

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on May 8, 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 and Road Supervisor, Randy Beck. Others Present: James Doak, Butch & Carlotta Jones, Mike Miller, Pam Rogers, Dave Rogers, Tammy Mansfield, Cynthia Defibaugh.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call – all present. Trustee Beck made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 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 4/1/2017 – 4/30/2017 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

- **Audit** - almost completed. Perry Corporation is doing the audit and are doing a great job. They were here today so that records could remain at the township hall (this helps for providing public records upon request).
- **Dumpsters Days** – are still set for June 1st and 2nd. Having trouble setting up with Republic Waste Management as it’s all don’t out of state now. If that doesn’t work out, I’ll find another company to use. I have ads coming out in the Shopper’s Edge to let Washington Township residents know about it; I anticipate all going smoothly.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **Calls for Service** – In February there were 240 CFS > in March we had 254 > and in April 277 so you can see the trend rising as it usually does at this time of year. If you see the newspapers - you know why. That's an 86% increase from last year and that explains a lot. Our highest month last year was 329 I think and I think that will continue for us.
- Congrats to Russell’s Point for getting their levy passed – we are very happy about and congrats to them!
- **Evidence Room** - Mr. Beck - thank you very much for helping me reorganize the evidence room; it wouldn’t have been done without Mr. Beck and his help is always much appreciated!
- **Training** – I attended training last week. It’s frustrating too though as a DEA agent at this training said their investigations have proven Mexicans are forcing heroin buyers to take methamphetamine too – making them move it. When I saw an increase in methamphetamine, I wasn't sure why. All heroin in Logan County is from Dayton. Heroin from Columbus doesn't have caraphentolynal and phentonlynal. Lisa: What’s the difference between them? Chief Core: Cara is most potent of all phentonlyals because if you breathe it in (elephant tranquilizer) you can die from it. I don't have the money or resources for that kind of information that he shared with me during training. Our largest seizure of that was last Sunday night and most off of one person for us...over 2 ounces.
- **Manpower** - Officer Mansfield's last day is today - he thanked us for his time here. Officer Mansfield was a nice addition to our Police Department. Some officers don't like community items but Caleb really liked those events. He will be missed and is embarking on full-time career with Bellefontaine Police Dept. He will do very well there. All of our officers work elsewhere as you can't make enough money here to support a family. If I made them choose one job or the other, I would lose every time - other entities pay far more and we have no health benefits either nor much else to offer for compensation. Our officers are here because they want to serve and they contribute a lot to this community. I have some officers that spike in hours and others that may only have 32 for the entire month. We have another officer that continues to work for free (Officer Niederkohr) as he is the ILEMS Chief and turns in no hours. He also provides our training at a time convenient for our officers. He is a real asset / benefit having him on our staff for training. He fills in when I need him but his forte is teaching. Trustee Beck: He is an excellent teacher - I took a conceal carry and he is very good - broke it down, explains very thoroughly, etc. Trustee Lewis: I took his CPR class and same. Chief Core: So that explains that. I know in our minutes it shows how much officers are paid - the difference in amounts is the hours they work. They all make the same amount. Trustee Lewis: What is the average court time? Chief Core: More hours = more court time so that officer for us right now is Officer Thompson. If you take Officers Niederkohr, Faulder, and Mansfield out that leaves myself, Officer Willoby, and Officer Thompson carrying the remaining hours. Lisa: So, is Officer Wisner’s first paid day today since he has been working without pay? Chief Core: Yes, his first paid day is today. Trustee Beck: A few guys I don't know - Michael Thompson I guess really. Maybe bring them in on a meeting time to introduce him to us and to the public. Discussions (multiple) regarding drugs in the community and the evidence room. James Doak: Is there any part of the island worse than another? Chief Core: We get most drugs in transition during traffic stops, etc.. We discussed search warrant , drugs out of both, asked for search warrant and got more drugs there. James: staying off streets or coming right back out? Chief Core: They come right back out. If you’ve seen in the paper we’ve been very busy and making a lot of drug arrest and seizing those drugs. As we take people to jail they say "We’ve been told not to come to Washington Township” Pam: Why would a parent subject their kids to dealing drugs like he does? Chief Core: I have no idea – but, I have 3rd generations of same family with same criminal activity. I've been here 28 years. Melissa: Cameras in the cemetery? Lisa: I would love that - I think cameras would be great. Trustee Lewis: Van at back of cemetery in Plum - I called Chief and by the time they got there he had left. It was pouring down rain so pretty sure I know what they were doing there. Tammy: As Caleb's mom I want to thank you. When Caleb was in the academy I had concerns as I don't trust a lot of people, but I trust this man – Chief Core. And, I will tell you this. If Caleb had his druthers he would have never left. Trustee Beck: We understand we don't have the salary, benefits, etc.. to support a family. Chief Core: Caleb was fantastic - he has a calming influence about him. He is 6'5" and that helps. He is great with all age ranges. Tammy: He loves this department and this jurisdiction and is REALLY going to miss it here. I keep telling him we need a full time department and we don't have. When you have to watch the hours – Officer Thompson is hitting it hard - he does a wonderful job. Chief Core: He does hit it hard - Jason, not just because he’s sitting here, but he does the same thing. We have some very dedicated officers and I’m proud of all of them.

