

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on April 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Don Lewis, Rick Beck and Jim Hurley present. Also present were: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, and Police Chief Rick Core; Road Supervisor, Randy Beck, absent. Others Present: Butch & Carlotta, Melissa Miller, Pam Rogers, Tammy Mansfield, Butch & Cheryl Dilbone, John Coleman, and Bill Pequignot.

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 March 13, 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 3/1/2017 – 3/31/2017 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 Gretchen Anderson, Richland Township** – requesting trustees pay half the cost of the maintenance for the shared tornado siren – cost would be \$225. All trustees agreed to share the cost, Lisa to notify Gretchen.
- **Department of Commerce, Liquor Control** - Letter asking if Trustees had any liquor control permits that they would like to object to? All trustees advised they do not have any permits that they would like to object to.
- **Logan County Engineer** – Scott Coleman mailed the 2016 mileage certification for Washington Township. Trustees all agreed with the mileage and signed as such. Fiscal Officer Miller will drop off to Scott Coleman.
- **Logan County Commissioners** – Access Management Regulations; holding two public meetings on May 2nd at 9:00 AM and May 4th at 3:00 PM at the Logan County Commissioners office. Fiscal Officer gave trustees copy of the AMR.
- **Logan County CDBG Consultant, Lucie McMahon** - Public hearing held April 10th at 10:00 AM where the CDBG grant application was explained and at 10:30 AM meeting for information on submitting a grant for a specific need.
- **Logan County EMA** – Helen Norris would like trustees to attend the mitigation plan meeting on Tuesday, April 11th from 7:30-9:00
- **Resolution 2017-003** requesting additional appropriation for payment to another political subdivision (2281-230-370-0000) in the sum of \$7210.00 This request is to replace a warrant that was lost by the IL EMS. We were asked to cancel the check and reissue - IL EMS will reimburse Washington Township the stop payment fee of \$31.00.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **Calls for Service (CFS)** - Depressing topic to bring to the meeting but most of you are aware of stats shared countywide; 35 OD - 7 fatal most in the lake area. I can tell you we had 254 CFS; 240 month before. It's starting to tick up like it does every year. One of the things that bothers me is that recently a police officer woke up in the ER didn't know what happened to him, here's the criminal intelligence briefing. There's a substance they're cutting heroin with, and in this case it was windy and some of this substance was in the carpet of the car and the officer breathed it in. They had to use narcan to revive him. While I won't use taxpayer \$ for narcan to revive heroin addicts as it's not working, I am thinking I should carry it to protect our officers. These people are actually playing a game when they shoot up – they shoot up with a partner so if one crashes, the other can call 911. From our end of it, to use your tax paying dollars when I have someone who has been revived 5 times and each time that person takes multiple doses. We are already on a tight budget and I refuse to try to squeeze that out of my budget. The financial impact to the township and the taxpayers I think it's my responsibility to not be involved in that. If it doesn't come out of your pockets, I'll listen. Narcon is what revived this officer, so now I think we should carry it for our own guys. I'm not sure how to wrap my head around this but from what I've stood up here and said about it, I think we should carry a can or two. Trustee Beck: lack of \$\$ is the only problem. No one is combatting this stuff. Chief Core: It always comes back to \$\$ - I need to keep tight reins on our budget but I have no control over the costs involved with drug arrests, court time, etc.. We've gone from 148 to 264 - so we are outpacing past CFS and we are an aggressive department on the drug problems. These lockers are for seized paraphernalia - they are full. That's some unfortunate news and I honestly don't see it getting better any time soon. Melissa: Doesn't help that O'Connor likes to give them a slap on the wrist. Pam: 7 days of pain killer - is that right? Chief Core: Person that had 3 different doctors and all 3 wrote Rx for pain pills not knowing. State level we need better software that will allow them all to see what the other has prescribed for the same person. If you are watching the papers we are making drug arrests all the time anymore - all of them. There is no one particular source to pinpoint and knock out. We don't go to court on everything. Trustee Hurley: Because of situation with Sherriff's Dept. and the # of cells you have they are in there waiting for trials some for two years. Paper last night showed one arrested in January, adjudicated in April and back out in 20-30 days. Pam: How many times has that Tammy Clark been picked up? Chief Core: 20 times or more. One person has been arrested 40 times. Our jail holds 136 people but we've never had more than 74. Mr Beck held a luncheon just to get people talking. He was saying that the commissioners told him that there is no \$\$ coming from anywhere to free up jail cells. US Dept of Justice - enrollment #'s are down at the highest rate it's been in decades. Why would I want to get into that - The reason I share these things is when you read names in the paper and start to recognize them - you are wondering what in the world is going on? People blame us but they don't realize - we can get them to jail - but we can't create \$\$ so that the Sherriff's Dept. can keep them. That's up to the County Commissioners and they aren't giving it to the Sherriff's Department. If you were to look at grand jury for tomorrow Washington Township dominates most of the court day tomorrow. Trustee Hurley: People who run the jail - get a 5% raise. You can't afford jobs in the jail as they are union and it is controlled by the ratio of guards to prisoners.
- **ALICE Training** - More and more church leaders are asking me to give the ALICE training. Trustee Beck: I gave Cynthia your number and they want to work on that as a church based and then spread out. She took a training through the church - but you have to start somewhere. We have two officers on staff who are certified to teach so that's a positive.

