

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on February 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Rick Beck, Don Lewis and Jim Hurley present. Others present: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, and Police Chief Rick Core; Road Supervisor, Randy Beck, absent. Others Present: Pam Rogers, Melissa Miller, Roger & Elsie Peterman, Sharon Devault, John & Beverly Cranblett, Thomas & Marie Hendel, Polly Crumley, Dave Rogers, Tammy Mansfield, Carlotta and Butch.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call. Trustee Beck made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Obligations - The clerk presented and Trustee Hurley made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Beck seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Reports - the fiscal officer also presented the Trustees for the period of 2/1/2017 – 2/28/2017 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 and all answered "Aye" - motion passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

- **Letter from Patricia Meyers**– reminder that all zoning resolutions should have been filed
- **Logan County Engineer's Office** – 2017 Paving Estimate for TR213 / TR214 is \$181,611 (less sales monies estimate of \$43,081.28 leaves \$138,529.72 from R&B fund). Trustees signed letter of approval.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **Calls for Service** - 222 CFS in month of January 2017. There may have been miscommunication as to the accuracy of these reports. The numbers are generated from the CFS system. Our agency # is 23 and that's where I pull my reports from. If we enter into a report - CFS goes in from our own report writing system. However, there are times the sheriff's office doesn't match up with our report...an example of that is if we're dispatched for a domestic violence call and sheriff's office back us up – we make the arrest, we do the paperwork, we go to court, and will show the call as we handled it. Sheriff's office may report it as a CFS because they showed up and were a support for us.
- I also mentioned in the January meeting that in 2015 we presented 148 cases to the Bellefontaine Municipal Court and in 2016 by mid-December we submitted 264 cases to Bellefontaine Municipal Court - that is a 56% increase in calls requiring more of our time being spent in court. Evidently, I was misquoted as saying the increase was due to 200 drug cases. I did not say that... I said the increase could be due to the increase in drug cases. On the CFS report I'm always looking at ways to cut pennies - it breaks down each call and is usually a 6-8 page report so I put it on one page. Not sure where the confusion came from so wanted to clear it up tonight in case someone doesn't understand. Anyone have any questions about CFS or data reported?
- Another misquote is cost of narcans shots for overdoses. Bellefontaine Examiner just ran a huge article on heroine that referenced stats from another agency and that the agency ran out of narcans. Specifically overdoses. They had 50 overdoses in one weekend. The people that do attend these meetings I talk to about this at every meeting. Huge cost to tax payers - it drives costs up in salaries, OPERS, equipment, and operating supplies for Police Departments, EMS, Fire Departments, etc.. However, Narcan cost has come down substantially. One individual in this area that had 6-7 doses of narcans - people thought it was \$1400 and that made many people angry. I was talking about the opiate shot for people who want to get off drugs - that shot is \$1400 per dose. I talk about this every time I get a chance. If you aren't out there dealing with it, it's difficult to understand. Trustee Lewis: So, actual cost is what...\$50. Chief Core: \$50..but for the people that think we should carry it in the cruisers - we would need trained so multiply that by 2 hours of training each and that's money we don't have. Had a repeat offender damage our cruiser and I wanted to recover those costs but he's going to jail for 8 years so I have no recourse and have to pay for it ourselves. If current trend continues ...heroine thing you can't pick up any source of media in this county and not see that law enforcement and drug activity are written up in almost every page. Jails are full. Trustee Beck: Then you get people putting stuff on social media and they don't have a clue - could end up a lawsuit. Chief Core: This is where you can help by writing letters - there was a time when if we went and responded with a squad - they sent a cruiser also. Narcan is the only drug to revive someone that has OD'd on heroin. These people don't know what it was cut with that makes it stronger than the last dose could have dire consequences. Every time I get notification of unresponsive person - I usually think here's another overdose. When I talk about this and see new faces in the audience and know that I get chamber of commerce, real estate companies upset when I do, I'm sorry but these numbers are not made up - pretty easy to see. Carlotta - is that \$50 per shot...so one person 6-7 times is \$300? Chief Core: Yes - it doesn't cost us though.
- **Additional Training** - Ohio's Attorney General in order to appease the public and a way to make you feel better is to increase our training mandates. Besides re-qualifying on everything we do already they added another 20 hours per officer so I have to find a way to pay for it.
- **IL Schools** - I visited the school last week with Emergency Response plan. In regards to West Liberty shooting that reignites in hearts and minds of people. So, West Liberty isn't that far from here and law enforcement called to help out. Indian Lake has as good an emergency response plan as possible. I started it off that we have no luxury of "this could never happen again" it's "where will the next one be". There are some significant changes in the plan the schools have. Trustee Beck: What was brought up and what is the plan? Chief Core: Post incident responses, practice all drills, etc... Also a person well informed about what Waynesfield Schools said that they arm faculty. I heard a couple of gasp in the room so I'm just bringing it up. The big discussion is -- it's just administrators (no teaching staff) they have them in boxes in various places in the building. The current things we are doing aren't working. Trustee Beck: Only total lock down will work. Questions anyone?

