

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

At the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Rick Beck, Tucker Berg, and Jason Faulder present. Others present: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, and Police Chief Core. Others present: Officer Thompson, Butch & Carlotta Jones, Hazel Wisener, Benji Dearwester, Angela Burton, Stacy Wisener, Wayne Leugers, Sharon Devault, Melissa Miller, Pam Rogers, Crystal Shepherd, Zoe Shipman, Sharron Klahr, Terry Miller, Angel Dever, Sheila Dearwester, David Wallace, Don Lewis, Kim Shepherd, Christine Fullerton, Dave Rogers, and Officer Wisener.

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 2018. Trustee Berg nominated Trustee Beck as Chairman, Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. Trustee Faulder nominated Trustee Berg as Vice-Chairman, Trustee Beck seconded. All answered Aye and the nominations were approved with a 3-0 vote. Trustee Beck then took over the meeting as chairman of the Washington Township Board of Trustees for the year 2018.

Trustee Faulder made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting and the December 22, 2017 Special Meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

- ◆ **Pay Financial Obligations** - Fiscal Officer Miller presented and Trustee Berg made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Financial Reports** - Fiscal Officer Miller also presented the Trustees for the period of 12/1/2017 – 12/31/2017 a Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register, and Bank Reconciliation for their review and signature. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered Aye - motion passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Township Meetings** – Trustee Beck 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 and a notice placed on the township web site.
- ◆ **Mileage** – Trustee Berg made a motion to set the mileage reimbursement rate to 54.5 per mile for township officials traveling outside of the township to perform township business. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion and all answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Vacation** – Trustee Berg 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 Faulder seconded the motion; all answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Zoning Fees Set** – Trustee Berg made a motion that the zoning fees remain as currently written in the Washington Township Zoning Resolution. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered Aye - the motion was passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Indian Lake Joint Fire District Board** – Trustee Berg nominated Trustee Beck to serve as the 2018 ILFD Board Representative; Trustee Faulder seconded the nomination. All answered Aye and the nomination was approved 3-0.
- ◆ **LUC Representative** – Trustee Beck nominated Trustee Berg to serve as the 2018 Washington Twp. LUC Representative; Trustee Faulder seconded the nomination. All answered Aye and the nomination was approved 3-0.
- ◆ **Indian Lake EMS Representative** – Trustee Beck nominated Trustee Faulder to serve as the 2018 Washington Twp. Indian Lake EMS Representative; Trustee Berg 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 Berg made a motion to continue this requirement and that employees will be paid for attending. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion; all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Elected Officials Pay**- Trustee Berg made a motion to accept per ORC Section 505.24 and 507.09, that township trustees and clerk salaries are paid at 100%. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion; all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Depository Agent for Washington Township for 2018** – Trustee Berg made a motion that The Huntington National Bank be the Depository Agent for Washington Township for 2018. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
- ◆ **Township Purchasing Agents** – Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the following employees and/or elected officials as purchasing agents: Trustees Beck/ Berg/Faulder, Fiscal Officer Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, Road Supervisor John Newland, and Police Chief Rick Core. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

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- ◆ **Hourly Pay Scale for Township Employees** – Trustee Berg made a motion that the pay scale for hourly township employees be as follows for FY 2018:
  - ☑ Road Superintendent - \$17.00 / full time
  - ☑ Road Worker - \$16.00 / part time
  - ☑ Police Chief - \$17.00 / full time
  - ☑ Police Officers - \$15.50 / part time
  - ☑ 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 requestedTrustee Faulder seconded the motion – all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
  
- ◆ **Zoning Commission Board** – Terry Miller’s term expired on December 31, 2017. Trustee Berg made a motion to appoint Terry Miller to the ZCB for another five-year term from 2018-2022. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion; all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

The following are serving on the: **2018 Zoning Commission Board:**  
2014-2018 Mark Gibson (**Chairman**)  
2015-2019 Butch Jones  
2016-2020 Ron Kimmel  
2017-2021 Jerry Snipes  
2018-2022 Terry Miller  
Alternate:

- ◆ **Zoning Appeals Board** – Bud Chrisman’s term expired on December 31, 2017. Trustee Berg made a motion to appoint Bud Chrisman to the ZAB for another five-year term from 2018-2022. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion; all answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

The following are serving on the: **2018 Zoning Appeals Board:**  
2014-2018 Steve Strauser (**Chairman**)  
2015-2019 Brian Hough  
2016-2020 Keith Klauer  
2017-2021 Melissa Miller  
2018-2022 Bud Chrisman  
Alternate: Sharron Klahr

- ◆ **Township Blanket Purchase Order** – Trustee Berg 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 Faulder. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.
  