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Police Department – Chief Rick Core (cont'd)

- **MARCS Radios** - communicating with Lisa on this - grant for newer MARCS radios (hand me downs) - we did get a grant and they will be provided by the county through the grant.
- **Questions?**
 - **Trustee Hurley:** Is there an active ploy by Russell's Point to not have officers on so they can get officers? Are we getting calls and that's why we are making so many of their arrests? **Chief Core:** I don't think so as they would be afraid that we would take care of them. **Trustee Hurley:** Sunnyside - we were first on call and we went to RP to make an arrest as we had someone on call. **Chief Core:** Joe had two officers quit - so just Joe and Jared now. **Trustee Hurley:** We're on a budget to patrol in Washington Twp every time you spend four hours in RP making arrest using Washington Twp funds. Dollars out of township go to support Russell's Point. **Chief Core:** We collected over \$6000 in fines last year and more importantly we are taking criminals and drugs off the streets. We serve when/where we are dispatched by the Sherriff's Department. **Tammy:** Russell's Point is still part of our township, right? **Melissa:** I'm for the Police Department - but I understand what Jim is saying as Russell's Point wouldn't let us even attend their meetings - told us we didn't live inside the city limits. **Bill:** Huntsville charge you x-number of dollars to contract out. **Trustee Beck:** We could but RP wants to be ran through the mayors court and we're not going to do that. **Bill:** I mean charge Russell's Point a fee. **Chief Core:** Let's say they contract \$50 for that endeavor - you're \$\$ goes a lot further with non-county. **Tammy:** There aren't enough deputies, officers or sheriff's as it is...doesn't it take everyone to fight this drug problem no matter who / where you serve or whom you backup? **Trustee Beck:** Randy lives in Rushsylvania where there is no police presence and can tell you that crime is running rampant there - not enough manpower available from the Sherriff's Department due to lack of funding. **Chief Core:** I can share this - the house we hit and executed a search warrant on, I have implemented a new policy when we do a traffic stop like that - I want cell phones off and on top of the roof as I found out that two garbage bags full of drugs were in the house but they got it moved. These guys were on the phone during the traffic stop. Our officers are very passionate about their job and keeping this community safe.

Zoning – Gary Bias

- 50 calls - 2 permits
- Sent a number of violation letters 7036 Allen – Health Department has issued them a warning to clean up in 10 days. **Pam:** who is cleaning it up as one is in the hospital and he was staying with his sister. **Gary:** not sure but they have 10 days. It was in the paper.
- Sent another for 8250 Indian Dr and they did fix the junk vehicle and trash.
- One on 366 told them pick up the pace - he said he can only take ten bags a week.
- Modular on Maple from spend a day was converted to real estate years ago and I would have had to write a permit so told him to file a variance.
- Dave Gutanat for competitive advantage project to better the community
- Robinson Investments - the old Tinsley can be used for dumpster days on June 1st and June 2nd.

Road Department – Rick Beck reporting for Randy

- Start tomorrow on mowing the park
- Jackie has been berming
- Mowers are ready
- Working on big mowers
- Trucks are cleaned up - need serviced
- New truck is in
- Ran - started first round of chemo and got along really well; Wednesday - said Friday he would be sick but last 2-3 days he's been coming back to work.
- Trees are scheduled - J&R to take them down

LUC Board –Trustee Hurley

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

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- I emailed minutes to Lisa
- Assistant Chief went through cable bill and contacted them - savings us \$150/month on cable/telephone
- Received donation from HTM for partial cost of equipment that checks vitals - \$4500.
- Finally got all of the old bills that were piling up from who knows where - last month was bad month but finances are starting to come back up. We are still waiting for Adam to get together a complete summary of \$\$ as there were a couple years we received no money for Medicare and should have been. Need to have clear information to show the public.
- **Trustee Hurley:** No treasurer's report? **Trustee Lewis:** We have a meeting this week - still two a month
- I did get the bylaws back from the lawyer; wow, he ripped it apart. There were 25-30 pages it is now down to 5-6 pages.

