

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on July 10, 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, Police Chief Rick Core and Road Supervisor, Randy Beck. Others Present: Officer Jason Faulder, Officer Michael Thompson, Dave Rogers, Tammy & Walt Mansfield, Kateri Mansfield, Melissa Miller, Pam Rogers, Sharon DeVault, Reuben Mees, Michael Yoder, Fred Borden, Mark Wahl, Nancy Roellig, Jane & Doug Hudson, Thomas & Marie Hendel, Carlotta & Butch Jones, Al & Sharron Klahr, Missy Mefford, Dave & Lisa Coburn, Terry Miller, Bonnie Coleman, Ben Pile, Sheriff Randy Dodds, Sheriff Ryan Furlong, Officer Earl Wisener and Bill Simms.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call – Trustee Lewis, Trustee Beck, Trustee Hurley, Chief Core, Gary Bias and Randy Beck all present. Trustee Beck made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2017 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. All answered “Aye” – motion passed 3-0.

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 3-0.

Financial Reports - the fiscal officer also presented the Trustees for the period of 6/1/2017 – 6/30/2017 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

- **Financial Report** – Our fund status currently is \$1,135,814.37. Current Revenue is at 52.190 % having received YTD \$292,340.991 of the \$561,009.28 estimated revenue so we are on target with expected revenue. We have spent 24.98% of the funds that have been appropriated so not as much as expected.
- **Audit Report** Also here is a final copy of the audit report it will be on our township website as well so you can view from there.
- **Township Web Site** – Our township web site is up and running at: washtwp.net. – you can google that or just type it in your browser. You will see there's a page for the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Chief Core, Road Dept, and Zoning. You can find zoning resolution and forms, I have a page that has all minutes for 2016 and 2017 and will put the 2015-2016 audit out there (you can also find it on the State of Ohio's Auditor web site).
- **Mail Received:**
 - We have a mitigation plan review from EMA, Helen Norris, and she's just letting you know that if you would like to look at it, there's an electronic copy, or you could go to the Logan County Fairgrounds to the EMA booth tonight from noon to 8:00 or July 11th at 8:00 through the 16th from noon to 8:00 if you would like to view that mitigation plan, and anyone can actually do that.
- **Letter from County Engineer's Office** - I received a letter from Todd Bumgardner from the Logan County Engineer's Office, and they're having the 2017 annual meeting of the engineers for 2018 funding. Don, if you could pick up my paperwork, I won't be here. Trustee Lewis: I'll be going to that meeting unless you want to go, Jim. Trustee Hurley: I'll probably go to it.
- **Letter from County Engineer's Office** – County Engineer is going to vote on an access management resolution after the annual meeting. I copied it for each of you because I wanted you to be aware of that.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **Chief Core:** Good evening everybody. **Trustee Lewis:** Excuse me, Rick. Before you go on, if anybody has any comments to Rick or anything to say at all, please state your name first because she is recording over here. Thank you.
- **Chief Core:** Welcome everybody to the Washington Township Police Department and Washington Township Hall and our regular monthly meeting.
- **Calls for Service** – We had 90 calls for service in the month of June. We had 90 calls for service in the month of June, and one of the things that jumps out at me is the neighborhood watch groups and the people that are active in watching out for their community is very obvious on this report. I've got seven suspicious person calls and ten suspicious vehicle calls, and that's a direct result of Neighborhood Watch groups -- that type of call is not generated by us. That's you folks so keep up the good work. We're always high on the domestic violence and we had six in month of June. That's a lot. I remember going to a function, and I believe the officer that was there was from Dublin, and he was kind of looking over my shoulder, and I had nine domestic violence calls on there. He goes, gosh darn, that's a lot. You guys had that for the year? I said that's one month. So he was just appalled that we handled that many domestic violence calls. The total number is a bit down from last month, but last month we had the Click It or Ticket campaign that we were actively involved in. Everybody survived the 4th of July. That's good. We were very, very busy that night. I finally parked my cruiser at 3:00 a.m. so it was a long, long night.
