

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

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

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on March 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Don Lewis and Jim Hurley present, Trustee Beck not present. Others present: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, and Police Chief Rick Core; Road Supervisor, Randy Beck, absent. Others Present: Denise Jarvis, David Wallace, Dave Rogers and Tammy Mansfield.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call. Trustee Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 2-0.

Financial Obligations - The clerk presented and Trustee Hurley made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 2-0.

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 Lewis made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" - motion passed 2-0.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

- **Resolution 2017-002** – Adoption of 2017 Permanent Appropriations. Trustee Hurley made a motion to approve resolution 2017-002 and Trustee Lewis seconded. A vote was taken and all answered "Aye" – resolution passed 2-0.
- **Township Website** – Gary / I have met with Chris Anders who is developing our township web site for \$400. Yearly fee for hosting / maintaining it is \$700 per year. It should be up and running in 30-60 days. Trustee Hurley: Don't you need a motion for that? Fiscal Officer Miller: No, unless you want to make one. Trustees Lewis / Beck asked Gary and I in December to get the web site developed due to the requests from township residents at our public meetings so I know they are in favor of it. Trustee Lewis are you still in favor of a web site? Trustee Lewis: Yes Fiscal Officer Miller: Trustee Hurley are you in favor of a township web site? Trustee Hurley: No, I am not. Fiscal Officer Miller: Being that at almost every meeting we are asked when the web site will be up and running again as well as personally as the township Fiscal Officer, I want all financial transactions and trustee decisions to be easily transparent to the public, they need and deserve to know how their tax dollars are spent and how decisions are made for concerns they may have. Gary and I will proceed with the web site since the majority of the trustees are in favor and asked us to move forward. If, at the next meeting in April, the majority of trustees do not wish for us to continue working on the web site with Mr. Anders, please advise us at that time and Gary and I will stop our work with the web site development.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **John Coleman** - called and wants name of whoever did tree trimming across the street Union/Allen in five parks. Left debris and also damaged one of our stop signs. Who did we use? Trustee Lewis: That wasn't us - the people that live next to him. We don't know who they used. Gary: 7211 Allen Street
- **240 CFS** in month of February compared to 222 CFS month before that.
- **Drug Problems** - all dept heads, Police Dept, Sherriff Dept, State Patrol were at meeting on Thursday regarding the heroin problem. Don't know what I hoped to be accomplished as we've met before. I guess, some of the meetings I've gone to I said I wouldn't use taxpayer dollars for narcan and people are upset that we won't use government money for narcan. I don't see taxpayer dollars used for narcan to revive them 6-7 times in the same month...sometimes week. I don't see the need for it.
- **CenturyLink** - I got kicked off seven times and I was livid. Lisa contacted CenturyLink and arranged for new equipment and a technician so we have all new lines, router, and it's working fine.
- **HTM Donation** - As I mentioned earlier we are blessed to have a company like HTM who actively reach out to various entities like the township and recently donated \$9300 for body cameras, taser and another in-car video system. Without donations like that we wouldn't be able to purchase the equipment we so desperately need, we are grateful for their generosity.
- **School Safety** - I got invited to two different meetings at the High School to discuss Emergency Response Plan. Told them I was actively seeking support for a night lock door barricade system in all the schools. Working with area businesses - I have the letter all put together and I sent one to Honda and they again stepped up in a big way and presented the school with a check for \$9800 - so that will take care of two complete schools. I researched several apparatus' and this night lock was the most durable, simplistic. Trustee Hurley: They do what? Chief Core: Hardware in the floor and the teacher can activate quickly which will prevent a shooter from getting in.
- **Training** - Nice piece of information from Lisa - turned in paperwork to state as we have more and more unfunded training required by State of Ohio. When they mandate that, they don't give you any way to pay for it. You can voice your opinions to the Attorney General and I typed up a nice little letter to them as I'm tired of them depleting my budget and they offer no suggestions for how to do that. They replied if I met certain requirements, they would see what they could do and they came through with a reimbursement check for around \$1500. Always trying to figure out ways to offset expenditures in the department.
- **Nuisance Properties** - I'm pretty sure I'm preaching to the choir. I'm upset with the amount of money we pay to the Health Department, and we get no return on our investment. Kauffman replied "we're on it" but he never gets back with me. Trustee Lewis: I talked to them too. Chief Core: I counted 15 cats on top of the vehicles, under the house. Trustee Lewis: I was at her house the other day and no one was there. Chief Core: he was huffing and puffing - I can't do anything. I advised him to clean it up or we will be coming after him. I will pester them until they clean it up. Rumor has it that Kathy is in the hospital. Denise: I work with her niece. I reached out to this family to help clean it up. Her cousin has been feeding the cats but the smell is so bad that he can't do it. You can't walk by it without gagging. Chief Core: I responded to you Denise, the Health Dept, the hoarders, Fire Department, etc.. However, they have to be willing to adopt a lifestyle and they would provide free counseling etc. but she has to welcome that in and she won't. I have contacted everyone I can. Trustee Hurley: Did we take a red van out of there years ago? Chief Core: yes, I tried to get the motorhome out too, sentimental heirloom, etc.. I just wanted the board to know what I've been dealing with and wondering when / how we can get action from the Health Dept. Gary: I sent her a letter too.