- ◆ **Reallocation of monies within the same Fund** - Trustee Berg 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 2018. Fiscal Officer Miller will then no longer need a resolution to reallocate line item funds but will advise trustees of any transfers she makes. Trustee Faulder 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. 31-Feb. 2, 2018**. Pre-registration fee of \$50 can be made by 1/10/2018 – after that cost is \$80.
- Advised employees W-2’s will be mailed or put in township mailboxes by 1/31/2018
- Delivered a copy to the trustees of all mail received for the month of December, 2017
- Notified all present that phone numbers for all elected officials and department heads ran in the Shopper’s Edge on January 5, 2018. They are also posted on the communications board outside of the township building.
- Notified all present that township meetings for 2018 will be held the second Monday of each month and an ad with those dates was in the Shopper’s Edge on January 5, 2018. These dates are also posted on the communications board.
- Notified trustees that the 2017 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.
- Gave all Trustees a copy of the Bank Reconciliation, Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, Appropriation Summary and Payment Listing for period ending 12/31/2017.

**Police Department – Chief Rick Core**

- Welcomed everyone
- **Commendations for Officers Thompson and Officer Wisener**  
The people that show up to these meetings are my family. These two guys and their family members know what I said when they were sworn in...the things I told you would happen missed birthdays, missed holidays, late hours, coming home stressed from a really bad day I’m sure all of those things have happened. Earl not quite finished his first year and Officer Thompson is well on his way to his second year. I’ve had the opportunity to train almost 70 officers –train them and introduce them to a career in law enforcement, nurture their careers, give advice, spending a lot of time so when I use the word family, I don’t use it loosely. My wife would attest to how much time they spend in our home and how much they mean to us. These guys are a step above. I have never seen two people that have made such an impact on a community to the level in which these two have. They absolutely exemplify what I believe a law enforcement professional should be.

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**Police Department – Chief Rick Core (Cont'd)**

These two have taken more drugs, more guns, off the streets of Washington Twp than anyone ever before. I don't know if it's the sign of the times as far as criminal element or if these guys are just that good and I would like to lean on that end of it. The compassion they have for this profession, excuse me I'm going to sound like a redneck here, I've had some pretty decent hunting dogs and the really, really good ones I didn't teach a thing to, they taught me. So what I was able to offer to these guys in the way of the law enforcement profession that ambition, passion, motivation all the things that make them the great officers that they are, they came here with. All I did was show them how to use it. So now, I think they have figured out what is going on, they are pretty sharp characters. Again, for me getting to serve along with officers like this....you all don't know this, I know some of the board members do and Lisa does...just think about the people you work with and spend time with every day and ask yourself a question – how many would come in and work for free? Anybody? Not very many. These guys do it on a regular basis.

They don't clock in for court time. Earl was here this past weekend going over hours and hours of surveillance footage to put together a snippet of what the court would accept....and he was here for hours. Didn't ask to be paid for a minute of that and it takes time away from his lovely wife Stacey and their children and does it for free. I don't have the words to express what that means to me personally and what my gratitude and appreciation for these guys is for what they do. I've seen Officer Thompson at a ball game watch a kid at the concession with no money to buy something put his arm around the kid and said come with me and take him back to the concession stand and buy something for him. Those are the things I get to witness on a regular basis that you might not be aware of. It's absolutely paramount for me to make sure that those kinds of things get communicated to our residents and community members. More importantly, you family members who see an empty chair at the dinner table or someone didn't show up for a Christmas or Thanksgiving event or whatever the case may be, it needs to be recognized. So, what's happening here this evening is that both of these officers are receiving field commendations. Along with any field commendation is a commendation letter to explain when these guys get old and crusty and can't remember when their grandkids or great-grandkids ask what this is for and they can't remember it is in writing and all will know and be reminded what outstanding officer these two gentlemen have always been from the start.

