

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

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

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 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.

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 Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2018 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Berg 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 2/1/2018 – 2/28/2018 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

- **Logan County Health District**- Annual Meeting will be held on March 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM
- **Average grit used over three year period** (2016-2018) is 146 ton at an average cost of \$52.58/ton
- **JT Tree Service LLC** – out of Rushsylvania sent a brochure and business card, I will invite him to the next meeting.
- **Resolution 2018-001 in the matter of adoption of the permanent appropriations for FY2018** Trustee Faulder moved to adopt the Permanent Appropriations for FY2018 and Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered “Aye”; resolution passed 3-0.
- **Resolution 2018-002 in the matter of adopting changes to Washington Township Zoning Permit Fees** Trustee Faulder moved to authorize the fee for road cut/excavation permits be raised to \$200 plus \$20 per square foot and Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered “Aye”; resolution passed 3-0.
- **Lawn’s Plus** owner, Cliff May brought proposal for mowing, trimming and clean up of both Plum and Lewistown cemeteries with no change in cost, remains \$310/weekly and includes both cemeteries. Trustee Berg made a motion to accept Lawn’s Plus proposal and Trustee Faulder seconded. A vote was taken and all answered Aye; motion passed 3-0.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **Recognition of Officer Earl Wisener** – It’s an honor and a pleasure to present Officer Earl Wisener with two recognition letters and a commendation tonight. The first recognition letter is from the **Logan County Sheriff’s Department**. From Logan County Sheriff, Randall Dodds wrote, “My thanks to your department. During the evening hours of Friday, January 26, 2018 a one vehicle rollover accident occurred on U.S. 33 near TR 95. The driver of the vehicle was ejected and pinned under it. Washington Township Officer Earl Wisener and his passenger, Travis Davidson arrived on the scene and assisted Sgt. Kopus, Deputy Wood and RP Police Officer Greg Praither in maneuvering the vehicle off of the individual, probably saving their life.”

The second letter and commendation is from **Washington Township Police Chief Rick Core**, he writes: “After reviewing the events on Friday evening, January 26, 2018, you are receiving a life saving commendation medal for your actions. Officer Earl Wisener, you were dispatched to a one vehicle crash on U.S. 33 near TR 95 where the driver was ejected and pinned under the car. Your involvement and quick actions assisting other officers on the scene to literally lift the vehicle off of the victim undoubtedly saved the man’s life. Your part in this call for service is 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 Early Wisener for a job well done! Now, if everyone from Officer Wisener’s family would like to go into my office for pictures you are all welcome.”

- **CFS** - 316 CFS in February - few more accidents than average, nine last month so it’s a lot of paperwork. My narrative continues to be the same. Drugs, drug instruments, drug paraphernalia... Earl got involved last night. Their names sounded Czech and had meth, drug paraphernalia, and loaded firearm. That’s the sixth firearm that Earl has dealt with this last week. Trustee Beck: Can you introduce your officers? Chief Core: It is a pleasure to serve with these Officers; this is Officer Thompson and he has been with us two years, Officer Wisener who just celebrated his one year anniversary, and Officer Boyd currently is in year one. We just finished CPR classes and both are wearing life saving medals - just a dedicated group of Officer serving Washington Township. No surprise they are performing at the level they do. They have not disappointed. Talk about motivated individuals, they inspire me and I’m very proud of all of these fine gentlemen.
- **School Safety** - Assembly took place at school and I spoke to entire student body. Discussed with them that there would be zero tolerance for putting things on social media regarding violence in the schools. Since the Parkland, FL tragedies kids are making threats on social media and think it’s funny. There was a threat that later proved to be out of state - but prosecutor, and law enforcement are tired of dealing with it. Any kids engaging in that kind of media will be dealt with a harsh blow. Local Kiwanas ask me to come speak - it’s a hot topic for good reason. At IL Schools on a constant basis we go over the drills for each school as the three buildings are layed out completely different so we train staff/students how to prepare for a variety of threats that could occur.
- **Safety Town** - Discussion about holding a Safety Town in our Park to create that as a reality in the township. Anyone having any input or who would like to help out would be much appreciated, just let me know.

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Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- Handled 55 calls last month - one road cut and one zoning permit
- ZAB met on Feb 20th on Orchard Island and denied by the board; after meeting went over future issues. Article 9 – March 19th.
- ZCB - Brad from LUC came down and did a slide presentation on roles & responsibilities, amendments and medical marijuana. April 2nd is our next meeting. Both are working meetings and are posted on board, examiner and web site.
- No response from Shannon Reames as an alternate so will take him off.
- Don't know if you had a chance to look over road cut - sent to Dave Walsh
- Called owner of place on 366 that has had the repeated trash violations. He said he would clean it up. They were out working one of the two days I drove by.

