

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 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 Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2024 meeting, Trustee Berg 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 4/1/2024 – 4/30/2024 Fund Status Report, Fund Summary Report, Receipt Register, Detailed Receipt Report, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status and Payment Register for their review, approval and signatures. 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 **April 1, 2024** was **\$2,234,359.87**. Total revenue deposited in April, 2024 was **\$20,175.11**. The year to date revenue is **\$683,878.05**. Our monthly expenses were **\$91,071.75** and our year to date expenditures are **\$251,450.55** leaving a month ending balance on April 30, 2024 of **\$2,163,463.23**.

**Dumpster Days**: Just a reminder that Dumpster Days will be held on **Thursday, June 6th and Friday June 7th from 8-4** and all dumpsters will be located at the township hall.

**RESOLUTION REVISION 2024-007** – Request changes in fees and permits for homeowners who suffered structural damage during the F3 tornado on March 14, 2024. First: Faulder Second: Berg A vote was taken and all answered "Aye"; Resolution 2024-007 approved 3-0.

**Email from LUC with Updated Information on:** Clean-up, Demolition Permits, Information Relevant to Construction, etc.. a lot of good information in this document, please feel free to take one if you like.

#### **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**

- Got the park going pretty well – picking up bleacher boards tomorrow.
- Donnie had a couple of truckloads of grass he raked out of there.
- Drain line - we're installing at Orchard Island, it will be a couple weeks yet.
- Mowing started out in the county – rough mowing it. Have to make a turn around on it.
- Survey sheet for you to sign – tree on Maple Street not sure if it's ours.
- New footer at Lewistown and remains burial at Plum.
- Will open Mausoleum, cemeteries are cleaned up – I will not be home.
- Start doing some more footers – some in pretty bad shape.
- Need a concrete mixer – Harbor Freight and Lowe's both carry them and are below \$500. John is going to check at Harbor Freight first. Get a skid of concrete and do it ourselves – do a few each year to get them in good shape. Fiscal Officer Miller advised she could set aside \$1,000 for the footer repairs. Trustee Faulder made a motion for John to purchase a cement mixer, cement, etc..to repair the footers. Trustee Berg seconded. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.
- Worked on drainage at Orchard Island by Spend a day; took our camera and found there's a 90 degree turn off of a catch basin and debris is plugging it up. Several down past spend a day at Woodlawn to Park and Park across over to Main line to make sure they are clear. Once Todd gets the other drain line in, that will help a lot up there.
- Trustee Lewis: Rex Huffer cleaned off the BB court, it looks really nice. Prisoners are painting it and the fence.
- John: Paving scheduled for Orchard Island after Labor Day.

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**Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector**

- I have had approximately 250 calls but only logged about 215 of them.
- Issued (28) zoning permits
- ZAB held a meeting May 15 for variance #2024-01 application to split one existing parcel into 5 new parcels on 8303 SR 366. They did not approve this variance and the property owner may file again once they make revisions.
- I am going to send a courtesy nuisance warning for 8937 Crescent St, Lakeview, OH 43331 as it is for sale.
- I would like to have Logan target start issuing warnings for disabled vehicles over the next month if that is OK with Michael & Trustees?
- 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, they 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.
- I have not scheduled a Zoning Commission Board meeting for any of the possible changes for solar, recreation marijuana, and recreational vehicles and zoning fees changes. I think we should wait to see if the Logan County Commissioners approved the document the LC Prosecutors office put together. I think Breanne Parcels will be asking the trustees to pass a resolution to send to the Logan County Commissioners to say there are in favor of this.
- Have sent an email to the prosecutor's office and LUC concerning writing a permit for an addition to the data Storage building on TR 61 & corner of SR 274. Their prints meet all the accessory building zoning regulations for U-1 district.
- Have sent an email to the prosecutor's office and LUC concerning writing a rebuild permit for a house on Park Dr. In Waterbury that has a garage that may be sitting over the property lines on an easement that is controlled by the township. The trustees may have or could have been asked to have a survey done by the engineer's office for this.
- May need to ask the prosecutor's office & health dept that if structures that are demolished need to have them back filled to keep from having standing water in them for health & safety purposes?
- Any questions for me?

**LUC Board – Trustee Berg**

- Nothing pertaining to Logan Cty

**EMS Board – Trustee Lewis**

- \$1,711,424.30 in Money Market and \$22,492.10 in checking account.
- Carrying over Money Market where it's at 5.25% I think.
- 125 Runs
- A few awards given to a couple employees and a couple more coming up soon.
- Working on another position – 7-7 ; we only have two people and two vehicles so this person could take a vehicle and go help someone. Would be taking away a first shift job but it all equals out.

