

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 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: Butch & Carlotta Jones, Dan Defibaugh, Sharon Devault, Melissa Miller, Pam Rogers, David Wallace, Dave Rogers, Sharron Klahr, Chris Swysart, and Elmo & Cheryl Dilbone.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Beck with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call – Trustee Beck, Trustee Berg, Trustee Faulder, Chief Core, Gary Bias and John Newland all present. Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2018 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered “Aye” – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Obligations - The Fiscal Officer presented financial obligations to the trustees. Trustee Faulder made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Berg seconded the motion and all answered “Aye” – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Reports - The Fiscal Officer also presented the Trustees for the period of 1/1/2018 – 1/30/2018 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 and all answered “Aye” - motion passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

- MRH Health Center Open House – February 22nd from 4-6 PM
- Logan County Bicentennial Celebration – March 17th @ 7:00 PM (Holland Theatre)
- Ohio Ethics Law – free training on Tuesday, March 27th from 11-12:30 @ Ohio Hi-Point
- Varment Guard merged with Plunkett’s Pest Control
- Ohio Dept. of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month – Elected Officials Breakfast on Thursday, March 1st from 8:00-9:15 AM at LCBDD.
- Scott Coleman – 2017 Annual Road Mileage Certification – township is responsible for maintaining 31.253 miles of public roads. Need signatures of the trustees and Lisa will mail to Engineer’s Office by March 30, 2018.
- Patricia Myers, County Recorder – request filing of all zoning resolutions and amendments with the office of the County Recorder and included fees.
- Advised Trustees that by using CareWorksComp Group Premium ratings for Workman’s Comp coverage cost savings to the township is \$1,861.00.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **Officers Down Memorial Page** - Good Evening - this over my badge is to honor the two officers slain over the weekend. Talked to a county official excited his son is coming home from Afghanistan and also an officer. Mentioned how he felt safer in the military than in law enforcement. He’s seen the statistics on "Officers Down Memorial Page" - culturally we missed a turn somewhere. I don't think that is changing any time soon. A couple years ago I went to a seminar called “Under 100” and made all officers go to it. The picture was a police cruiser wrapped around a telephone pole. When we got there, we learned under 100 was an initiative to try to get officers killed in line of duty under 100 and last time that had happened was 1943. This year we have already had 15 killed in the line of duty. Trustee Beck: Are you attending that service for those officers. Chief Core: Yes, I am.
- **ILMS** – Fentanyl in school scare. Won't go into all the details. Family of young lady tried to tell everyone it was soap and everyone over-reacted. Thanks to the Board of Trustees, we have drug-testing kits in our cruisers - and it tested positive for fentanyl and contact with it can be fatal. We have protocols in the department that have been developed because of the fentanyl. The school did everything right according to their plan for this situation. They notified staff and parents as they absolutely needed to know. The school was transparent and truthful in the information they shared and was what we had at that time but until we get report back from BCI we won't know for certain. The only problem was it happened at 1:29 PM and we were on the scene quickly but worried about searching the entire building for other substances. So, we got three canines from other police depts. and there were no other drugs in the building. The reason I'm bringing that up is that it was significant for our school district - here is what's wrong with our culture. There was social media blasting. We don't factor in age, gender, race if we are met with a particular stimulus - we base our response from our training. There was no over-reaction from the school. They find baggie with fine white powder - packaged professionally. It was like powdered sugar so very, very good refinement. Even if it was a 12 year old, we knew it was from someone dealing in drugs. It did test positive for fentanyl but again we are waiting on BCI lab to report back to us. It may not be pure fentanyl but definitely has fentanyl in it. Trustee Beck: Supt. Rob Underwood put it out to parents and faculty and he also said what a great and professional job WTPD did and made the staff and students feel safe. Chief Core: I think the schools need to be complimented. They are all about transparency and communicating to the parents. I advised to put it out there and Supt. Underwood was in favor of that as well. Pam: Are they are going to try and teach kids more in the school about that? Chief Core: They already have been teaching that for some time now and will continue to do so. Tonight is family night and Officer Thompson and Officer Wisener will be there. Pam: There were kids that said they put their fingers in it. Chief Core: Not true, that bag was completely sealed and had not been compromised. I think a lot of the people like the drama and want to be part of what happened when they had nothing to do with it. Trustee Beck: Biggest thing I heard was time period it happened was when school was letting out and school was locked down. Chief Core: I did - I held them up for 20 minutes. It was in line with the school’s emergency response plan. Trustee Beck: I was here earlier - new recruit. One thing about Chief Core is he gives credit to everyone else. However, he's the guy behind it all. All agreed and clapped. Chief Core: Somehow we have to take this back - the cultural change. I also believe 100% that because of what's happening in society that's why police officers are getting ambushed out there.

