

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on June 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Rick Beck and Jim Hurley present. Trustee Lewis was absent. Also present were: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, Police Chief Rick Core and Road Supervisor, Randy Beck. Others Present: Butch & Carlotta Jones, John Coleman, Butch & Cheryl Dilbone, Dave Rogers, Pam Rogers, Melissa Miller, Lynne Snipes, Sharon DeVault, and David Wallace.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Beck with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call.. Trustee Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Beck seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 2-0.

**Financial Obligations** - The fiscal officer presented financial obligations to the trustees. Trustee Hurley made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Beck seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 2-0.

**Financial Reports** - the fiscal officer also presented the Trustees for the period of 5/1/2017 – 5/31/2017 a Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register, and Bank Reconciliation for their review and signature. Trustee Hurley made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Beck seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" - motion passed 2-0.

#### **Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller**

- **Financial Report** – Current Revenue is at 50.51% having received YTD \$283,341.42 of the \$561,009.28 estimated revenue leaving a budget balance of \$277,667.86 yet to be received so happy with that. Our appropriations YTD expenditures are low for this time of year at \$190,716.97 (21.17% of the estimated appropriation budget). Overall, normal revenue / appropriations seen at this time.
- **Audit** – The 2015-2016 Audit has been completed. Here is a draft copy of it as well as forms that need trustee signatures for the post-engagement waiver and a management representation letter. State of Ohio has always audited my records in the past so it was the first time I have had an outside auditing firm. There were no citations issued and Perry Corporation was very professional, thorough, and great to work with.
- **Janice Rogers** – Here is a judgement Entry from Common Pleas Court in the Janice Rogers case. The court affirms the decision of the Board of Health and ordered that Janice's appeal be denied at her cost. Janice has 30 days to appeal (until June 26). If no further appeals, Washington Township should be able to take the structure down on June 27, 2017. Trustee Lewis did advise me that Janice has been cleaning up the property and has intentions to move the trailer and build a carport - then try to sell the property.
- **Ohio Division of Liquor Control** – application by Piqua Food Center (purchased Midway Marathon). No objections.

#### **Police Department – Chief Rick Core**

- **Calls for Service** - 366 CFS in May, however, appropriate to explain CFS. Police officer MARCS off, address generates CFS. Past month, I have these forms here from **Click it or Ticket** campaign. Public safety initiative from Ohio Dept of Public Safety awareness - etc.. to wear a seat belt. Have another coming up from August 1- Sept 3 **Be Sober or Get Pulled Over**. Nonetheless, emphasis is creating awareness – saturation of patrols and I personally think good traffic enforcement. Logan County a long time ago had the highest fatality rate where halfway thru the year we had 11 fatalities. Therefore, these initiatives are to create visibility between public and law enforcement in hopes that it will create safer highways. Stats show it works otherwise State of Ohio would not spend so much time and money. The send tracking sheet and officers keep track of how many between May 22 - Jun 4 end and just on **Click it or Ticket** campaign we engaged in 119 traffic stops, had 4 DWI, 2 adult restraint, 48 speed citation, 2 listed as other, 5 suspended or revoked citations and people ask what's the big deal that I don't have a drivers license or insurance. If you are involved in a traffic accident with someone who does not have an insurance - you have no recourse to get your medical bills paid etc... That's what that is all about and contributes to the calls for service (CFS). If you look at last month's minutes, we have changed our tactics as the drug-selling people have changed theirs. They don't want to conduct business in their homes, as they are worried about problems with landlords. If you read the paper a few weeks back we had a drug deal in Mt Tabor Church parking lot and got the most methamphetamine in that bust. Keeps roads safe for you and we get a lot of drugs in those traffic stops! If we get out of the car and are engaged in that - all of those things require a CFS, same as going to court does.
- **Officer Willoby** is officially full-time with Bellefontaine now - has been sworn in. Commanding officer called and said he was on the job one day and had already made a DWI arrest.
- **Introduction of Officer Wisener**- This is Officer Wisener - If it weren't for him I would be on a cot in there. Trustee Beck: I heard he has made some awesome arrests already and I appreciate the job he is doing. Officer Wisener: I've lived here all my life and coached kids. My kids are now old enough that I quit my job at Airstream to become a police officer. Went to school but came out and wanted to work in Washington Township and everything worked out. I want to get the drugs off the street - my big goals are alcohol and drugs. Lisa: Many of you may not know but Officer Wisener donated over 300 hours of his time working as a Police Officer on unpaid status while waiting for a paid position to open in Washington Township. In fact, all of our officer, past and present, has donated many hours due to budget constraints that Chief Core watches closely. That's important for residents of Washington Township to know – our officers' commitment, dedication, work ethic to the public is beyond anything most of us would do. I applaud and thank them for that.
- **Training** - we are continuing our training
- **Auxiliary Officer** - I am actively looking for an officer. I normally have an auxiliary officer waiting in the wings. Officer Wisener, Officer Thompson and I are carrying 90% of our schedule. Right now, I'm in a tough spot working a lot of extra hours. If you see the same faces out there, you know why. If you talk to any of the main academies, their recruitment numbers are down and I believe it has to do with what they see in the media and the risk associated with the job. I know how it is affecting us in Washington Township.