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

- Tammy Mansfield: given the light - you need support; what can we do to get our department to go full time? Chief Core: I could request a levy to allow us to go full time - but there is a 5 year renewable levy that's due in 2018. I'm working on a budget that is 20 years old. You could support the levy if I were to introduce one. Trustee Beck: We are pretty fortunate with our levies. Fiscal Officer Miller: The police department currently operates on two levies that as Chief Core said, are very old, and bring in only \$78,000/year. With the trustees approval I also allocate additional monies from the General Fund – Police Protection to use as / if needed. Tammy: First thing in the morning is someone there? Chief Core: Yes, we are. In 88% of all school killings another child knew it was going to happen. I go to challenge days (not on the clock as I know we need patrol time) and it's already paying off as I have kids call me and tell me hey - a fight at such and such a place after school so it's working. Hoping that this is one of the things we do to help earn their trust- they have my personal cell phone #.
- Sharon - renewal doesn't increase ? Chief Core: No, it is just a renewal.
- Polly - I want to thank you for what you do - we really appreciate you.
- Pam - Rick is always there for you - just call him. I had to call him two weeks ago and Rick said he would have someone stop by. Chief Core: I've said this before every tax paying citizen should have to do public service - it's a real eye opener. Thank you for your comments.

Zoning – Gary Bias

- Closed month with 20 calls; no zoning permits; will pick up after boat show
- Lisa and I met with web site person; lots of good ideas and put us in touch with a few other townships; local company. 25% of my calls are looking for forms so I think a web site would be useful.

Road Department – Rick Beck reporting for Randy

- Jackie has taken over since ran is in hospital.
- Plowed snow
- Drain on Orchard Island on Auditorium that needs looked at; catch basin / culvert will need put in.
- Two trees that need to come down also on Orchard Island - Woodlawn and Auditorium.
- Polly Crumley - my mother lives next door. It's 9735 Mauer Orchard Island (gave handouts). Bruce is manager at Cranberries (his father owns it); Trustee Lewis: I'll look into it.
- New blade on the new red truck - Trustee Lewis: What's wrong with the one that's on it now? Trustee Beck: ground down
- Trustee Hurley: Where is the new truck? Trustee Beck: Mark still has it.
- Trees in cemetery-Plum Trustee Hurley: Call Hurley? Trustee Beck: No-J&R ; we'll go take a look at them Wednesday @ 10:00

LUC Board –Trustee Hurley

- Here are the meeting minutes and treasures report from the Jan12 meeting.

