

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, May 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Tucker Berg, Faulder and Lewis present. Others present: Fiscal Officer Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, Road Supervisor John Newland and Police Chief Rick Core. Teleconference Guests: Cynthia Defibaugh and Al & Sharron Klahr.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Berg with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call. Trustee Berg, Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder, Fiscal Officer Miller, Chief Core, Gary Bias and John Newland were all present. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2020 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 Lewis seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Reports - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 4/1/2020 – 4/30/2020 a Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register for their review and signatures. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the financial reports and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

- **Ohio Department of Transportation** – Letter with their response to public comments regarding the meeting that was held regarding intersection improvement at SR47/SR235.
- **Logan County Engineer** – If interested in 2020 Township Roadside Mowing, Spraying and Sign Inspection cost and description of services are included in letter.
- **Logan County Health District** – COVID-19 guidelines for economic recovery for businesses.
- **Financial Report** – Our current balance is \$1,289,875.12. We received \$17,256.66 in May and our total YTD revenue as of 4/30/2020 is \$403,051.89 (44.6%). County Auditor, Jack Reser, sent a letter advising due to COVID-19 virus it may be in the best interest of all local government to reduce expenditures and appropriations by 10%. Our year-to-date expenditures are \$195,998.29 (18.74%) of the final approved appropriation of \$1,045,628.70.
- **Resolution 2020-006 in the matter of approving the Sale of Surplus Township Property by Internet Auction** – Trustees approved that unneeded, obsolete or unfit personal property belonging to the Township may be disposed of through the use of an internet auction. Trustee Lewis moved to approve the adoption of Resolution 2020-006 and Trustee Faulder seconded. A vote was taken and all answered "Aye"; resolution passed 3-0.
- **Public Comments**
 - **Cynthia Defibaugh** – I have concerns over two projects commencing within the week for Vectron and in a month sanitary sewer. Vectron not a problem. By the way, I appreciate John coming down and taking the top off the alley but I have great concern with sanitary sewer going in easement in front of the house as we have problems when there is heavy rain. I have great concerns about the flooding issues. Trustee Lewis: How did you find this out? Cynthia: They did a test for it right in front of my house. I understand their mentality for doing it. There are old clay tiles butted up against one another and I know the issue has not improved over time. They can't make people fix their laterals and even infiltration from cracked pipes still allows their systems to work so people won't do anything about it. If they put it out front, it would require everyone to put in new laterals. Some tiles are in our ditches. I think it won't be put back like it was and we'll be flooded back here. Trustee Lewis: John said he would check with the sanitary sewer and waste. Cynthia: I emailed Brian and he said nothing is concrete at this point. I also do not like the thought of tearing up the roads so why not use the alleys instead of the front of our property where the roads are that people travel on are. Trustee Lewis: This year? Cynthia: If they are having the preliminary work done, they are in the design phase. Now would be the time to talk about issues or concerns with them. We are still in the design phase and we can change things. If we don't approach them now before design is completed, we won't be able to talk to them at all. Trustee Berg: Is that all that you have? Cynthia: Yes, I think it is. Thanks again for leveling that alley down for us that was a tremendous help.
 - **Al / Sharron Klahr** - Al – I'm the Coordinator for Neighborhood Watch. Question on dumpster. When will the Dumpster Days be this year? Are they still going to have it? Trustees: We were going to bring that up in New Business; however, since you asked the question we can answer it. Our plan is still to have the Dumpster Days but we can't tell you what month due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on public gatherings, events, meetings, etc...

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **CFS** - We had 172 Calls for Service in April. COVID 19 is affecting everything. That's a decrease for us. We have some restrictions and guidelines as the courts and jail don't want a lot of people in there. Violent criminals / bulk amount of drugs of course are jailed.
- **Impound Car Sale** – Lieutenant Thompson and Fiscal Officer Miller are getting another impound car sale ready to be held on the internet through Govdeals.com. Not sure but I think it will be held the first week in June.
- **Seized Cash Deposited** - Lisa had the dubious pleasure of verifying cash money (drugs) so she can deposit it. The case had to be adjudicated in court. Prosecutor/Judge have to approve and then there is a journal entry. I get a letter from court that states it belongs to us. I would like to use some of that to purchase a laptop for a cruiser - \$1,757.29. Fiscal Officer Miller: I would like to suggest the Police Department get two laptops, as they need one for a cruiser and one for the township hall to act as both a secondary laptop so that two officers can work on reports for the courts, traffic accident drawings, etc... at the same time and also to serve as a backup should a cruiser laptop go down. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the purchase of one or two laptops not to exceed \$3600. Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered "Aye" motions passed 3-0.
- **Indian Lake Fireworks** – There is a meeting coming up to discuss canceling the July fireworks and moving the date to Labor Day.