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**Police Department – Chief Rick Core (cont'd.)**

➤ **Questions?**

- Trustee Hurley: Why do Officers Wisener and Thompson run same hours? Chief Core: On certain days, I have no idea what court schedule will be. There was a day Officer Wisener was scheduled to work but Officer Thompson had court at 10 and 2. You will see them out at the same time. But, I don't schedule them at the same time, never have, especially as short as we are right now. So court is the only reason. Or, if they are working a big rape or drug case, you have to stay on top of it. Trustee Hurley: We'll take it up later, there were 10 instances where they were out past midnight. Trustee Beck: It's up to Chief Core when / how he schedules his officers, not us. He is short-handed right now so makes sense long hours and overlapping of hours on duty.

**Zoning – Gary Bias**

- 60 calls - 2 zoning permits Trustee Beck: Where issued? Gary: Orchard Island
- Sent out follow up on violation letters
- Place on 235 - he has health issues but will clean up by July 4
- 366 - big piles gone some small piles left
- Started foundation on doublewide on Orchard Island; will be moving back on foundation before too long.
- Work with resident in Lewistown having water problems; Health Department not involved
- Brian Hough called to ask about new driveway regulations; new regulations put in force by the county. I checked with LUC and they are not aware of anything that was implemented.
- Had a call about a one-acre parcel – in U-1 district; could they sell? I told them no must be a two (2) acre plot to build on that.
- Butch called about a service being hooked up for a camper so I sent them a letter; can only use that for 30 days.
- Trustee Beck: CR 54 at 215 is a problem - he is hooked directly into the sewer. Gary: I've called the prosecutor's office about it
- Call in Five Parks about a property needing mowed – it's done.

**Road Department - Trustee Beck**

- **Alleys** on Orchard Island
- Couple dead ends they forgot we need to go back and get
- **Mowing** - Let Ran know we need to get on the mowing - Jim mowed his property but he did come in. Don has been mowing the park – there has been a lot of activity going on there with ball games so great to see it is getting a lot of use. The zero turnabout beat me to death and Don learned how to use the zero turn.
- **Dumpster Days** was a big success! Thanks Lisa for setting that up. We changed Five Park area to Tinsley's due to spillway work. Trustee Lewis took Don Moore's place and worked two days, Jerry Snipes came down and helped there. I went up and worked with Jack and Randy, Butch also helped out. A lot of stuff came in. If you don't watch those things - anything can get thrown in. I think we went through 10-11 dumpsters. Saved a lot of the metal and that goes back into the dumpster fund, right Lisa. Lisa: Correct.
- **Tree work** going on - one on Mauger across from 59 and 71 - need that surveyed. Ran can't just sign it any longer - trustees must sign.
- **Randy's Resignation** – Lisa read aloud; Trustee Beck: Randy's been with us for ten years. I'm bragging because he/s dedicated, he's there when the snow is flying, sun shining, usually Randy or I are the first ones there. He takes care of two cemeteries, the park and the roadways. Not here this evening as he had to go to Columbus for a 6-month checkup but he got a very good report. We're going to lose one of the best employees we've ever had. He's going to be a tough one to replace. It's not just about him resigning but getting someone trained. He knows where every crack and crevice is. Jack Norviel is our backup and he found out Ran is leaving so didn't take that too well. Looks like the trustees will need to advertise to hire another Road Supervisor here real soon. Lisa: I will advertise in the Bellefontaine Examiner on the 19<sup>th</sup> and due on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Trustees can interview the week of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and hire at a special meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM if they find a candidate.