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- Several meeting minutes 12/14/16
- Top items - chief and asst chief are now permanent
- Most all money is in the same place - getting closer
- Finally paying 24 hr people by what the law says; I spoke with lawyer on bylaws - he's a labor lawyer too; effective this pay period they will get 1.5 for lots of time.
- Trustee Beck: who are players now? Trustee Lewis: Just me, Norviel, Dennis, and Marie Trustee Hurley: Mayor isn't on ? Trustee Lewis: No, she was never on.
- Since permanent chief and asst chief I see them taking more ownership of the facility; painting, cleaning, rearranging - I really think all of the people there enjoy working again. Once the \$\$ is moved to the appropriate banks it will be better.
- Trustee Hurley: All straightened out with Robinaugh? Trustee Lewis: yes, they came to meeting and explained how it (billing) works. We discussed how we don't bill and the soft billing is no longer. We will send a bill if no money or barely covers fee then a bill for remainder will go out. Trustee Hurley: Across the board? Trustee Lewis: Across the board. But if people have a problem paying then it will be a one on one. Hopefully, within the next couple of months or so, hopefully, one meeting a month. We have one clerk and she's doing what she can.

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- Went to first meeting - didn't do a lot not on check signing thing yet
- Sending minutes. Trustee Lewis: You have to read your email.
- Good meeting - looking forward to boat show; they are helping at spend a day Jim Reed has some type of money maker things going on down there. I never take a payment there - I always give my checks to the Fire Fund (goes to fire fighters).

Public Comments

- **Nuisance Property issue:** Multiple persons talking at once complaining about neighbors not keeping property clean. Chief Core: I've talked to him told him that his is the only yard with no leaves.
- **Roger and Elise Peterman** - What is deal on the leaves for next year if they continue blowing out on the street? Trustee Beck: Any debris put out on the street is citable Chief Core: just call me and/or video tape it. Elsie: The only way to have it stopped is to charge them for taking the leaves. Trustee Lewis: This is the first time I've heard of it. Chief Core, have you spoken to this person. Chief Core: Yes, he said they blew over from the mound. I told him the ones on the curb are yours. I told him the neighbors are going to video tape it. Letter to him next year - we picked them up this year. We need to send a letter that this has been going on a couple of years - we picked up the leaves this year but no more. Roger: information on the spillway How long? Pam: Spring of 2018, it was in the paper. Elsie: We want to talk about buying a house - is there anything you can do to make them get rid of that house. No one knows the address. Chief Core: I will look at it and get the address.

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New Business – Trustees

- **Catch Basin** – Trustee Beck: Auditorium - Hurley excavating ? Need a catch basin - there's tile there just not making it from one side to the other.
- **DP&L - Jim Reed** - Trustee Beck: Jim Reed? Trustee Lewis: Jim Reed called and advised one house is down; there is a mobile home still there (two story house is gone) Trustee Beck: Did he get a permit for that? Gary: no Trustee Lewis: He has a pole there that he needs removed. I met with DP&L today. Trustee Beck: Not operational as far as our lighting district. Trustee Lewis: The big one is for a street light. Trustee Beck: No Trustee Hurley: Bury the line. Trustee Lewis: Run a new line Lisa: Same # of street lights? Trustee Beck: Expense is on him if there is any.
- **Berming** – Trustee Beck: Doing some berming this week.
- **Mowers** – Trustee Hurley: Mower serviced? Trustee Beck: We always do – been doing it every year. We take it to Apple Farm Service.

Old Business – Trustees

- **Title** - prosecutor's going to issue an order; Trustee Lewis: I told him we would reimburse his money or he can wait on the title; he said he will wait. Chief Core: I will contact prosecutor and ask where we are at.
- **Janice Rogers Property**: Trustee Lewis: Janice Rogers I went on Jan 30th looking at docket and didn't see her on the docket. Talked to prosecutor and advised he would be meeting me there. I called Judge Goslee and he agreed to meet. He got the folder. Apparently, one of the people off to the side in prosecutor's office talked with Judge O'Connor and met via phone conference and Janice got a stay until Feb 28th. I informed the Jarvis' and let them know when/where it was.
- **Cemetery** - Trustee Hurley: where are we at on cemetery software? Fiscal Officer Miller: Working on audit, web site, and Ohio's online checkbook so won't be looking into cemetery software until after those items are completed.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Hurley made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM. Trustee Beck seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Don Lewis, Chairman

Rick Beck, Vice Chairman

Jim Hurley, Member