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Police Department – Chief Rick Core (cont'd)

- **Calls for Service** - CFS 274 – CFS in Jan 320 - just from one month to the next. It's alarming to have 320 CFS in January. I keep sharing as this is important. We have a levy so this is important. I'm working with same resources from 25 years ago. Can you live today on what you lived on 25 years ago? Municipal Court only we had 148 cases in 2015, 264 cases in 2016 and over 600 cases in 2017...that's just one court. So, what do you think happens to my budget when we are dealing with that much more? Using more ink, paper, salaries, car upgrade, gasoline, etc.. We have to figure out a way to get it back. Dave: What's the increase from? Chief Core: drugs.....drugs. We used to see those calls mostly on the weekend. I can't wrap my head around it. Two years ago an increase in overdoses linked to heroine from Dayton that was laced with fentanyl. Trustee Beck: Is some of it related to judicial system? Chief Core: I would be careful in saying that. Trustee Beck: If judges were more strict, I know that jails are full. Dave: Goslee is going after the max and they don't have the resources to provide counseling to get off of it, you'll spend 30 days in jail and they aren't getting counseling. Melissa: That counseling won't work - it's a vicious circle. Chief Core: I know two families that sent their kids to the best facilities in the country and they both relapsed. I'm a huge advocate of making the public aware. We are getting more suspicious cars and people called in than ever before as people are talking now. I'm considered an old fuddy duddy when I say marijuana leads to more drugs and stronger drugs. It goes to pills, crack, cocaine, heroin, etc.. and is out of control and I see no end in sight. If you want us out there nailing them, we're going to keep doing it, but it cost money. Trustee Beck: They back the fire dept, they back the squad, but they also need to back these guys too. They all work on the same level. It's nothing to see the Fire Dept in the 70-80% range and the squad I'm not sure, hopefully they bounce back too. We have to have our levy passed this November, 2018. Chief Core: I'm a taxpayer too and I don't like to pay taxes but I don't mind voting for the schools as someone was doing it for me. We do have a renewal coming up this year and you can pick the paper up almost any night and see us in there. The things we are dealing with are ongoing. The recidivism in Logan County is hopefully going to change, wait and see. Big improvement....Judge Goslee gave one 14.5 years, a male 6.5 years, so those nails are starting to get hammered to the board.
- Big case involving past IL Schools Supt. O'Donnel is now behind us. Again, a lot of social media - 14 counts and one plea....why? I sat with victim and she didn't want her mom to go to prison. So, that opened the door for a plea agreement. That was completely 100% what the victim wanted. This has been about her from day one. A lot of it done for free as it was the right thing to do.

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- 60 calls, one zoning permit in Moundwood
- Variance application Feb 20th - height; also other contributing factors
- Working with LUC for past year; marked up our zoning resolution, suggestions, and schedule four meetings per year with each board. ZAB what do you want to cover? The ZCB going over resolution, marijuana, etc..
- Along that line we have no alternate for the ZCB - Don Lewis said he would be willing to take that position. Faulder / Berg made a motion to put Don Lewis on as an alternate.
- Talked to Bud - he's fine staying on.
- Road cut permit - can you pass a resolution that it goes up to \$200. John: The only thing I did question was in the highlighted area there is if a private individual does that, I'm wondering if they went thru a phone line, cable line, ethernet, or whatever. Trustee Beck: Don't they have to choose from a list? Gary: We wanted to handle in house. Trustee Beck: I think in John's behalf we have to have someone who knows how to put that back together right like Terry Miller, or H&S so that is built into what you're working on. John: I think that should stay in there. Lisa to create resolution for the next meeting regarding road cuts. Needs to be voted on at next meeting.
- Talk to Amy Shaffer and brought in paperwork that closed the alley. Jim has no plans to store anything at this time.
- Working on a couple violation orders - 235 is one (end of Feb goes to prosecutors office)
- Finally got in touch with FEMA about flood plane issues. That's a real gray area. It has to be approved by flood plan director for Logan County.