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- **One last thing** - In order for me to work in conjunction with Gary - on any property that a complaint has been brought to the board's attention - Gary has his letter. Of course, we understand the situation I went thru with Nancy on Cottage Grove - not considered criminal but civil. To me, if I go and tell you that your property is in violation of a zoning resolution to me that's where I can apply the law. The judge sat down with me and gave me some advice - directed me to the prosecutor. Prosecutor advised: You shouldn't be doing that job unless you draft a resolution that you can pursue criminally. The old judge would allow us to make it a criminal violation and gave me the authorization to take the vehicles. So, do the trustees have any interest in me pursuing that? Trustee Hurley: Didn't we talk about that before (to Gary)? Gary: Yes, but it's civil. Chief Core: I want to put more teeth into it. Gary can try civil approach first and if that doesn't work then create a resolution that it becomes criminal when I get involved. He liked the language of the letter but refused to acknowledge that it was criminal, said it was civil. Prosecutor said create a resolution and get it approved. Trustee Lewis: A woman called me today and there's a complaint on your desk. Chief Core: I have it already. In addition, I have a recommendation for the board, if you are interested. If you are a resident of Washington Township you need to be responsible and pick up your refuse - we can add this to the resolution. If you put trash out, you are responsible for it.

Zoning – Gary Bias

- Had 35 calls this month – wrote 2 permits
- Had three zoning violations - Elizabeth Grube (returned); SR 366 that Rick had mentioned; they have until 17th to respond.
- Talked to Eric about him taking more interest in nuisance properties and he said new hire will be handling that.
- Jim Reed sold mobile home and moved it to 8891 Maple ; told him he has 30 days to get me the title or off the property.
- Lisa – can you print a two (2) two sided copies of LUC Resolution? Lisa: yes, just email it to me.
- Trustee Hurley requested Gary send a letter

Road Department – Rick Beck reporting for Randy

- Quote for \$1500 for three trees (J&R) – Trustee Hurley made a motion to approve and Trustee Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

LUC Board – Trustee Hurley

- Minutes through February 9, 2017
- 2017 budget summary
- Nothing for the township

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- Not a lot going on. We got a laptop. Still haven't got money transferred. A lot of worn out equipment that needs to be purchased but now is not a good time to be buying as they are just barely getting by. \$26,000 in the checking - previous was \$36,000 in bills and \$25,000 in receipts
- This board signs off on every bill and sign the checks.
- Had some past due OPERS from prior year that we had to pay and that was \$16,000, insurance was \$5300. Trustee Hurley: Bow? Trustee Lewis: We paid them. Trustee Hurley: You did? Trustee Lewis: Yes, we got the signed prints - it was \$8300.

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- No report

Public Comments

- **Denise Jervis** - Chief Core touched on one of the things I was asking about with the trash. With the trash on a nuisance property. The man's apt issue I got the information and Matt called the landlord and we got that taken care of. Cale Jacobs has rentals on Hardin and Matt has his # too and can reach out to him. However, there should be a rule that trash has to be secured. Gary mentioned a couple - **8250 Indian Dr.** - Melissa Tevis is the resident there but it's in Elizabeth Grube's name. There is a utility by her morton bldg with bags of trash that she stores there. I brought photos with my complaint form as well. There is a jeep Cherokee that is parked there as well - two flat tires, one window is out, expired tag, and covered with plastic. Skirting is gone and there is plywood there too - I don't know if that is in violation or anything. I can include it with debris. Trustee Hurley: If we get the resolution done we can put an ad in the paper to let everyone know that it exists. Chief Core: I have court cases pending with two of her children and I get accused of picking on her family all of the time anyway.
7036 Allen Dr - Catherine Ogden is owner but quite frankly this property is absolutely disgusting. She feeds a large amount of cats - they have fleas and ticks and use my flowers, landscaping as a litter box and my car as a scratching post. Trustee Lewis: Do we have any animal control for cats? Dave: there is a lady that gets them fixed. Gary: If they were dogs we could do something, but not cats. Denise: I worked with the Health Dept a year back to get it cleaned up. She is running out of room in the house and she is shoving stuff in an RV that has been disabled and never moved in years. It's deplorable. Chief Core: I have contacted Prosecutor and Health Department. Denise: I think the niece is going to see about someone helping or they hire someone. Blinds are broken and torn up. Chief Core: It's packed so tight in there that what you are seeing is garbage pressed up against the window. I told him on Friday that it's probably the living conditions causing his health problems. Children are at their wits end - it is a mental problem.

New Business – Trustees

- Lawn's Plus quote for mowing cemeteries - \$310 / week for 2017 mowing season same as it has always been. Trustee Hurley made a motion to accept the bid and Trustee Lewis seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
- Trustee Lewis: Complaint about Orchard Island road and the line that's not there anymore - could we do it again. Do we have a sweeper? Trustee Hurley: No

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Old Business – Trustees

None

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Hurley made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM. Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion passed 2-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 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