

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Jason Faulder, Tucker Berg, and Don Lewis present. Others present: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, Road Supervisor John Newland, Officer Mike Thompson and Police Chief Rick Core. Others present: Melissa Miller, Pam Rogers, Sharon DeVault, Butch & Cheryl Dilbone, Dave Rogers and Tish Bonham.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Berg with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call – Trustee Berg, Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder, Chief Core, Gary Bias and John Newland all present. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Lewis 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 Lewis seconded the motion and all answered “Aye” – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Reports - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 1/1/2020 – 1/31/2020 a Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register for their review and signatures. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the financial reports and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

- **Township Hall** - I just want to thank Jana Core, John Newland, Don Lewis and anyone else that helped in making our Township Hall look amazing! I know there was a lot of work going on here by some dedicated people and think it looks like a brand new room now...much brighter and professional looking. Thanks again to all who worked so hard, I appreciate you and the job you did.
- **Resolution 2020-001 in the matter of accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor** – Trustee Faulder moved to approve the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and certifying the necessary tax levies to the County Auditor. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered “Aye”; resolution passed 3-0.
- **Resolution 2020-002 in the matter of adoption of the permanent appropriations for FY2018** - Trustee Faulder moved to adopt the Permanent Appropriations for FY2020 and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered “Aye”; resolution passed 3-0.
- **Resolution 2020-003 in the matter of approving zoning change to Robert Palmer Parcel** - Trustee Faulder moved to approve changing parcel #51-032-00-00-003-000 owned by Robert Palmer to zoning district R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered “Aye”; resolution passed 3-0.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **CFS 283 for January.** No spikes in anything; pretty consistent with what we're dealing with right now.
- **Thanks** - I'd like to thank Jana, Don and Trustees to support updating this place, great job done by all.
- Because of water front properties; IL is a rich and wealthy district. However, over 70% are at or below poverty level per IL Schools Superintendent. So can't get funding from the state. The state takes money a lot more often than they give money.
- **Bruno Update** - at the last meeting - Bruno approved for out- patient surgery. Went well, he recovered fine and back to full service and is as good as ever.
- I've been campaigning and going to other township meetings. From that, I can tell you that our Washington Township Board and Fiscal Officer are as different as night and day from the rest. The professionalism, communication, etc.. are far above what I see elsewhere in the county. I know what people expect from elected officials. Believe me, there is a glaring difference.
- **The Officers Down Memorial Page** are at 16 already in 2020. Four Police Officers in critical condition. I was watching a news piece on that this AM. This anti-sentiment about police officers is a real thing - size doesn't matter. The bottom line is folks wearing a badge and a uniform are being targeted at an alarming rate. It's nice to work in a community where that's not the case. Last year we ended up at 144 (2019).
- **Training coming up** - called "Under 100" it's banner is a police cruiser wrapped around a telephone pole. The training is called “under 100” b/c it's been since 1943 since there were less than 100 officers killed in the line of duty.
- **Information** - - There's not as much of the disconnect - people call to complain about various things and address each thing. I was called to a local business handing out pamphlets to legalize marijuana. The manager asked them to leave and they became belligerent. The manager called Chief Core. I had an attorney call me after that about ... violated their constitutional rights.....I advised him it was three of them to one of me - one has his hands in his pockets - seen too many videos where officers killed. They were argumentative, showed persistent disorderly conduct so I cuffed him and put him in the cruiser. I explained to this attorney. I was out numbered 3-1 and they had already used abusive, profane language with the manager. If someone says something about a police officer doing his/her job in this area - we get spit on, heroin-loaded syringes thrown at us, etc.. We are edgy but we try to be professionally edgy. If you are part of any of those conversations, please share some of these comments.
- Cruiser still an Issue - Calling Tom at Statewide tomorrow to discuss. It's an ongoing thing.....don't know when it will end or if there is anything we can do about it.