- **ALICE Training** - We have a couple of folks here from the school, Missy Mefford co-principal from the middle school and Dave Coburn. We have ALICE training coming up in the schools on August 8th so if anybody knows what ALICE is, that's an acronym for – Alert, Locate, Inform, Counter, Escape. So that's just another effort the Police Department and the schools work together on to try to create a safer environment.
- As far as the types of calls that we're handling right now, it's obvious that summer is in full swing, and for the gentlemen over here in blue -- and I'm sure I can speak for the sheriff, too we're all looking forward to winter so...that's all I have unless anybody has any questions for me.
 - **Thomas Hendel** - Jerry Thomas is the manager at the trailer park as you go back towards Moundwood. They would like to start a neighborhood watch program. Discussion and consensus was this trailer park is in Richland Township.
 - **Tammy Mansfield:** I'm from Lewistown. You all know my tune. We need our department to go full-time. Tonight though I have a statement and I have a question for Township Trustee Hurley. Excuse me. I'm a little nervous so at the April meeting I sat here and listened to you as an elected official in a public forum mock and ridicule Chief Freyhof and the Russell's Point Police Department. I found this to be not only highly unprofessional, but I found it vulgar and disgusting. So I decided to do some research. From what I found, you never vote for anything regarding our police department. For example, in 2015 you voted against getting the two, new used cruisers even though we could get them for the price of one, and Chief gave you the reasons that we needed them.

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Tammy Mansfield (continued): You appear antagonistic towards our police department. You questioned Chief Core about the money spent for training and keys for two new officers. Your comment was: "It will be interesting how much you spent. Then they leave in a year". And just so you know, one of those officers was our son, Caleb. And he was here for over two years, and he would still be here if he could afford to support his family without having to work two other jobs on the side. You questioned Chief Core about calls for service. You questioned the Chief about the hours worked by his Officers Thompson and Wisener, and yet you never mention the great work that they're out there doing. They just got three illegal immigrants, not to mention the number of drugs. All the while, they put their lives on the line and their well-being at risk to protect us. And that includes you, and you don't even like them, but they're unbiased in their job. Your solution for the Russell's Point Police Department was for them to close down and turn it over to the Sheriff's Department even though we all know the Sheriff's Department is having enough of their own problems without having enough officers. So my question for you, Trustee Hurley, is this your desire and agenda for our police department as well?

Trustee Hurley: Number one, I don't recall ever saying anything negative about Chief Freyhof. **Tammy Mansfield:** Do you want me to refresh your memory? **Trustee Hurley:** Sure **Tammy Mansfield:** You said – Is there an active ploy by Russell's Point to not have officers so they can get officers? Are we getting the calls, and that's why we are making so many other arrests? And then you went on to comment, are they doing this just to pass their levy? And then when we talked about the RP dumpster days and the cleanup and problems they had up there. You smirked, you laughed, and you said their Chief sat right there and watched it all happen and did nothing. **Trustee Hurley:** It did take place within a hundred feet of the Russell's Point Police Department so that was an observation, and there was complaints about that, but it took place next to their police department. As for your previous comments -- say it again. Okay. I got off on that. The first one was there was an inordinate amount of arrests or stops by this department in Russell's Point. At that time Russell's Point was in the process of putting a levy on to hire a department which had been not passed multiple many times. So my question was, was there a slow-down by the RP police department or keeping people off; were we making more arrests in there because there weren't as many officers on duty. And the question was, were they backing off enough to show -- but it really didn't work out because they should have been making more arrests to prove that they were on line. But it was just an observation, and we were making an awful lot of arrests in Russell's Point, and I was trying to determine was it something that they had changed in their procedures or what were they doing. All the other questions I asked the Chief, I feel it's my duty as an elected official to look at expenses and budgets and time and men on work and those kind of things just to make sure that we, as a board, are active and are asking those questions. So I asked those questions. I feel it's my duty to ask those questions. If I see everything is running fine, but if I see anomalies in that, I ask a question. And that's what I feel I'm elected to do is to ask those questions and just to make sure that he answers not only to me but answers to the public when they are here to make sure that everybody knows that everything is running above board and that we're doing the best we can from a monetary standpoint and from a coverage standpoint. One of the questions I asked was why were they working so many