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Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- **Calls** - Took 70 calls last month
- **Zoning Permits** – Issued eight > 2 decks, two fence, one accessory structure, one pole barn, one shed, and one camper.
- **Variance Application** – One variance for setback for a garage.
- **Zoning Resolution Changes** – I’m working with LUC on some proposed changes in our zoning resolution and will then meet with the Zoning Commission Board for their review and approval or disapproval.
- **Teleconference Call** - Lisa, how do I get conference call-in number and access code? FO Miller: I will send information to you in an email.
- **Jim Reed** – I’ve called Jim and left voicemails to advise that I have talked to the Prosecutor’s Office regarding Jim’s request to install an automated gate. The first step is to talk to both Washington and Stokes Township who both would have to be willing to give up TR 253. Washington Township Trustees advised Gary they are not giving up any roads. Gary will continue trying to reach Jim to advise him of status of his request.
- **Dead Cows** – Regarding the dead cows piled up at a farm on 1518 SR 235. I tried numerous times to get the Health Department out but got no reply. I ended up calling the EPA to advise about the dead cows and the rainwater; that it was running into a nearby creek. EPA called me the next day to advise our local Health Dept. would be out the next day to talk to the owner. Result was owner is to dig a hole at a selected spot and then call the Health Dept. to verify the cows are buried and covered based on Health Dept. recommendation. Thank you to our Police Department for helping out with this issue.
- **Issued Violation Letters** - to owners of the house with no floor and hole in the roof on 9064 Poplar Street. Owner is working on fixing it. Another letter went to owners of the shed that is falling down on Chestnut Street. They will be working on getting the shed torn down by July 4th. Also issued a violation letter to owners of a camper on Hardin Drive, that does not meet the setbacks and neighbor, said someone is living in it.
- **Phone Call from Realtor, Chad Perry (Zimmerman Realty)** – 7827 CR 54 had a dog fence permit back in July of 2006 given to her by Bob Downing. It was for a 5’x325’ dog enclosure. This enclosure extends into the parcel owned by Washington Township. They are trying to sell the house and want to know if it’s ok to continue using the part of the township property for the dog enclosure.
- **Chief Core:** Gary can you and I coordinate on second house west of the post office? Trash bags are stacked to the top (his neighbor saw him driving it). Gary - I will send them a letter and will need your pictures.
- **Fence** - 6' is the maximum fence. Proposals for future changes - eliminate from the front of the house. But, what is the front - the road side or the water front? You have to think of that for setbacks. I’m looking up some text to change that.
- **Trustee Lewis:** You have a lot of calls in here - is there anything you need help with from us? Gary: No, in red means I need to follow-up on those.

