

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Hall.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Fiscal Officer Miller read roll call. Present were: Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder, Trustee Berg, Chief Thompson, Gary Bias, John Newland, and Lisa Miller. Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024 meeting, Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Obligations - Fiscal Officer Miller 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 - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 3/1/2024 – 3/31/2024 Fund Status Report, Fund Summary Report, Receipt Register, Detailed Receipt Report, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status and Payment Register for their review, approval and signatures. Bank Statement not received by date of meeting, April 8th so will bring it to the May 13th regular meeting. Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the financial reports and Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

- **Financial Report** – Starting fund balance on March 1, 2024 was \$1,745,747.33. Total Revenue deposited in March, 2024 was \$582,319.35 and the month ending balance on March 31, 2024 was \$2,234,359.87
- **ARPA Reports** due date is now April 30, 2024. The Trustees and I are going to be spending the remaining ARPA funds by reimbursing the General Fund for expenses paid in 2023 from the General Fund such as the annual Health Dept. fees, etc. We will then be able to use those funds for nuisance properties, emergency response costs associated with the tornado disaster, and other health, safety and emergency costs.
- **Dumpster Days** – Will be held Thursday, June 6th and Friday, June 7th, 2024 with all dumpsters at the township hall 7-4.
- **Alan Winner** – Waiting on Auditor's office to send me a copy of the revised unexpected revenue and additional appropriations before I can write the check out to Alan. I did call Renee and left a message, she thanked me and advised she understands.
- **EMA/FEMA** – We have turned in our EMA/FEMA application. I have some handouts for those that are here and please take as many as you need especially if you know of someone else who might need financial assistance for tornado damages to their homes. The Health Dept. created a "who to call" diagram to show, based on the homeowners needs and answers to the questions, the name and phone number of the person or company who may be able to help you so feel free to take one of these, too.

Police Department – Chief Michael Thompson Updates

- Calls for Service – 455 in March
- Tornado – So much to say but I am beyond proud of the PD guys for all their hard work. They saw and did things they will never forget and that most people shouldn't have to see in their life time. I feel Washington Township was far ahead of the curve and that is due to strong leadership amongst Washington Township.
- Raises – Thank you to the Trustees and Lisa for getting the raises done and Sgt. Wisener full time!
- ODPS Cruisers – Two free cruisers coming from the ODPS in the next few weeks. They will be used cruisers but will work for us for the time being.
- K9 Grant – received the \$7500 grant towards K9 Hondo.
- K9 School – Officer Miller and K9 Hondo begin K9 school April 9th. He will go half days for 4-6 weeks. I will cover the school while he is away.
- SRO Contract – I have begun working on the 2024/2025 SRO contract.
- New PD Patch and Cruiser Graphics – We will be transitioning to a new uniform patch and cruiser graphic design.

Requests

- West Networks - \$648.00 for new router and antenna for new cruiser.
- Parr - \$1000.00 to replace uniforms. A lot of uniforms were damaged during the tornado.

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- Removed the tree on Poplar, the other one got taken down
- Tank drained out finally
- Park opened up> everything hooked up today except for the cold water faucet; Lumber for the bleachers
- Drainage issues on Park / Woodlawn Mauger / Chestnut we needed to take care of that and apparently the sewer dug through our tile. We went ahead and repaired that- but we're taking the bill to the sewer company to pay.
- Spend-a-Day and Chestnut is not draining. RP came in and cleared one up but we have more. I had Tucker come up, we can make a split at Court St and run down Mauger all the way to the lake. Would be on Orchard Drive side of Mauger. We have ten catch basins going into an 8" line and it just can't carry that kind of water. Any time it rains it floods into a carport and even a house or two. It does go down quickly. Three catch basins, three road cuts and 550' 12" pipes so we can get more – quote is \$28,000 by Logan Construction. Every time it rains someone gets a call about it and there's absolutely nothing I can do about it. The one at _____? I'm going to try and eel that down. I found a mapping of it showing a 90 degree turn and I bet it is all plugged up. When the lake goes down he could come in from the lake side of it. I didn't think they were horribly priced. That should help alleviate that problem. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the \$28,000 drainage quote from Logan Construction and Trustee Berg seconded. FO Miller: I will need a copy of the quote, his insurance certifying Washington Township and workman's compensation prior to work starting.
- 70 signs to replace and some aren't there anymore, they are gone. John: I've got almost all of them.
- Trustee Berg: Did the City of Bellefontaine give us a street sweeper? John: Yes, they did.