hours because I thought it was unsafe when you work a person -- when people were working and 4 and 6 hours, and one person worked 20 hours straight hours. And I questioned -- I asked the questions whether that was safe or not. I think that's a good question. . When anybody else works over 8 hours, you start to work into a safety aspect, and my question was are we running into a safety aspect with that. I asked questions of the Chief. It's not the only questions I asked. I asked questions about everybody or about all of the stuff we do because I'm an active member of the board, and I ask those questions to make sure that everybody is aware, not only the other two gentlemen on the board but also anybody in attendance at the meeting. If somebody takes it that I'm antagonistic, I'm not antagonistic towards the Chief or the police department. I do know they do a good job. I'm just asking -- I'm just looking at the numbers and asking questions as I see them. **Tammy Mansfield:** So my question was you said that Russell's Point should shut their doors and let the Sheriff's Department take over. Is that your agenda and your desire for the Washington Township Police Department? **Trustee Hurley:** No, as long as we are able to keep a force up and adequately patrol Washington Township, I see no reason to shut it down and go and have the Sheriff's Department take that over. It looked like -- that was probably before they passed their levy so they were down to no officers. And what happens is when they go down to less officers, we end up in Russell's Point picking people up and doing traffic control and everything on 33 and things like that in Russell's Point, and we're not out serving the township. **Chief Core:** Well, I'm going to disagree with that. I believe that if we're taking drugs off the street, that most of the people in this room, if not everybody, doesn't care where they come from. And I think that it's my duty to do that, and your attacks on me are antagonistic. We haven't gotten along since your tenure as trustee, since it started. And I don't know what your problem is, but -- **Trustee Hurley:** I have no problem. **Chief Core:** There was a gentleman, and I don't know -- we can get it off from the sign-in sheet from last month -- but he came in my office after the meeting, and he said: I just want to let you know, I'm new to the area. I'm from Findlay. I've only lived up here for a couple of months. But he said: What is that one trustee's problem with you? And he said: I noticed that right off the bat. And I said: I honestly couldn't answer that question. He said: Well, I appreciate the way you handled it. So tonight, you've accused me of giving false numbers during the meeting. You've gone to the Sheriff's Department and asked for reports and then said that -- you actually told an employee there that you think I'm lying and that I'm not providing factual numbers at the board meeting. **Trustee Hurley:** No, I never said that. I never accused you of that. **Chief Core:** Don't interrupt me because I have invited the sheriff and the lieutenant here tonight. **Trustee Hurley:** Fine **Chief Core:** So when you do that, number one, it makes the township look like a joke. When you, as an elected official, go in to the Sheriff's Department and ask an employee for a report which the sheriff provides for you every year anyway, why you don't go over it since you have that information in front of you, instead of going in and asking again is beyond me. But to go in and accuse me of lying and presenting false numbers to this board and the people in attendance is ridiculous, and it's really appalling and offensive to me. You've created a hostile work environment here, and there are officers that are in this room tonight, both former and present, that will reiterate that. They don't know what -- and I've worked for nine different trustees, you being the tenth, and four different fiscal officers. I haven't had a problem with one of them but you. And I have written something so I can stay on task and to the point of me being able to fudge the numbers, I pull them right off the CISCO system, the same one that Sheriff Dodds uses. Lieutenant Furlong, is there any way for me to alter, amend, change or forecast those numbers to benefit myself? **Lieutenant Furlong:** No, sir. **Chief Core:** None. As far as the Sheriff goes, I had a conversation with him on Friday. You were in there asking about the big case that I was working on, and you said that. **Trustee Beck:** We need to slow down a little bit. We've got a recorder up here. **Chief Core:** When I was in this room in a meeting talking about active shooter training and how we were trying to prepare in the event that should ever happen at Indian Lake Schools, your comment was that, well, if something big like that happens, the Sheriff's Department would just come in and move you out of the way, and you would be stepping aside. And I said: No, that's not the case at all. If we have somebody on duty, and there's a Washington Township officer available, regardless of what the call is, we will handle it. Sheriff, is that accurate? **Sheriff Dodds:** Yes. We would work as a team, yes, absolutely. **Chief Core:** So the conversation that you had most recently with the Sheriff was that you wanted to know why I handled a large, high-profile case that happened here recently, and then you also asked questions about some information that was out in the media. And I'm not quite sure of the conversation, but I do know that the context of it was that you were just fishing and fishing to see if I had done anything. . . .

