

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Hall. Teleconference Participant: Cynthia Definbaugh; Others present were: Butch & Cheryl Dilbone and Shawn Trombly.

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 Core, Gary Bias, Lisa Miller and John Newland. Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on April 12, 2021 and accept them as written. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0. Fiscal Officer Miller: I did not get the minutes from the regular meeting on April 12, 2021 completed but once I do will get the proper approvals and put them out on the township website.

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 - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 4/1/2021 – 4/30/2021 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 Berg seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

- **Financial Report** - The fund balance as of April 30, 2021 was \$1,315,865.97. Our receipts from 4/1/2021-4/30/2021 were \$31,809.03 with the major receipt being rollback property taxes from the State of Ohio on 4/2/2021 in the amount of \$16,760.17. We have received 40.69% of expected revenue having collected / deposited \$394,328.01 of the \$969,088.57 budgeted. There has also been a big push to collect the delinquent taxes and that is going well. Appropriations YTD% spend is 18.29% which is \$193,954.21. Paving and chip sealing won't happen until August or September and are both large expenses so that YTD% spend will increase once we have completed all road work.
- **Audit Update** – Answering pre-audit, sunshine law, and IDS questionnaires and then waiting to find out what type of audit and the date it will begin.

Grant Status:

- **HMA Grant** - nothing known yet when this grant for the Brandt property will begin.
- **OTARMA Grant** – I applied for OTARMA grant on behalf of the Washington Township Police Department in the amount of \$1,000. It's available because Chief Core uses Lexipol to create policies and procedures for the Police Department.
- **BWC** – Just submitted the paperwork electronically for the BWC reimbursement grant that Lt. Thompson applied for and received. This grant is the **Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program** and will reimburse WTPD \$6238.12 of the \$8317.50 they spent on the purchase of six (6) new SX Level IIA, A7 Vests. BWC paid 75% of the cost and WTPD paid 25% of the cost which was \$2079.38.

Mail Received:

- **Sedgewick** – handles BWC claims for multiple townships and advised 2022 Group Rating projected savings will be \$1,054 by staying with Sedgewick. Our enrollment fee for 2022 will be \$635.

Bids:

- **Dumpster Days** – SAY Dumpsters is only bid received; Trustee Lewis: The bid is \$335 per 20-yard dumpster with a dedicated driver for both days. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the bid submitted by SAY Dumpsters and Trustee Berg seconded. All answered "Aye" and motion passed 3-0.
- **Body and in-car cameras** - FO Miller: In your books I gave you each copies of bids from: Axon, Pro Vision and Digital Ally. I'm working with multiple vendors, Trustee Faulder, Chief Core, Lt. Thompson and Sheriff's Dept. to ensure whatever we choose is going to meet the needs of the WTPD now and well into the future. Also, looking at financial options for these purchases. Will let you know more at our next meeting, June 14th. No decision needed today, just sharing as an FYI.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **CFS** - 267 call for service and to look at it, kind of depressing. Two categories of suicide calls. One is threat of suicide and the other was attempted. In April we had 3 threatening suicide and 4 did something where squad had to transport so that's alarming. I think it goes along with the crime stats across the country. I think there's a lot of contributing factors to that.
- **Domestic violence is up** - fight calls, accident calls. And, to Lisa's point of having up to date camera equipment. It used to be a luxury item but it is required today. It absolutely protects the officer.
- **Lt Thompson** has really struggled with he and his wife being sick so I am covering some of his hours. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **CIT Training** - They want us to be CIT trained (critical incident training) just another layer of liability. We'll have to get thru the training as will all officers.
- **Planning for 4th of July** – want it to be a safe weekend for everyone around here. Other than that, I don't have anything. But, I would like to reiterate to keep Lt. Thompson and his wife in your prayers. I talked to him last night.
- **Questions?** Cheryl: regarding pursuit – is it an option have a dart that they shoot at the car to track it? Chief: we don't have the money for cameras.
- **West Liberty chase** – Had 3 pursuits last month. We chased a guy from Michigan going 103 MPH from Logan to Champaign County. Multiple agencies joined the chase. Champaign County picked him up so we dropped off. Was a violent offender.