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Zoning – Gary Bias

- 40 calls – and 3 zoning permits issued
- Ogden Property - called Health Dept. and they didn't call me back. Trustee Lewis: I was there today and grass had been mowed. I gave her the address of where she had been living and was going to go talk to her.
- House on 366, I talked to him this week. Trustee Lewis: He's not working on it very hard. Gary: I told him he had until the 15th. They don't bother to really clean it very well.
- Talked to Greg Wagner on 235 - mobile home. Trustee Lewis: He took one down. Gary: Yes, using it for storage. Told him 30 days to either scrap it out or get rid of it. There were three of them.
- Mobile Home at on Maple St. - going to move to Court St. while they put the foundation and footers under it. Auditor converted back to real estate in the 1980's while still at Spend-a-Day. They wanted it long ways but didn't meet set back requirements. So they converted two lots and set it sideways - new windows, etc... Trustee Lewis: Is that happening soon? Gary: They have one year once the zoning permit is issued to completion. James: Zoning permit was issued? Gary: Yes Melissa: Since converted he's allowed to pick it up, turn it, and place it? Gary: Yes, it makes it a modular home on two lots and is real estate.
- Accessory buildings in Lewistown - she is getting those B2 - so zero setbacks; they are just storage sheds.
- Talked to Lisa Kellerman from Robinson Investments. OK to use Tinsleys' for the Dumpster Days.
- Dropped off current resolutions / map to the County Recorder.
- Cynthia - Do you need a permit to scrap out a mobile home? Gary: Yes - \$25 Cynthia: Tearing down existing mobile home or legally if someone can move it off property but I know we would need a moving permit if we decide to do that.
- Trustee Beck: Report on Weeks ; we need to do some follow-up on that. Also - the green house; sewer > water is a problem again.

Road Department - Randy

- Trustee Beck: We just put a screen up at the concession stand; another day it will be completed.
- Trustee Beck: Trustee Lewis and myself started mowing 3 weeks ago on the park and it's growing like crazy so every week it is mowed. Park looks really nice; lady in Belle Center commented on how nice the park looks.
- Need to start ditches and roadsides since Randy is back.
- Alley's need graded at Orchard Island
- Trustee Lewis: Lines at Orchard Island you said you would check. Trustee Beck: We have the company / name - can we just go ahead and do it? Trustee Lewis: If it's a company that will do a lot better job than before – those lines were gone within 2-3 years. Cynthia: They didn't clean the road when they put it down and need to make sure they do that. They also did it at the end of the season and weather got bad so was salted early and a lot.
- Dave: Mauger/Walnut - During the winter -big layer of sand right there. Kid on bike went through it and fell off. Trustee Lewis: Ran can you sweep that off? Randy: Yes Butch: I'll blow that sand (grit) back for you.
- Trustee Lewis: Five Parks talking about yards getting torn up when we plow. Trustee Beck: I had Five Parks and I know I didn't tear up any yards.

LUC Board –Trustee Hurley

- April 13 minutes / budget summary as of March 31, 2017 / treasurer's rpt as of 3/1/2017 as usual nothing in our township just their new building. The one thing they did say about zoning is that LUC is getting prepared for zoning with medical marijuana. Gary: That and tiny houses - are two items in zoning being discussed.