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Trustee Hurley: I had been asked by several people within the township why your name's associated with a quote from what they thought was confidential reports. And all I did was call... **Chief Core:** Why don't you call me and ask me that question? That is more appropriate for you to keep in-house and ask me instead of going to the Sheriff, and number one, bothering him with that, and then basically implying that I don't know what I'm doing. **Trustee Hurley:** Did I imply that he didn't know what he was doing, Randy? **Sheriff Dodds:** I did not get that from you, no. **Trustee Hurley:** Didn't I state that I was following up because I had questions from people within the township that asked where did that information come from? Is it normal to have that released? And I had questions from people who asked was it normal to have that released. The second question I've gotten from people in the township was with your close nature of working with the school and anything, why didn't you step back? **Chief Core:** Why would I step back? **Trustee Hurley:** To avoid any idea of any impropriety. **Chief Core:** That's first and foremost in your mind, impropriety. But in my mind if I go out and pick and choose what cases I choose to investigate, then that's going to leave a bad taste in the mouth of anybody who's going to come up to me and say, hey, you didn't have a problem taking my kid to jail. Or, hey, you didn't have a problem taking my husband to jail; you didn't have a problem investigating my family, but you took a pass on this one. It's all about integrity, Jim. And I have been doing this for 28 years. I know what I'm doing. And at any time if I ever think I'm getting in over my head, I'm smart enough to ask questions. And it is antagonistic the way you do that instead of asking me, and I'm going to bring another one to light tonight. The contention between you and I ends tonight. We also have in attendance this evening the Logan County Auditor, Mike Yoder. And he's sitting back there in the corner, and I happen to know that you went to him and asked him if you could take the funds that the township has that are set aside for police protection and contract with the Sheriff's Department. **Trustee Hurley:** Yeah. That was a question I discussed with Rick and maybe with Don. **Trustee Lewis:** No, you've never discussed that with me. **Trustee Hurley:** I know I've discussed it with Rick several times about... **Chief Core:** Trustee Rick Beck has been the biggest supporter of this police department. **Trustee Hurley:** Did I discuss it with you? **Trustee Beck:** I told you the people speaks. Those people that we serve voted. It doesn't matter what I think. It's what those people deserve. If they want the police department, that's what they're going to get, but they're going to get the best. . I ate, slept law enforcement and I still do to this day. You can ask those guys right there. There isn't anybody anymore dedicated to this department and to his (Chief Core's) department. **Chief Core:** And I will echo that sentiment. **Trustee Beck:** I guarantee you if those guys are in need of anything, if I can support them, I will do that. That guy standing right over there just made Lieutenant (Ryan Furlong). He started out with me at JVS, and he's only gotten smarter and smarter, and the Sheriff, I think, knows that so he put him as lieutenant. And I think he's been a very dedicated asset to you. **Sheriff Dodds:** Absolutely. **Chief Core:** The reason that I'm bringing up some of the things I am and the reason people are here in attendance tonight is because there's not going to be any he said, she said. With regard to our auditor, Michael Yoder, and Mr. Hurley approaching him about using our dollars, your tax dollars to contract with the Sheriff's Department instead of having your own police department, I don't think I need to stand up here and tell you what the benefits are of having your own police department. But the Sheriff as early as last Friday told me, he said: Without you guys, we'd be up a creek. We can't handle the load we've got now. And he's -- as somebody else already alluded to, he's got his own battles with the commissioners and not supporting his department. So in order for the tax dollars that are currently being used for your own Washington Township Police Department to be going to the Sheriff's Department, which was clearly said, he can't take on any more than what he's already got. Those guys make a whole lot more money than our guys. So if you've got X amount of dollars to allocate towards police protection, you're going to get - - it's going to go a lot less farther with somebody