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Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- I handled approximately 150 calls, only logged 130 of them, last month.
- Issued (2) zoning permits for:
 - Permit #1641 for accessory building on Edison.
 - Permit #1642 for disaster demolition on Park.
 - Permit #1643 for disaster demolition on Park.
 - Permit #1644 for disaster demolition on Walnut.
 - Permit #1645 for disaster demolition on Edgewater.
 - Permit #1646 for disaster demolition on Park.
 - Have 6 more scheduled for tomorrow.
- I received a variance application to split 1 existing parcel into 5 new parcels on SR 366. I have not had a chance to review it yet but will do so this week. I will send my comments & document copies to Aaron Smith at the LUC to review before I contact the ZAB to schedule a meeting.
- Are we are placing nuisances on hold for now and will start up again after this disaster relief slows down?
- Will try this week to look at splitting up some parcels back on Mauger Street. The owner thinks it's good to go but I need some time to review it & get with Aaron at the LUC.
- The company that wants to install the cell tower out the Mees parcel on SR 235, told me that they were cleaning it up.
- Local Authorities can write the demolish permit for mobile homes but for any new or used mobile home that goes in a licensed mobile home park, or an individual lot require an installation permit from Dept. of Commence, Division of Industrial Compliance, Manufactured Home Program. They will also need a permit to transport the mobile home from the LC Auditor's office.
- Need to do a drive by to check if someone staying in a camper on Indian Drive. The mother (Melissa Tevis) owns the parcel, and the camper belongs to her son, who has been staying there.
- I have not scheduled a Zoning Commission Board meeting for the possible changes for solar and recreation marijuana with Mark Gibson, chair of the Planning Commission yet. We will discuss the changes for recreational vehicles and zoning fees that were approved by the trustees in the March 26 special meeting at the IL Zoning Inspectors meeting on Tuesday. We will want Breanne and the LUC to look this over. We may have to schedule a ZCB meeting to add these changes to our Zoning Resolution. Can we continue to use this resolution in the meantime?
- Have not heard back from the company asking the status was of a permit to construct/enlarge a data collection center on a parcel zoned U-1 owned by Samuel Kinney. He asked what the issues were with this. I told him our legal counsel asked where the data was coming from & going to and so far, they have not provided an answer.
- Any questions or follow-ups for me?

LUC Board – Trustee Berg

- Nothing new for Logan County

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- 136 call for service with 5 mutual aid runs received into our district, 4 from Huntsville and 1 from BRMT (Belle Center), 3 mutual aid runs to DeGraff.
- \$1,808,552 money market /\$ 22,888 checking
- Josh made trips to Riverside (that's what the vehicle is for). \$18,000 for a new Honda Pilot.
- EMS building is a place for free car seats if you're on WIC

Fire Board – Trustee Faulder

- No water usage
- \$514,900 checking
- Loan approved for new firetruck, \$919,000 is cost – 1 bid.
- Career day they did not make it – moved to Bellefontaine HS; IL could not attend that.
- Chief Gibson commented on what a great job Chief Thompson and Chief Freyhof did.

Old Business – Trustees

- Trustee Faulder: Lisa & I are still working with Breanne on our indigent burial policy. There are a couple of things we may want to include or exclude so we are still meeting about those items.

New Business – Trustees

- Trustee Lewis: If anyone has trash to pick up, EMA is going to start curbside service starting next Monday. Needs to be separated into wood, metal, electronics, batteries, combustibles, etc. Helen and Angel will lay out dates, ph# 937-292-4041 if you need Samaritans group will help you sort it.
- Terry: Is old Lakeview Elementary still the dump site? Chief Thompson: Good question.
- Aubrey: Is ODOT still here? Trustee Lewis: They are done. Aubrey: In the beginning they said they would be here for 90 days and a couple days later, they're done? Chief Thompson: Once they don't have anything to do, they're ready to leave us.
- Chief Thompson: I can tell you where you can't dump and that is back at World Class Plastics. They are getting ready to build.
- Trustee Berg: The paving scheduled for Orchard Island is going to get pushed back to end of summer and hopefully they will have less obstacles in the way.

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Public Comments:

- Jodi Hill – for the homes that have been demolished, are they going to be able to put back? Or do they have to be under the new zoning laws? Gary – if it is destroyed your insurance will make that determination. If it is demolished, you are able to rebuild on the same footprints as long as it is in your property lines. If it is a mobile home, it cannot be replaced. If you are not in the flood plain. You will need a flood plain determination certificate. 2nd question – are you going to allow pole barns back on Orchard Island? Gary not unless they have a residence next to it or across the street within 300 feet. Gentleman put a house across the street and barn for sale separately. Was that legal? Gary has reached out to the legal department.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Berg made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM Trustee Faulder seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall.

Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer

Don Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Jason Faulder, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Tucker Berg, Member of the Board of Trustees