Cynthia: Have we come to an agreement with DeGraff and Quincy? Trustee Lewis: Probably not as they are organizing their own. Hopefully they get their stuff together. We had 6 or 7 runs out of our area. Gary: Is that building approved for an emergency shelter? Trustee Lewis: I don't know. Cynthia: Usually Red Cross (an organization) come in and make that decision. Gary: That question came up in an infrastructure meeting.

**Fire Board – Trustee Faulder**

- Water consumption was 3,000 gallons for a fire in Lewistown
- Total balance in checking and CD's is \$642,069.22
- Got new firetruck approved and will be ordered 18-24 months out. Cynthia: what kind of truck is it, pumper, tanker? Trustee Faulder: Yes, I think it's a tanker.
- Gibson appointed as person to fill out and document reimbursements from tornado.

**Old Business – Trustees**

- John: "No Engine Brake" signs given to State and waiting on them to put up.
- Trustee Lewis: Ball Association doing a great job dragging the fields

**New Business – Trustees**

- Trustee Berg: Trustee from Richland wants us to split the bill for a siren maintenance. Fiscal Officer Miller: I already talked to their Fiscal Officer who called me to find out what the agreement was. I advised the agreement was that we annually split only the electric bill with Richland due to Washington Township already splitting cost of maintenance for the tornado siren on 91 near ILHS. Former Richland Township clerk, Gretchen Anderson, sent me an annual invoice splitting the electric between the two entities and I pay that once a year.
- Trustee Lewis: Calls on trees they want us to take care of. John: We'll have to find out if they're really ours before we can do anything.

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**New Business – Trustees (cont’d)**

- Trustee Faulder: People that own the post office called and wondered what we could use it for, if anything? If we can't figure anything out, they will gift it back to the community. Fiscal Officer Miller: They did a lot of brick work on that building, John: Black mold inside, I think. Trustee Faulder: If anyone has any ideas or if someone wants to buy it, I've got information on it.
- Trustee Lewis: What about the leather shop on the corner. Breanne: Does the township want it? If so, designate the Land Bank to act as our agent. No special meeting, you say land bank get this property. Contact Rick Core or Heather Martin. The address is 7652 CR 91.

**Public Comments:**

- Cynthia Defibaugh: I see you're painting. Trustee Berg: I'll call Shelly to see who they hire out. Cynthia: The last company did a lousy job. Please get it done, I would really like to see it done.
- Libby Toussant: What's getting paved? Fairview, Woodlawn, 285 and Park Street (from Mauger to Orchard).
- Trustee Lewis: Any holes back there left from sewer company? John: none
- Breanne Parcel: Disaster area planning say that the you can change your changing zoning code in an emergency and change the fees. County can present changes that are temporarily allowable during an emergency. Jason: Are they getting somewhere on that? Bre: Most of the placeholder language is now filled in and have a FEMA declaration. Gary: Trustees you can send a letter saying that you are in favor of it. Jason: Do you want to prepare a letter and we'll sign off on it, Gary? Gary: Yes, I can do that. Cynthia Defibaugh: are you waiving fees for rebuild? Gary: Only for disasters.
- Terry Miller: I was at the ball park with the grandkids all playing ball and got a lot of compliments on the park from people that were there so just wanted to let you know that and say thank you. Also, is it possible we could get a flagpole for each of the cemeteries? I think those would look really nice and have seen them at other cemeteries. Both Plum and Lewistown have had some nice mowing and weed trimming – they look great! Also, can we get a metal garbage can over at Plum and the one at Lewistown cemetery emptied? And, John can we cut down the dead tree and the scrub trees? I can help you with that, just let me know. Thanks!
- Trustee Lewis: Plum as you are going out the far side – part of a head stone leaning up there. Terry: We have 2-3 headstones broken at the Lewistown Cemetery as well.
- John Newland: Yes, we can get two flag poles / lights and cement mixer and do it ourselves. Can you set aside \$700 for Cemeteries?  
Fiscal Officer Miller: Yes, I already have funds appropriated, just need to know the name of the vendor you pick those up at. Just let me know where you're purchasing from and I'll create a purchase order.
- Cheryl Dilbone: I talked to guy at Mauger / Court and he said there's a dead tree where they put the pump station in. Letter from sewer dept to take the tree down. Can someone send them a letter? Trustee Faulder: That's a civil matter.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Berg made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM; Trustee Faulder seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn 3-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall.

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Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Don Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Jason Faulder, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Tucker Berg, Member of the Board of Trustees