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Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- Handled approximately 70 calls last month
- 5 zoning permits were issued for:
 - Front deck on house on Foster St
 - Rear covered deck on a house at 9153 Park St
 - Demo a cottage at 9094 Sycamore St
 - Fence at 8771 Chautauqua Blvd,
 - New 2 story house at 6293 C R 91
- Violation letter status update:
 - Sent another 1st class letter to 2983 SR 235 for the approximately 15, what I believe are disabled vehicles, including cars, trucks, boats, & RVs that they say they are working on to get them removed by June 14 at which time I will ask the trustees to declare this property a nuisance and we can have Wrens in De Graff start towing these vehicles.
 - Issued 1st class letter to Connie Francis to get the property cleaned up at 7694 C R 91 in Lewistown. Has till 5/17 to call me with a plan to get the property cleaned up.
 - Haven't heard back from 1st class violation letter to Donald Stonerock at 7426 West St. to get the hole in the roof in the back of the house cleaned up & closed up. So, I will be sending him a certified letter later this week.
 - Haven't heard back from 1st class letter to William Martindale at 7411 Center St. for the 2 campers that somebody has been staying in without permits. So, I will be sending him a certified letter later this week.
 - Talked to Arie from the Logan County Health Dept. & sent you an email stating what has been done on the 2 houses they condemned last year. 1st is Edwards Cummins house at 7640 Williams St. is being foreclosed on & 2nd is Nancy Niebuhr house at 7614 Cottage Grove was turned over to Children's service. Received your reply that no future actions are required by me at this time.
- Heard nothing more from ODOT or Logan County Engineer's office about the Alisa Cummins from Covered Bridge Naturals sign on Jason Hanger property. So, I'm assuming everything is OK
- Have left voicemail with the Dept. Of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance who I think is responsible for Mobile Home Parks. But haven't heard anything back from them. Concerning the resident back in Cottonwood Mobile home park call me about a neighbor at lot 25 building an addition on.
- I've done the Microsoft Office 365 version updates but still having some issues with the software on my laptop. May have to call on Lisa to give me a hand if I can't resolve these issues next week. We can update the software on up to 5 computers with this latest 365 version.
- Emailed the trustees about the call from the realtor in Cleveland inquiring about what's in our zoning concerning marijuana. Told her nothing at this time but Zoning Commission Board may be looking at possible changes in the near future. Do the trustees want me to call a meeting with Board to review the suggestions I sent you from the LUC?
- Called the Logan County Engineer's office to ask how they address drainage issues in Logan County. It is their opinion that townships are responsible to maintain the drainage along township roads but may only repair only those ditches & culverts that run along or provide drainage for those roads.
- Any questions or follow-ups for me?

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- 2 of 4 dugouts are done
- Mowing now again; did get a full round done in between rains and one person; it will take some time to get the other one up
- Moved center field bleachers over because you couldn't see the fields because of the dugout
- Appears the drain we did fix, is working fine right now.
- Resident advised at 8959 Park Street there are two drains and water is flowing out. Very unfortunate but Orchard Island more than any other island up there makes it's hard to push the water out. The lake determines when the water is going to go. If it's blocked, it's blocked. And, nothing we can do. The drains weren't made to accept the amount of rain we get today versus years ago. We get 3-4" and the drains aren't capable and there's simply nothing we can do. Look at Waterbury or Five Parks – they don't have those issues. We try to do what we can as far as checking drains to make sure they are not blocked. This particular drain right here has 6 catch basins going to the lake but it's too high to take the water out.
- Bridge back behind Spend-A-Day > I went and talked to lady at the state. She looked at it and agreed that it's ridiculous that it's even there. One option is to tear it out and be done with it. But, if we have to put a bridge in there it would be \$40,000. I believe it was put there to get back to that island. It just has two culverts this big and the road is giving away. If we don't need it, tear it out and gravel it and make it like the rest. Any time you are dealing with anything along the lake, just like the fire lanes I can't block them out without the state approving it. Trustee Faulder: State Parks have machinery back there all the time. Why can't they take care of it? They take stuff back there but they don't maintain it whatsoever.