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- A lot of snow and ice – gone through a lot of grit
- Need to do some work on a manhole cover up at Fairview if anyone plows near that I folded the plow up on that twice now. Trustee Beck: Have you contacted the sewer department? John: Twice, I knocked the lid clear off of it. There's two right there. It's ok if you know where they're at. Trustee Beck: I need John / Gary to go with me to the sewer department to talk about this stuff. This week? John/Gary: yes
- Got old salt spreader on the 350 and it was going to be \$1200 to fix it but I re-fabbed it and built a new box and mounted the old motor and cost us about \$150. Rick, did it work good? Trustee Beck: Yes, it did. John: I don't know how long it's going to last. I think when it's time, we need to replace it with the same kind. Narrow streets like in Five Parks need that because you broadcast down the center of the road and take care of both sides. Trustee Beck: We're going to talk about salt bin today. John: Brought the mower in and cleaned it up and. Trustee Beck: Big mower tractor tires – RRR, you want to get quotes ready for the next meeting.
- Trustee Beck: I know John has continued to service the Police Fleet and doesn't get into street time. If there's a rainy day, he pulls them in and takes care of them.

LUC Board – Trustee Berg

- Went to first meeting last month ODOT was there going over road closures
- 235 North of Lake - bridge replacement
- 33/274 study to revamp and make it squared up and safer
- Pilot at 287 & 33 - Stokes Road
- Trustee Beck: That is the first time that anyone has come back from LUC with that much information.

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EMS Board – Trustee Faulder

- First meeting we had and elected a new chairman, which is myself.
- Working on building and meeting with Cale Jacobs on building. Original cost was \$200,000 to keep it as is but with a couple of changes, don't know what the cost will be.
- Working on policy and procedure manuals
- That's it - meet this Wednesday and see what type of information from there.

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- Mark Gibson puts out one of the best reports at the end of the year. I'll leave it out so you can take a look.
- I've got minutes, agenda, financials

Old Business – Trustees

- None

New Business – Trustees

- Trustee Berg: Went to County Quarterly meeting and was kind of nice, Lisa and Rick Core were there.
- Trustee Faulder: Can we look at paying twice a month for full time? Lisa: I can check but all employees know upon hire that we meet and sign warrants once a month. I'm pretty sure it would require us to meet twice a month and we have only one full time employee, John but I'll check.
- Trustee Beck: Impound - how many cars are you talking about? Chief Core: It depends on how quickly you are picking up those vehicle. Storage fee each day. The whole mindset is offsetting additional expenses. Trustee Beck: RP what are the charges. Dave: Tow is \$100 and most of the time – Chief Core: \$25/day. Dave: Half get abandoned and we get titles on them and sell online. Trustee Beck: How many in a month? Dave: More than ten in a month. Chief Core: For us it's 25-30/month. Dave: We had it cleared out two weeks ago and now there are five. Trustee Beck: round figure - normal stay for a vehicle? Chief Core: There are a lot of variables on it. We have a car back there right now that we could probably sell for \$50. Trustee Beck: Inside? Dave: It depends on how you can secure it and ensure that no one will plant anything in it. Trustee Beck: What size salt bin? Maybe combine them a storage / salt bin. Table it for now but do a study on it. Trustee Berg: How fancy does this building need to be? Trustee Faulder: Building doesn't have to be that big- only need to go inside if pending case. Most stay outside. Trustee Beck: Get the fence up, stone in, look into cost of salt bay.

Public Comments

- Dan Defibaugh – I wanted to stop in and introduce myself to new members here and have been going to meetings with villages and townships. I am running for county commissioner. Worked for Ben Logan for 30 years and just retired at first of year. I've been involved with building projects, am a class one waste water operator and dealt with EPA. I was on the first Hazmat team for Logan County. I have dealt with a lot of engineering asphalt, drives, boilers, which I think would be useful in the commissioner's office. I just wanted to stop by and introduce myself.
- Dave Wallace - I would like to thank Chief Core and their men. Something has clicked here in the last year. Somehow, get to the bottom of this. It's taking a whole team to move forward with it.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Trustee Berg seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday March 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Rick Beck, Chairman

Tucker Berg, Vice Chairman

Jason Faulder, Member