trustee Beck made a motion to accept per ORC Section 505.24 and 507.09, that township trustees and clerk salaries are paid at 100%. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion; all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Depository Agent for Washington Township for 2017** – Trustee Beck made a motion that The Huntington National Bank be the Depository Agent for Washington Township for 2017. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Hourly Pay Scale for Township Employees** – Trustee Beck made a motion that the pay scale for hourly township employees be as follows for FY 2017:
  - ☑ **Road Superintendent** - \$17.00 / full time
  - ☑ **Road Worker** - \$16.00 / part time
  - ☑ **Police Chief** - \$17.00 / full time
  - ☑ **Police Officers** - \$15.50 / part time

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◆ **Hourly Pay Scale for Township Employees – Cont’d:**

- ☑ Zoning Board Members - \$30.00 / part time
- ☑ Jerry Snipes - \$11.00 / seasonal; \$35 cleaning twp hall 1x/month
- ☑ Zoning Inspector - \$675/month + \$11.00/hour for additional work requested

Trustee Hurley seconded the motion – all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

◆ **Zoning Commission Board** – Jerry Snipes term expired on December 31, 2016. Trustee Beck made a motion to appoint Jerry Snipes to the ZCB for another five-year term (2017-2021). Trustee Hurley seconded the motion; all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

The following are serving on the: **2017 Zoning Commission Board**

- 2013-2017 Terry Miller
- 2014-2018 Mark Gibson (Chairman)
- 2015-2019 Butch Jones
- 2016-2020 Ron Kimmel
- 2017-2021 Jerry Snipes
- Alternate: Don Moore

◆ **Zoning Appeals Board** – Melissa Miller’s term expired on December 31, 2016. Trustee Beck made a motion that Melissa’s term be extended for a five-year term (2017-2021); Trustee Hurley seconded the motion; all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

The following are serving on the: **2017 Zoning Appeals Board:**

- 2013-2017 Bud Christman
- 2014-2018 Steve Strauser (Chairman)
- 2015-2019 Brian Hough
- 2016-2020 Keith Klauer
- 2017-2021 Melissa Miller
- Alternate: Sharron Klahr

◆ **Township Purchasing Agents** – Trustee Beck made a motion to approve the following employees and/or elected officials as purchasing agents: Trustees Lewis, Hurley, and Beck, Fiscal Officer Lisa Miller, Randy Beck, Chief Rick Core, and Gary Bias. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

◆ **Township Blanket Purchase Order** – Trustee Beck made a motion to set maximum blanket purchase orders not to exceed \$25,000, if or when needed, by Fiscal Officer Lisa Miller. Examples would be for Dayton Power & Light, Marathon Gas station, etc.. the motion was seconded by Trustee Hurley. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

◆ **Reallocation of monies within the same Fund** - Trustee Beck made a motion to allow Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, to reallocate line item monies (must be within the same fund) on an as needed basis for the year 2017. Fiscal Officer will then no longer need a resolution to reallocate line item funds but will advise trustees of any transfers she makes. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

**Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller**

- Advised Trustees of the **Ohio Township Winter Conference** to be held **Jan. 25-27, 2017**. Pre-registration fee of \$50 can be made by 1/11/2017 – after that cost is \$80.
- Advised the W-2’s will be forthcoming and delivered by the end of the month as required (January 31)
- Delivered a copy to the trustees of all mail received for the month of December, 2016
- Notified all present that phone numbers for all elected officials and department heads will run in the Shopper’s Edge on January 14, 2017. They are also posted on the communications board outside of the township building.
- Notified all present that township meetings for 2017 will be held the second Monday of each month and an ad with those dates will also be in the Shopper’s Edge on January 14, 2017.
- Notified trustees that the 2016 financial report will soon be completed and an ad notifying the public that it is available for viewing will be placed in the Bellefontaine Examiner.
- **Resolution 2017-001** – a motion to approve a sick leave policy for full time employees was made by Trustee Hurley. Trustee Lewis seconded. A vote was taken and all answered Aye - motion was passed 3-0.

**Police Department – Chief Rick Core**

- **Calls for Service (CFS)** - 196 CFS in December and no glaring spikes or decreases in line items or domestic.
- **Local Media** – WTPD was on front page of newspaper quite a few times in last couple of months. I don’t know how anyone can say we don’t have a drug problem in this county. Read the paper, listen to the radio – we have a big drug problem in this county. We keep our foot on the accelerator to curtail that activity. We had 148 cases tried in Bellefontaine Municipal in 2015 and with two weeks remaining in December we have had 264 cases to date tried already in Bellefontaine Municipal Court...a lot more court cases and that’s just in one court and we’re not through December yet. That’s a significant increase from one year to the next. Lisa talked about the increase in fines / fees revenue, which speaks to the drug and drug trafficking problems we have been involved with; continues to get worse. There’s a more broad range of drugs we’re dealing with. At first in my career, it was cocaine. Then it was meth and prescription meds and now all of that plus heroin. The amount of people walking around and driving stoned is extremely alarming to me. I feel if I talk about it at these meetings, you will talk about it to others.