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- One new hire from Orchard Island
- Extensive training going on
- Not a lot of runs

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Public Comments

- **Melissa:** I think Five Parks is not on the list for this year, what about next year. Down at end of Hardin by where Kathy's place is. Trustee Beck: crack filled? Melissa: broken away Trustee Beck: We'll take a look at it. Melissa: We haven't been done in a while. Pam: It's been 8 years - Park St grows grass in the cracks.
- **Butch / Cheryl:** one question regarding open burning. Trustee Beck: State Fire Marshall and Mark Gibson at the fire house. 6AM - 6PM is no burn time (Gary).
- **Bill -** My problem is Woody's. Trustees asked Chief Core to come out so he could help answer Bill's questions. Bill: With their schedule people are parking in front of stop signs. I live on West Street off 366. No thru traffic. On Center St they will be parked 4-5' out into Center Street. With one car coming and one going you can't get both thru. Woody's won't do anything. I know in last 4-5 months a guy came down and the only place he could park so that he could eat at Woody's was in the middle of the road. Since we can't get anything done why can't we make Center / North / West a one way street? I don't care which direction you go but why can't we get a one way street as not all people will be happy but it will be safer. Trustee Lewis to Gary: Is this something we can do or do we have to go further up? Gary: It is the county. Trustee Lewis to Chief Core: What do you think about it? Chief Core: I agree with it -there is a problem there. I think it's a good idea. Trustee Beck: It's a difficult problem. Bill: The only thing I can think of is making it a one way street. Not very many people live down there. Chief Core: Bill, you are exactly right. If vehicles are in the roadway I run the plate and tow the vehicle but it's never the same vehicle. Bill: When you come out on Center Street the way the parking lot is set up you can't see the stop sign. Chief Core: The amount of accidents that we investigate has increased since that business has come in there. Bill: I don't think Woody cares about the parking. Chief Core: I walked in to Woody's and he said "wonder what that SOB wants"? Bill: People come from everywhere, many not from around here and they don't give a damn how they park. Chief Core: We put up signs, etc.. and that isn't working, they ignore them and park where they want, including in the side streets. Bill: Can you help with this or tell me who I can go to if township is not able to help? Chief Core: I think we would have the authority to do that. We were a big part of that when we changed it from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. John Coleman: He'll have to change one of the parking lots. Chief Core: Yes, he will and he's difficult to work with. Bill: I've talked to every local, state, county law enforcement - as long as they are not on that white line.... Trustee Beck: They have to be 18" out into the roadway. John: What are the other signs that say 8'? Chief Core: We're talking about township roads here. I will make the phone calls tomorrow to see what we have to do to take care of it. Trustee Beck: We can call district 7. Chief Core: I think it's a good idea. Bill: I hope something gets done about it. I feel like I've gone everywhere so hope you can help us. Chief Core: It would help if you call it in when you see it as this generates a call for service (CFS) and when you call it in 3-4 different times on 3-4 days I'm going to tell that guy I've had multiple calls and will issue a citation. Bill: I just want everyone to be safe. Chief Core: And so do we so I'll stop and talk to them tomorrow. Trustee Beck: I will go see Scott Coleman.

Old Business – Trustees

- **Trustee Lewis: Janice Rogers** - I thought every time I went to court that something would get decided. April 3 I thought it was the final time. It is now on May 8th. Prosecutors Office told the judge that at the Health Department meeting I gave her two weeks. Trustee Beck: I commend Don for staying in there and going to the meetings and attending the hearings at the Health Department and the local court system, we can just hope that this will really be the final hearing on this matter.
- Did Hurley's look at drainage on Auditorium? Trustee Beck: I don't think so but I'll check with him.

New Business – Trustees

- **Dumpster Days** will be **Thursday, June 1st and Friday, June 2nd from 7:00-4:00** we will have all dumpsters picked up by 4:00 PM on Friday except in Lewistown. The dumpsters will be located at Mauger / Tinsley's old place on 366 / Lewistown. Lisa: I will put an ad in Shopper's Edge with this information.
- Trustee Lewis: **Orchard Island Road Lines** - there is nothing there now. Trustee Beck: Once you start it, it has to be back on. I will check on that - contacting the company.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Beck made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Trustee Hurley seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion passed 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 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