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LUC Board – Trustee Berg

- Meeting not held recently

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- The last Chief wasn't doing the insurance right so we asked the guy to come in.
- 101 runs last month
- Finally got a lawyer on retainer – John Bodin out of Bellefontaine; going over bylaws and personnel policies
- Community Days
- Turbo Debt is gone; 3rd party collection agency. They haven't done squat. Going back to Robinaugh doing the billing
- Next meeting is Wednesday

Fire Board – Trustee Faulder

- MARCS Radio - Ohio Firearms for grant
- \$3307 dollars for training
- Radios have been received
- Sonar system was donated and they have a couple guys going to training
- Gun raffle yielded \$3,000
- Had an air boat rescue training and took 3 minutes
- Received \$1200 for fees from Commissioners
- Audit was on Jan. 20th

Old Business – Trustees

- Chief Core to John: Can we get a leash sign back up on Moundwood? John: Yes

New Business – Trustees

- Trustee Lewis: Can you also get a “No Leaf Burning” at Millers Graphics? John: Yes

Public Comments

- **Butch / Cheryl Dilbone** - I believe Carlotta brought up the mirror coming off of Chautauqua as you can't see to get out either way. Quite a few of us have golf carts and don't speed up like cars do. Even in the summer it's almost impossible to see. Trustee Lewis: Would we be liable for anything? Gary: I would ask Jim Reed. Cheryl: I don't mind asking him. I'll get in touch with him and let you know.
- **Shawn:** Talking to Rick on the other end. I'm here about burning leaves on Orchard Island. It's a problem as I have COPD. As soon as someone lights the leaves up, I'm locked out. I quit smoking 5-6 years ago and caused this myself by smoking. But you all have a law for that. Travis has warned a neighbor and he's still doing it. I don't like to confront them and can't – I look big but would run out of breath. I have several addresses of several people that do burn leaves. I talked about getting a surveyor – a neighbor built a shed on my property and the 8921 Maple Street, 8937 College, 8921 College, 8937, 8922, and 8892 on Maple are all folks that burn leaves. Depending on the wind I may not feel anything at all but most of the time it collapses my lungs. Chief Core > advised all what the No Burning Leaves law is and how the Police Department handles those calls. Shawn: They are raking them to the street and burning them there. Trustee Lewis: What does the law say? Chief: IF the court wants us to resolve it that would be great, but they don't want to hear those cases so takes some of the teeth away as far as what we can do as they don't fear the consequence. Same with barking dogs that and open burning are the top two complaints between neighbors. There's a lot of it that goes on in the entire township. Shawn: doesn't make it right. Chief: I don't have the manpower to deal with everyone. Trustee Faulder: You would have to file a civil complaint against them. Chief: typically for us – 10 CFS a day, the first 5 are priority calls that tie us up. Dispatch puts burning leaves in the pending – an OVI takes 4 hours but it's important for everyone to understand. We finish the priority call so our Officers go to take care of the burning leaves complaint but it's already out. Shawn: It only happens in the spring and in the fall. Chief: We advise be courteous to your neighbors. I'm aware of all the problems. We are supposed to call the Fire Dept. and they are to advise the same. Shawn: Brian Jones 8921 College. I think this guy and Dave are friends. Chief: I can talk to all of those fellas and ask them to stop burning. Shawn: I'll pay for the sign.
- **Cynthia:** Sewer Dept re-doing the sewers and a lot of it in the alleys. Still having problems with water coming down and it floods our yards. I'm not the only one having this problem. Instead of adding gravel in the alley – we need some taken out as it's built up so much. Trustee Lewis: When are they starting? Cynthia: I don't know, they have to replace the manholes, so will need to know the elevation of the alleys. It really needs to be about 4" less. I'm sure they wouldn't be upset about going 4" less on their manhole. Trustee Lewis: When they get started, I'll see if I can find their Supervisor again because they aren't fixing all of the potholes. Cynthia; That's not the sewer dept. that's someone else. Trustee Lewis: Who do I contact? Cynthia: Brian Schultz If you could go down there now and take 1-2" off the top, that would be great. We've had to pile dirt up along the fence to keep the water out. Trustee Lewis: We have people calling wanting more gravel and you want less. Cynthia: I think they want it because of the mud. We don't want it running off into our yard. Trustee Lewis: We have someone here that would like some of you gravel so we will come down and move it somewhere. John will put it on his schedule. Trustee Faulder: There's not many places for water to go back there. Cynthia: within 6 hours most of its gone.

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With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Trustee Berg seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall. The telephone conference number remains the same (701) 802-5232 Access Code: 1794763# so Washington Township residents may attend the meeting in-person or dial the conference number above to join from home or elsewhere.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Don Lewis, Chairman

Jason Faulder, Vice Chairman

Tucker Berg, Member