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- **Trees** - We have a large limb broken off top of tree at the corner of Hickory & Pine. Pine is not really a street - it's gravel but I think we still own the street. Into the gravel, I maxed the boom out 55' and couldn't reach it so aborted the operation simply because it's between two houses and I'm not going to risk damaging someone's house for something I can't reach. I called Tyler to see if he could do it - his quote is \$600. Trustee Lewis: How big? John: looks small from the road but when you get up there it's a pretty good size. Trustee Lewis: How long? John: 15-20' Other than that we could wait it out and hope it dries out so I can get in their yard. Trustee Lewis made a motion to allow JT Tree Service to take the branch down at Hickory & Pine for \$600; Trustee Faulder seconded. A vote was taken and all voted “Aye” - motion was passed 3-0.
- **Park Restrooms** – Restrooms at Park are getting real close. We had an issue with the faucets. We ordered them and they were to be here on the 2nd - vendor knew nothing about it so said he would call back, but didn't. I called them again - manager was to call. That never happened. Went back a third time and he did call me back and he said they ran an in-store credit and re-ordered them. He will keep an eye on it and keep me posted. The urinal will be in June 10th. I'll have everything plumbed up so we just have to hook the fixtures up. We have to build a box around the switches. Park is all sprayed and the ball diamonds and the walking track and all fences. Trustee Lewis: Walking track is dying. John: Weather has been a real issue. I like to mow every Friday but with weather that hasn't worked out.
- **Culvert on TR33** - I'm going to replace. We'll get it from Myers - but I think there's enough in there for that.
- **Purchase Orders** – Are PO's good from last year? Fiscal Officer Miller: No - they are closed at the end of the year. Do I need to make one out for a vendor? John: Yes, \$800 for Ohio Brick for a catch basin.
- **Mowing** - 61, 213,214,215 have been mowed and is coming along with the weather
- **Five Parks** - Hope to be up there to gravel and seed depending on the weather. Can I go to Scott's Rental and rent a three-point tiller for the day? All: Yes, just get a PO#
- **Parking for Trucks doing work in Twp.** - Behind Spend- a-Day, is that a state park clear in the back? The gas company asked me if I could find out if they could park their equipment there for this gas line project. I told him I thought it was state owned and he said it would look better than it did before. Trustee Faulder: I think it's state owned but I would advise them to reach out to ODNR.
- **Gas Line Guys** - I met with them. Pretty much everything runs down the alley - if they can run alongside the road they will, any cuts that are done they will take care of it.
- **Road Repair** - We need to be thinking about 207 - we skinned patch it and this year we were going to chip/steal from 235 to 33. Roads 247, 207, 33, and 212 all need chip sealed. I think we can get another year or two if we chip/seal. Lisa: You may want to look at roads you plan to pave in 2021. We will be receiving the form soon from County Engineer. They are usually due back by August or September and we have sales tax monies to use for paving. Trustee Berg: Why don't you get some quotes for the next meeting? Did you stop at Lynn Shultz on 247 regarding a culvert going under the road that may be collapsing?
- **Questions?** Trustee Faulder - Hummel guy? John: I explained it to her. The first thing I said was here is the absolute fact. If the house was not built there we wouldn't be having this problem right now. The building of the house either collapsed our tile and then their contractor put a drain in and it collapsed. In reality, he should have contacted us when he had it done so we don't know what he did there.

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LUC Board – Trustee Lewis

- Haven't met since the last meeting

EMS Board – Trustee Berg

- Not too much here either; got squad listed on GovDeals.com
- Re-signed contract with Bloomfield for our services
- Changed from two to one meeting a month - the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM via phone conference

Fire Board – Trustee Faulder

- Doing phone conference
- No runs previous month and no training
- Couple of guys are going to start some virtual online training.

Old Business – Trustees

- Trustee Faulder: Dumpster Days – we can't do it with the COVID-19 CDC guidelines. We cannot guarantee crowd control. That's why Pirates Cove is still closed, it's a liability. All Trustees: Let's table until next meeting. It's not that we don't want to have it, however, we are most concerned about the safety of the residents. In addition, legally we cannot hold it unless we meet the CDC guidelines.

New Business – Trustees

- Trustee Faulder: There is a woman on Blue Herring Cove who said she reached out to the bug guy. Last year bugs were bad. But overall, complaints the last time we used him were that he was not very effective. Our budget is being cut due to COVID-19 and I didn't know if we would have the funds to do it. Trustee are thinking not - but he will ask for a quote.

Public Comments

- Trustee Berg: Cynthia, do you have anything else for the board? Cynthia: No, I've already addressed it with you. Thank you.
- Trustee Berg: Sharron / Al do you have anything else for the board? Sharron: We just ask that you not cancel it but to table it. Trustees: We've already done that. We cannot make any promises, as we can't control the crowd and schedule just so many people during a certain time frame. As stated earlier in the meeting, for now we are going to table it until we see if State of Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine, changes the Stay Safe Ohio guidelines.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Lewis made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Trustee Faulder seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall – we will keep the public notified through an ad in the Examiner and post on the township web site at washtwp.net if it will be a teleconference call or an in-person meeting. Thanks everyone!

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Tucker Berg, Chairman

Don Lewis, Vice Chairman

Jason Faulder, Member