that's paid a whole lot more than what it will with the guys you've got. I mean, the contention between myself and Mr. Hurley is caused by his attitude, he doesn't like the parks won't vote for anything for the parks or for the police department. And, I can tell you that of the three trustees sitting up there, those two gentlemen to his right (Trustees Beck and Lewis) out work about every other trustee we've ever had. If it's bad weather, they're out there. If it's zoning issues or, you know, with the properties that we need abated, you're always going to find these two guys out there working right alongside me to solve the problems that you all bring to our attention. I wrote two pages of stuff. I think the message is pretty clear. There's people here from the schools. The gentlemen that work here, Officer Michael Thompson, back there, he's a police officer of Washington Township. Officer Earl Wisener is back there standing in the hallway. Mr. Hurley talks about me working an officer 20 hours straight. There's not an officer, unless we have a major event like a major weather event or a major catastrophe somewhere, nobody is going to work 20 hours straight on the road. However, these guys are dedicated enough to spend 8 or more hours on a shift on the road, and then come in here, clock out and go in there and sit and do their paperwork on their own time. And, I mean, Officer Thompson is here in uniform tonight. He's not on the clock. Just about everything that I try to do to improve the department, this man (Trustee Hurley) makes an effort to block me and makes it more difficult for me. This job is already difficult. There's tons of stress here. I've made enough money in my other jobs. Everybody here works another job. Every police officer here works another job. They do this job because it's their calling. It's what they believe they're supposed to be doing. And I see the dedication in these guys all the time. I mean, it's an absolute privilege and an honor to work beside them, and I'm just lucky to have them and so are you. And it's just unconscionable to me to have to constantly defend what we're doing. He makes \$ 15.50 an hour. I'm sorry. And he comes out here and puts his life on the line every day because of what he believes in. And he's taken -- both of these guys have taken huge amounts of drugs off the streets, methamphetamines, heroin, etc.. Officer Thompson had somebody throw a hypodermic needle at him Saturday, late Saturday night, full of heroin. If it would have stuck him and been loaded with Fentanyl, he may not even be standing there. But he's doing that for \$ 15.50 an hour. So it's hard for me to keep putting up with the problem that we have with Trustee Hurley. And these Officers have told me that they're -- they're worried about the future, their future job security because Mr. Hurley -- I have been told by residents that he's out there campaigning against the police department. There's people in this room that will echo that sentiment. And then when our levy was up and we were out trying to promote it and talk about the good things we were doing, people would ask me: What's the problem with that one trustee you have? I'd said: Why? And they would say: He doesn't have anything nice to say about the police department and talks against your levy. **Trustee Hurley:** That's hearsay. **Chief Core:** No, that's fact. **Trustee Lewis:** Any other questions? **Officer Michael Thompson:** I'd like to say something. **Trustee Lewis:** You're name is... **Officer Thompson:** Michael Thompson with the Washington Township Police Department. I would like to just address the 20-hour day hour that Trustee Hurley is referring to was me. It's the case at Mt. Tabor where there was a drug deal. It was the case where the suspect, Brandon, was then selling Fentanyl to the residents of Washington Township. So the 20-hour day came from a drug buy with a confidential informant at Mt. Tabor Church. It kind of fell through a couple of times and ended up being like 5:30 PM before we did the buy. By the time we get him the buy, get him in jail and doing the report, it turned out to be 20 hours. I have a three-year-old son so being here for 20 hours wasn't something I wanted to do, but that's how it worked out. During that drug buy after talking to Brandon, it's like the 10th time he sold heroin at Mt. Tabor Church to people. And I would like to note during this buy there was probably 50 kids out at the park as he's selling this. Sent it in to the lab, and it comes back that it's pure, hard Fentanyl. So God forbid, you know, if one of those caps comes up missing, you know, who knows what happens to that kid. So in regard to the 20-hour day, that's where that comes from.