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- Brought the financial report - here Jim if you want to look at it. I have the minutes from the last two mtgs. Two meetings ago I took bylaws. We had some changes so Wednesday Susie should have all those changes completed and we should be approving it. Budget - we received the check from the county
- Still haven't got all of the money from Main Source and Medicare / Medicaid. Hopefully by tomorrow or Wednesday that will be straightened out.
- Two meetings per month but we did change meeting times to 6:00 PM at the municipal building as some people feel not enough space in the EMS building.
- Tammy: Where does the squad come from? Trustee Beck: Up off 33 on the corner. Tammy: Response time? Trustee Lewis: 10-15 minutes. Trustee Beck: It depends on the call and do they need mutual aid to assist with the call for service.
- Trustee Hurley: One suggestion - take budget summary throw it in month by month. Trustee Lewis : UAN will do that automatically for her like Lisa gives to us each month. UAN will make that job a lot easier. Lisa: That's for sure! Trustee Beck: How is the new EMS clerk doing? Trustee Lewis: She's doing great – it wasn't an easy job to take on as the prior board had allowed the Chief, her spouse and a board member at the time to handle all financial transactions so the board didn't really see them – most of her time is spent trying to straighten out the mess she was given.

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- Dee sends minutes but I didn't get them; I called them. I'll get with her on meeting night
- We hired one new guy - Reno's grandson. Newest person.
- Looked at a new truck, thinking about replacing a pumper (18-19 yrs old). Fire Safety brought in a ladder truck. Trustee Lewis: the only ladder truck is in Bellefontaine. Trustee Beck: they thought they would spend the additional money.
- Dive teams, boats, etc.. are in place. Sailboat went over a week ago and they used that equipment.
- Two new buildings, good equipment, good staff

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Public Comments

- **Carlotta** - On Mauger St - across from 5971 there's trees - two are dead and are leaning on the property. Trustee Lewis: On their property? Carlotta: No - across the street - has no electric in it or anything but people do come down to it. They would like a letter to be sent to the property owners. Randy: surveyed? Trustee Lewis: Yes, it will need a survey can you take care of that Ran? Randy: I'll get address and contact the county to do a survey.
- **Melissa**: Property on 366. What's difference between that person's property and the old cooter whomever he is. You said we couldn't do anything because it was on state property. Gary: the business? If it is a health issue or a safety issue I contact the Health Department and they are asking what is the health hazard. Melissa: I say that it is a safety hazard. Gary: Not in our zoning but maybe in the states. Melissa: It's just junk. Trustee Beck: One man's junk is another man's treasure. Melissa: Yes, I know that. I don't think as a resident that lives in that community and he's a business owner, I don't see how it's allowed. Gary: There isn't a definite complaint - clutter – but they don't care about that. If it's a fire hazard or a safety issue then show me a zoning violation and I'll send him a letter.
- **PAM**: Midway/Clark culvert is overflowing every time it rains and nothing down on the one on Hardin. Not sure if it is sump pump - check both and you will see the difference. I might have plugged it up with leaves, I don't know. Trustee Beck: We can run an eel through it and clean it out. Trustee Lewis: Get that dumpster yet? Pam: Yes, that's cleaned up.
- **Cynthia**- in 1970's they re-did Wolf Island Bridge and made a causeway on Maplewood to the lake. After the causeway gave out - guardrail went up so no one would go through there. That's been several years ago. No reason to have that guardrail there anymore. I would like to see it taken down. When I take my grandson down - I either have to step over the guardrail or go onto someone else's property. Trustee Lewis: Did we put it up? Randy: That was before me. Trustee Beck: I think at the time it was a big deal. Randy: Do we have the right to take it down? Cynthia: It's on township property - maybe state but I think township. Trustee Beck: Call George, park manager. Cynthia: Park offices are now at the campgrounds. Old district office was having problems. So it's in the commissary now.

Old Business – Trustees

- Trustee Hurley: Cemetery, what happened.

New Business – Trustees

- Trustee Beck: Truck needs to be put up for sale. July 10, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Blade too Randy? Randy: Yes. Lisa: We will have to publicly advertise it. Trustee Hurley: Township Magazine - take bids by phone. Trustee Beck: No, we'll just do a public auction. Lisa, can you check to see if Art can do it again? Lisa: Yes

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Beck made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM. Trustee Hurley seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion passed 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 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