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#### **Police Department – Chief Rick Core**

- **Guns** - we've taken more guns off the street than ever before. The drug element is that they start to steal from one another - drugs / money and now they are all armed...so a whole different approach for us. When I walk up to a car and there's three people in the car I assume there are three people armed and guns pointed at me. That's how I approach them.
- **Drugs** - In last drug case we got a little cash. To underestimate the savviness of these people is a huge mistake on all our parts. I've had people in back of the car - I tell them depends on amount of drugs. They know exactly how much they can have. It depends on their savviness in dealing with drugs. This last one we picked up - we got \$2500 in cash. Question asked by unidentified person: "How is that broke up"? Chief Core: Goes to the entity that arrested them. The vehicle is in a family member's name. That would be on the table as it was used in the commission of a crime. However, I feel that it should go back to that family member, whether it will or not is not up to me. Over the weekend we visited 25 houses - to interview people. We seized phones and on those phones are all of the conversations between dealer and customers. So it opens the door to finding more arrests we can make. It takes months to investigate.
- **Suspicious Vehicles** - Friday night I saw a suspicious vehicle at Dunn's Pond - all occupants were from El Salvador and one had a warrant from Immigration Patrol. The work that goes on at least from this police agency sees no end in sight. Two weeks - serious felony and two weeks later same felony in the same county by the same people.
- **FYI** - Does anyone know how many beds we have in our jail? No one.. 144 - we normally have 72 beds filled as we don't have enough money in the SO budget to fund the CO's to take care of the incarcerated. Here's the philosophy - the offender is violent then there's a priority to put in jail. But a larceny crime and no space.. then judge makes a decision to release to make room for those crimes where bed space is needed. Trustee Beck: New judge changing that - he's going to fund the SO and fill it up. I have a hard time when three people charged with the same crime and no jail time. Thomas Hendel: Can't they take them to another county? Chief Core: No, it's double the cost. Some 20 years ago the budget was double what it is today. And, back then CO's weren't afraid to tune you up. For the tax paying public - where is the end of this? I don't know...but, I want to keep you informed. Pam: Phentanol? Why is a 57 year old woman doing heroin?
- **Officers Killed in the Line of Duty** - Here's another factoid for you - feel free to check for yourself. There have been 140 police officers killed in the line of duty - majority shot in 2016. There were 18 military officers killed in 2016. It's safer to be in the military overseas than to be a police officer serving in the US. It's a dangerous game.
- **Questions** – Dave: Dunn's Pond deal - squatters? Chief Core: They claimed to be contractors but they didn't have anything marked on the car or to show me that they were contractors so knew that story wasn't true. There are houses where they are waiting for people to leave so they can go in and steal your copper.
- **Pam** – Do we have a no soliciting policy? Chief Core: No, but I wouldn't be opposed to that. I'll run them out of town.
- **Thank You** - to Trustee Lewis and Trustee Beck for their assistance and hard work on the icy roads during the Level 3 conditions.

#### **Zoning – Gary Bias**

- 10 calls last month - slow month.
- No Zoning permits issued
- I may be hearing from Jim Reed. New building going up. Trustee Lewis: Someone called me, what's going on? Gary: I get enough calls; still checking.
- Haven't seen anyone around camper and motorcycle place. He didn't respond to my letter.
  - Trustee Hurley: Guy move trailer? Trustee Lewis: moved it - not there now.
- Emails with Lisa – we're working on the web site. Get some input and estimates we'll bring it back to trustees to look at it.
- Brad (LUC) and I made proposed changes - will meet this summer with Zoning Commission Board.

#### **Road Department – Rick Beck reporting for Randy Beck**

- Tires/brakes put on 350
- RRR - \$1516.00 to put tires on truck
- 550 - was taken to Leonard's garage and fixed.
- Put up two stop signs (lady ran over them)
- Plowed snow
- Jackie put on a new nozzle on gas and diesel
- Myself and Trustee Lewis were out several hours on 61- they had 8 trucks out there on a level 3. Me and Chief Core started the whole thing. He got called and went with us. It took four loads of grit. Chief Core: I got off at 10:00 PM that night and was back here at 4:00 AM. Trustee Beck: There was a huge dump truck stuck - it was sideways going around that curve. Trustee Lewis got to run the sander for me - I was trying to get the salt out and the light went out.

#### **LUC Board**

- Nothing to report

#### **EMS Board**

- Mtg minutes and financials were turned in at December meeting. Next meeting is Wednesday at 7:00 at RP Municipal Bldg.

#### **Fire Board**

- Forgot to bring a copy of the minutes.

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**Old Business** – Trustees

- **Truck Status** - Trustee Hurley: truck? Trustee Beck: Doing a refabrication of the truck. Trustee Hurley: Now middle of February. Just in time for the last snow.
- **Old Cruisers** - we sold both cruisers for a total of \$2100
- **Janice Rogers** - Trustee Lewis: I contacted Chief Core to ask if he saw anything on Janice Rogers - the 30th of January at 10:00 AM will be the hearing for the stay. Chief Core: Prosecutor's position is that we have followed the procedure of the law to the letter, it was condemned and he is going to recommend it be torn down immediately. Trustee Lewis: I told Randy last week to get in touch with Moody that probably Jan 31st or Feb 1st he can start tearing down. Chief Core: I asked prosecutor if any further delays to please advise us - he said none is expected.
- **Railroad Property** – Trustee Lewis: Sit on it for now, is that correct? All: correct

**New Business** – Trustees

- **Update on Randy** - Trustee Beck: Randy is my brother, our road supervisor and recently diagnosed with cancer. Surprise to all of us. He has it in the pancreas. Today they did the contrast scan - and is to see the surgeon in Columbus. Pretty good news from what we've heard. Pancreatic cancer is in a good location of the pancreas to operate. Doesn't look like it's spread. Late January or early February for surgery and chemo so outlook is promising. We're very close and it's been hard on everybody. Continue your prayers for Randy, please. These two guys on the side of me will help in a heartbeat. If you need anything Jim, Don, and myself will all be there for you. Trustee Lewis: Thank you Rick.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Beck made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Trustee Hurley seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.

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Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Don Lewis, Chairman

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Rick Beck, Vice Chairman

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Jim Hurley, Member