**Officers Wisener and Thompson – Commendation letter and a Meritorious Conduct Medal**

Officers Wisener and Officer Thompson, you have both made an enormous difference in the Washington Township Community. Your efforts have consistently impeded the criminal elements of drug activity and impaired drivers in Washington Township. Your dedicated service has made the residents of this community, and all others traveling through our community safer. Statistics support the theory that an active, vigilant law enforcement presence inhibits criminal activity that if left unimpeded, can and will erode an entire community. Officers Wisener and Thompson, because of your diligent efforts, large quantities of illegal drugs never made it to the intended buyers and/or users. You have also seized illegal firearms in the execution of your duties. It is with great pride and honor that I award you both with this commendation letter and a Meritorious Conduct medal that I hope you will display on your uniform in recognition for a job well done. I wish you both continued success serving in your roles as law enforcement professionals. Congratulations Officer Earl Wisener and Officer Michael Thompson.

**Officer Thompson – Life Saving Commendation**

After reviewing the events that took place on November 6, 2017 at 23:41 hours, you are receiving a Life Saving Commendation for your actions. Officer Michael Thompson, you were dispatched to a call to provide aid to a thirty four year old female giving birth and experiencing complications. Your efforts in administering Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation to the newborn infant saved that child's life. The parents of the child you saved are grateful that you were on duty on the evening their child was born. Your quick actions are just another example of how you are answering your calling of serving others. Your service to the Washington Township Community is exemplary.

You are a model example of what it is to be a law enforcement professional. It is with great pride and distinction that I present you with this life saving commendation medal that I hope you will display proudly on your uniform. Congratulations Officer Michael Thompson for a job well done!

Hopefully, that gives you a snapshot of the impact these two gentlemen have had on our community. I get to see these guys and they trust me with their feelings and how some of these things have impacted them. They don't want their families to see some of the things that have brought them down and it is my job to lift them up and provide them with the tools and support to continue to do this job – it's an easy job to get burned out on but these two are just rocks when it comes to that. So, I appreciate having you both here and honored to be able to acknowledge your successes and share with this community as well as provide you with these items of appreciation. I know this community supports you as well.

Trustee Beck: I ran into the Sheriff the other day and they wanted to know how we came up with all of these drugs and he was quite impressed, these officers have quite the reputation for getting it done out there on the streets. You guys aren't going anywhere. Chief Core: Thank you for bringing that up. Guys from all over the state know who these guys are. We take bashings on social media but it goes with the territory and we have thick skin. Point I'm trying to make is that it's the ripple effect. A Lieutenant six counties away was asking about these two officers who are in the face of a lot of danger. I could open up that evidence room for you and I did that recently for our clerk, Lisa Miller and she was blown away by the amount of drugs and guns that are in there. These guys are part time employees with no benefits at \$15.50/hr and I just can't say enough how proud I am of them and I know we are all grateful and recognize what they accomplish on a day-to-day basis. They have not lost their vigor - they are always coming in here to work and are ready to go get something done. And, Officer Wisener wants to put every drug in these lockers to get them in the evidence room. I could go on all night but I guess that pretty much wraps it up for me. Some of the most wonderful people I've ever met are standing here to my left and we are very fortunate to have them here. Thank you for your time and attention.

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**Police Department – Chief Rick Core (Cont'd)**

- **Calls for Service** - 274 CFS in December; no glaring spikes in any one. Here's one - this is 3,816 CFS in 2017 so if anyone out there is quick at math that's about 310 CFS/month. A majority of our interaction is drug related. These guys do a lot of training and call to ask if they can go. Both go to drug training - free. I always say yes. We do have a limited budget. That's another attribute these two officers bring to the table always wanting to learn to do more for the township and we are trying to create an environment to keep them here instead of keeping 6 or more (I've trained 70) and all but the 8 that we have gone somewhere else. I would be remiss if I didn't speak of Don Lewis as he was another piece of the puzzle that was very supportive of the Washington Township Police Department in his role as a trustee. He was always looking for equipment for us and asking me what I was waiting on. These people to my right – thank you all. Photo Ops in my office as it's always nice to have an American flag in the background.

**Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector**

- 40 calls last month - no permits
- Request for a variance but issues - need to check legal before I process it
- John and I met on road cut out here.
- You just passed the fee schedule but I will have to propose that to make it \$200 for a permit and \$25 for every square foot
- Talked to recorder's office - alley vacated behind spend a day and talked to Pat today - she is going to take it to the commissioners to see what can be done.
- Sent a couple violation letters - went and saw them they wouldn't accept the letter.
- Another complaint from resident about fence that was put up; talked to neighbor he said not moving it. Asked for a copy of the survey.
- ZCB training session is Feb 27th at 6:30 pm
- Any plans of setting up a storage for records?

**Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent**

- Snow, ice, and cold
- I think we've done alright - me and Rick have gone out early in the evening. Went out at 10:00 PM and came back at 2-3 AM. This AM it took me from 2:30 AM and 1.5 hours later to get here. I think we got a good jump this AM. Trustee Beck: We were changing trucks, plows, chains on / off, blades on, grit, etc..
- Battery needed for a couple dump trucks
- Maintenance items we've been working on
- Cruisers are in good shape other than one that needs a battery
- Down the street from Butch, coming back towards Fairview - first street, Hickory, a guy called and said every time it rains his house floods. I looked at it - there's a catch basin in his front yard and the lake is over the top. I took a picture of it too. His neighbor's spouting and comes down his house and has spouting that is this close to that drain.
- Trustee Beck: I stopped a Five Parks as that thing is sunk down pretty bad. It's all sunk down. It's going to need a catch basin. Pam: Something needs done. Trustee Faulder: Where on Five Parks? Pam: Park/Midway
- DP&L has been called about light out Council / Helen
- Trustee Beck: Back on Hickory at the back there is little room to get that truck down thru there. I did not sand because when you sand it throws the grit and stuff. Sharron: Does everything get sanded? If you want me to move my car so you can sand, I can move it. Trustee Beck: That would help a lot - I would hate to do that to somebody's car.

**LUC Board – Trustee Berg**

- I just received minutes - will attend meeting this Thursday so look to hear from me a lot more at the next mtg. Trustee Beck: Gary can you go with him to this first meeting? Gary: Yes, I'll go with him.

**EMS Board – Trustee Faulder**

- Meeting is this Wednesday. Dave: Last meeting was called off at end of the month. Once in December instead of two.

**Fire Board – Trustee Beck**

- I was playing Santa Claus and she was going to send me the minutes but haven't seen them yet.

**Old Business – Trustees**

- None

**New Business – Trustees**

- Don Lewis - calling on behalf of Washington Twp Residents give me a call I would appreciate it - 937-441-1757
- Nothing else right now

**Public Comments**

- Pam - I'll tell Mr. True about the limb - big pine tree tends to smack me around when I go by it. John: Waterbury, too.
- Don - Janice Rogers filing date is Jan 16th and she asked for an extension
- Dave - I appreciate the job that the Police Department is doing. It reflects the whole lake I think and they have done a great job and taken a bite out of things. If you want to do drugs then stay on the north side of the lake. I'm tired of hearing people say this is a resort. Designated driver and no drugs. I do have one other question. Are you involved with the dispensary sites of marijuana? That would be a good one to ask the county prosecutor.

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**Public Comments (Cont'd):**

- Terry – Buying salt/grit from the county - what happened to putting up your own salt bunker? Trustee Beck: Bloomfield built one but it was expensive. So we thought about a dome. Terry: Is it more feasible to do it that way or get it from the county? Trustee Beck: I called and it was cheaper to mix our own. If we had a bigger place sometime, they are open and sometimes they are not open. We load it out of the bin but the next day have to go back and fill it again. Everything north is black topped - south for the most part is tar and chipped. Terry: Last two years we haven't had to worry about it but having your own salt bunker would make the salt a lot cheaper and you could mix your own.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM. Trustee Berg seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday February 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.

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Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Rick Beck, Chairman

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Tucker Berg, Vice Chairman

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Jason Faulder, Member