**LUC Board –Trustee Hurley**

- Did not receive anything this month.

**EMS Board – Trustee Lewis**

- Sharon - Finances are major concern; doesn't appear there is enough money to get thru the year. May be an operating levy to do that. Trustee Beck: Do they have Mike involved yet? Dave: No - last mtg they didn't mention it. Trustee Beck: What is the budget? Dave - I have the last mtg and they were already over budget for 1/2 year. Major expenses not paid last year by prior board and prior chief so they are trying to catch up. They need monitors, phones to communicate to the hospital for those. We have an entity to join the squads and I hate to see this lost due to lack of funds. Deadline is Aug 8 for a levy - they will run out of money and be forced to close. Trustee Beck: Put them back in the fire dept. what else can you do? Dave: back in Fire Dept then their funds have to increase. Sharon: Next meeting is this Wednesday. Trustee Beck: What happens - can they do a volunteer status? Dave: No one can afford to be volunteers any more even here, with police dept they can't get enough either. Some work two different squads. That's the thing running two full time squads and a stand by third one is too much. Medicaid and Medicare is really down as well as private insurance. Calls are up but revenue is down. I don't know for sure if they are asking for a 1 mill or a 1.5 mill levy. Jeff's volunteered to look at finances for the last year and make recommendations. If we don't get money by end of year we won't save it. Maybe sell some property? Trustee Beck: With a half building built on that property, you would have to raise it. Trustee Hurley: Pull trigger now on some stuff now. Two months to put something on the levy. Trustee Beck: It sounds to me like you have no choice but to run a levy. Dave: You know the engines and what they've gone through. Sharon: You see 3 - 4 people that come to the meetings. Trustee Beck: You've got a lot of expertise - with people involved here. Dave: They made those committees and they are gone. No one is available. We need the expertise like Jeff or Lisa - to look at last year's income as they know what to look for and why/how to possibly fix it. It's a lot to fix though due to the lack of records from the prior board / chief, difficult to reconstruct what they did.

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**Fire Board – Trustee Beck**

- Minutes from last month- March / April / May

**Public Comments**

- Butch/Carlotta - we have our typical summer but thanks to Trustee Lewis he has taken care of two of the five on our list
  - Three properties on Orchard Island
    - Corner of Crescent / Woodlawn - weeds taller than house
    - Auditorium - weeds need mowed
    - Crescent - weeds need mowed
- Butch / Cheryl Dilbone
  - Report of property issue for Gary
- Lynn Snipes - after meeting; personal opinion on community and something the church can help with.
- Dave – EMS - I thank Chief Core for himself and his guy’s presence in Russell’s Point as we are also without a man too and that certainly helps.
- Chief Core - Needs fan for office. Trustee Beck: I have a window air conditioner

**Old Business** – Trustees

- None

**New Business** – Trustees

- Trustee Hurley: Need blade on the mower (big one).

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Hurley made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM. Trustee Beck seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion passed 2-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall. There will be a public auction at 5:00 PM for the Road Dept. Dump Truck if anyone would like to look at it after this meeting; you are more than welcome to do that.

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Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Don Lewis, Chairman

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Rick Beck, Vice Chairman

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Jim Hurley, Member