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- 75 Calls – two zoning permits (one for a modular and the other for a storage building)
- Talked to architect for convenience store in Waterbury; supposed to be up within the next two months
- ZAB meeting Feb 24 at 6:30 - Mt Tabor wants to put an addition onto the maintenance workers residence. U1 and it would add 32' but would only be 68' instead of 100'
- Following up on violation letters

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- Talked to lady at Liberty National Bank about the property at 7036 Allen Drive (Cathy Ogden's property). Bank is paying the taxes. Bank texts Cathy / Wayne (they are having health problems). She asked me to get estimate to removing the trailer.
- Court St - tree fell on the camper;
- Signed Robert Palmer re-classification
- Talked to New IL Park Manager; we have a resident that regularly contacts me about easement. Post signs, etc.. When I talked to Bill Goslee he advised it's a private issue not a township issue. ODNR owns the two easements. Steve told him to put together a list of who resides on both sides. A few back on Orchard Island, too. Trustee Faulder: This happened last year and I checked into it. I was told there is nothing the township can do about it. All Trustees: Do nothing.
- Aaron and Brad working on zoning resolution issues. Getting recommendations, ZCB will have to meet at least twice but you're looking at 2-3 months out.
- Talked to Jama at map room and there is a buyer that is going to purchase all of those properties. Told him to make sure the deed shows they have a right to get to those properties.

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- Township Hall is done.
- Not much plowing to do yet
- Three loads of grit and used 1.5 loads so far
- Indian & Allen: Spoke about Hurley not getting back with me on that one drain job so had Logan Excavating \$3800; Trustees: Ask him to do it for \$3,000 and we would do the stone. Trustee Lewis made a motion and Trustee Faulder seconded that if Logan Excavating came down to \$3,000 with the agreement we would do the stone, to proceed. All were in agreement with that motion voting "Aye" 3-0. John will see what he can do and let the Trustees know.
- Across to Connie - \$1800; Trustee Lewis made a motion and Trustee Faulder seconded that if he will lower that to \$1500 with the same agreement that we haul the stone for both, we are approving that. All were in agreement with the motion voting "Aye" 3-0.
- While it's still wintertime - doing the restrooms at the Washington Township Park. Trustee Lewis: Confirming it's \$2062.84 for you and our assistants. Trustee Lewis: I make a motion to begin work on the restrooms at the park and not to exceed \$3,000. Trustee Faulder and all were in agreement voting "Aye" 3-0.
- I have to put rear brakes on the 350. We need a jack and some jack stand - Trustees approved \$700 NAPA.
- Trustee Lewis: John and I went thru a dilemma with the maintenance building we've had six years. We are really using the propane gas and don't know why. We've had it looked at – there are no leaks. We're trying a couple things that were suggested to us and keeping an eye on it, will let you know if it improves or if we find something causing it.

LUC Board – Trustee Lewis

- Nothing - talk about a bridge closing down on CR 21 but nothing with Washington Twp.

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EMS Board – Trustee Berg

- Two new board members - Steve Terrel and Ryan Shoffstall
- Mike Yoder there to give yearly report. Revenue up \$100,000 but expenses were up to \$500,000 due to new squad and new building.
- Looked at cash reserve down right now due to expense of new squad; but should be coming up.
- Trustee Lewis: Countywide taking care of DeGraff, etc...You have to watch the two mayors; and I hear the mayor talking about the manpower expense. If you hire more people to work 2nd shift. Complaints about the overtime - which they weren't paying when I was on there before. Trustee Berg: The expense of adding those people cost more than paying the overtime.
- Trustee Berg: I'm the Chairman of the EMS Board for 2020
- EMS meetings are changing from 5:00 to 6:00 PM for the next mtg; so all mtgs will be at 6:00 PM
- 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the new squad room

Fire Board – Trustee Faulder

- Moved meeting from 6:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Six (6) new fire firefighters starting Level 2
- Trustee Faulder: I'm the Chairman of the Fire Board for 2020

Old Business – Trustees

- none

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New Business – Trustees

- Trustee Lewis: Kip couldn't make it but he will be at the next mtg; plans to offer the same mowing bid \$310 / both cemeteries.
- Trustee Lewis: Idea that I have - once a year we give a beautification award. Especially for a house that was once a problem and now is beautiful. Maybe a plaque or something presented at one of our meetings. All agreed, great idea!
- Trustee Faulder: I won't be here at the March 9th meeting as I'll be out of town. If we want to have it earlier I can attend just not the week of March 9th. Trustees decided to keep it on Monday, March 9th as it is currently scheduled.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Lewis made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM. Trustee Berg seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday March 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Tucker Berg, Chairman

Don Lewis, Vice Chairman

Jason Faulder, Member