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- Talked to Mid American salt and they use the clear building with a 20 year guarantee. Just to get an idea what they are a 26x12x36 and they are using concrete barriers as base to sit on. Poured floor, concrete barriers and bldg. would be about \$11,352.11.
- Mid American salt is \$80 per ton but it's a 2 to 1. 50 ton of salt you would need 100 ton of grit - grit is \$13.50/ton. You're looking to do that at \$1824.50. How many ton will fit into that size of building? Trustee Beck: We want to talk this over a little bit. We could use the other half for storage. John: That salt will eat up anything that's in there. Trustee Beck: Yes, I know. Is there a closure for the end of it? Is that in the price? Table for now.
- I called RRR - on front tires on the case. The ones now are tubeless. The ones with tubes are \$376 for the pair. I can get tubeless for \$308. We've plugged that one twice. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the purchase of tires from RRR for \$616 and Trustee Berg seconded. All answered "Aye" and the motion was passed 3-0.
- Chipper is just about finished. Got the radiator in that - Veneer.
- Lastly - we're going to have 4-5 trees at Waterbury need to come down and one at Plum. Waterbury all ash and all dead. Get some wind and they just snap. Trustee Beck: Just need to make sure they are our trees.
- Signs up on 61 and Marion Dr

LUC Board – Trustee Berg

- ODOT was there going over districts 6 and 7; list of projects to complete this year.
- Also - LUC teamed up with company covering wrecks, accidents, truck traffic and other cool info broken down by curve, stop sign, moving vehicle, non-moving vehicle, etc.. Trustee Beck: In our area? Trustee Berg: Not specifically.
- Currently accepting bids on the building - by next month

EMS Board – Trustee Faulder

- Building Information; Getting with Roby on building
- Cale Jacobs will be getting with them next month until then, we don't know anything. Obviously, we expect the cost of the building to go up. Prevailing wage has gone up so we expect a significant increase on that.

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- We picked up a new guy; uniforms for this is not cheap. \$3500 to get those guys in a uniform

Old Business – Trustees

- Trustee Faulder - pricing on fencing:
 - Trustees discussed
 - Trustee Beck: Valley Fencing > we've used them in the past; they put the fence up at playground. This is to hook on to what we have existing, going out and squaring up with the building with 8' gates there. Trustee Berg: Will it replace that corner post? Trustee Beck: Yes, he'll replace or put a new post in. After we get a decision on salt bin we can probably take that down and clean that all up.
 - Cost: 200' of 7' no climb fence with a foot of barb wire with a tilt - \$4500
 - Boo Fencing & Trees – quoted \$6720
 - Trustee Berg made a motion to accept the bid from Valley Fencing for \$4500 and Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" and motion passed 3-0.

New Business – Trustees

- Trustee Berg: Have some pictures of TR 61 has some bad spots in it. Trustee Beck: Trustees and Scott Coleman, county engineer, met with HTM last year but that meeting didn't turn out too good. The guy in charge Chris Keller didn't show up and sent a kid named Brandon who was very rude and disrespectful, just want us to let them have the road. We said no and left. We did ask county engineers office to bid it but if HTM isn't going to pay for the road as agreed on when the road was put in, then we can take it off. Township takes care of maintenance (crack filling, plowing, etc..) and HTM pays for paving.
- Trustee Beck: Park Board - We are going to meet again to keep it up and going in top notch. One ball game 100-300 people there. We want to keep it safe. Randy and Jackie doing the work at the concession stand. It's an older building. Thank Don Lewis for carrying thru back there on the basketball hoops - any evening you'll see 20-25 kids playing basketball and nothing has been damaged. Maybe we could hold our June meeting at the park shelter house.
- Trustee Faulder: Nuisance Property. Do we want to have someone from the Police Dept. do it? Maybe 5-10 hours a month? Contact residents with issues that we or Gary are sending them to. Gary: I have a list of 30 houses I would consider nuisance properties. Melissa: Wait a minute, I don't understand. Don did this as a board member last year - so why give it to a police officer? Don did well...an exceptional job. I think our police officers already get a bad rap.

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New Business – Trustees (Cont’d)

- Melissa (cont’d): My look on it is they are already getting a bad rap - during a levy year, why add nuisance properties which only add to that? Fiscal Officer Miller: The Police Department budget doesn’t have enough money to pay for an additional part time officer and General Fund doesn’t either. Chief Core: If it's just the hard cases... Trustee Berg: I don't have a problem pitching in. Trustee Beck: It runs into time. Melissa: 366 should have already been fined. Gary: It's in the courts hands – they’ve kicked it out 3-4 times. Melissa: Even Rick didn't make a difference there...they already have a bad rap. Don: Most of the time if you go see the people, they will clean it up. Only had a few cases where I would give Chief Core a call and he would back me up. Trustee Beck: We'll table for now and get with Gary and see what we can do. Trustee Faulder: Plan is keep Gary firing off letters for now.

Public Comments

- Sharon Devault - I went to first “Sheriff Coffee and Conversation” recently held...the next one is on Thursday from 8-9 at the Creamery...you get breakfast.
- Dave - I'd like to thank Chief Core for stopping by January meeting and gave a little insight on his 29 years of experience with medical marijuana. It was greatly appreciated - first time in 29 years that he’s made it to the RP council mtg. Chief Core: I'm sure some people didn't like what I said.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Trustee Berg seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday April 9, 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