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Trustee Hurley: And that's the only question I asked. **Officer Thompson:** You mentioned it like three times in that meeting. I mean, you brought it up and I have heard numerous times about this 20-hour day. **Trustee Beck:** Didn't that end up that that guy was going to sell at the schools? **Chief Core:** Yes **Trustee Beck:** So, you prevented maybe some kids getting hurt badly? **Chief Core:** Yes **Officer Thompson:** He's the same guy that threw the needle at me out here on 33 last week. And another thing I'd like to know, Mr. Hurley, did you make the comment about the air conditioner being left on in this building? **Trustee Hurley:** I asked -- I saw Rick, and again I asked why it was on. **Officer Thompson:** Well, the reason it was -- let's note, the reason it was left on was because I had a sex assault victim with a child coming in here for an interview, and it was this hot. And I had to turn her away due to the heat. So if anybody wonders or hears about the air-conditioning being on, it's because you can't interview a six-year-old kid when it's this hot. **Fiscal Officer Miller:** Chief did ask for an air conditioner for that office. **Trustee Beck:** That's been taken care of. I personally purchased one. **Melissa Miller:** I have been off and on a resident of Logan County. I've gotten arrested by you as a kid. Chief Core and the people here are amazing. They go way and beyond their call of duties. If we would happen to lose our police department, he has a good rapport with the children of the schools and with the school system. He has it with each individual area of Washington Township. I mean, how many officers do you hear I'll give you my personal cell phone? You know. And he gets bugged 24/7, me being a couple times. If we would lose and go to sheriff, we would lose a lot. I do not want to get rid of Chief Core. I have been an advocate in saying that they don't make enough. Your son is with Logan County now (Office Caleb Mansfield) he was amazing. And unfortunately because we can't pay these officers enough, we're losing good, honest people. And, you know, I would be the first one to campaign and say, hey, look let's try to get their income up a little bit or something. I have asked Rick: Why do you do it? And it's because he loves this community. So if anyone is trying to say shut down and close our police department, it would be wrong. Russell's Point, Joe Freyhof, you know, he can be arrogant at times, but he is just as committed. And we have two good forces we need to keep strong. Sheriff in Logan County, they do just as good. But honestly our calls will not get answered. I mean, like you guys have stated, you know, they're at their wits end. I see what Logan County, all around, what our police officers do. And lately if you get on Peak of Ohio, or you open up the Bellefontaine Examiner, you're going to hear Washington Township is getting the drugs off the streets. And me as a resident, I want to keep it. You know, I want my grandchildren to be safe. I don't want them playing in the park where there's going to be drugs. I don't want the drugs at the schools. I don't want another school shooting, and it be ours. Right now he has a great rapport with our students. And yeah, if we've got to clean house and clean trustees, that's what we're going to do, and I'll be the first one to campaign it.

Trustee Lewis: Anyone else have questions? **Sharron Klahr:** Trustee Hurley you said that Washington Township has taken calls for Russell's Point but I will tell you that that's just as much the other way because I had made one call. I found a door open on a house on the island. And they (Russell's Point) got there before Washington Township so it's a reciprocal thing which, you know, they both work together really well. The question I have was you made the statement where you asked the auditor if you could move those funds and contract with Logan County. (To Mike Yoder) Is that something he can literally do without any of us knowing? **Logan County Auditor Mike Yoder:** I actually have a report that I want to give here, too, so if you'll wait a minute, I will talk about the levies and all. **Trustee Hurley:** Was it... **Melissa Miller:** By asking that question, that tells me you don't want our police department. **Trustee Hurley:** He's down to two officers. He's been looking for a couple months. **Chief Core:** I mean, I lost three. I lost two to Bellefontaine and one to Urbana. **Trustee Hurley:** And you have no replacements for those. So the question is -- **Chief Core:** That's due in part to the hassle that I got from you when I hired Earl. **Trustee Hurley:** I never hassled you. **Chief Core:** It's the truth. **Trustee Beck:** I think with the new standards that the OPOTA has set forth, it makes it tough on everybody, not just our department in recruiting. **Sherriff Dodds:** And, it will be worse next year. That's just mandating 40 hours. **Trustee Beck:** But things is going to get a lot tougher. Law enforcement used to be a high priority thing, and now you can't get can't get a kid that's wanting to go into law enforcement.

Dave Coburn: Well, fortunately we still have great men and women that are smart and have that career. That is because of not only Officer Core but all the law enforcement here that have a positive relationship that they fostered through the years, not just in high school but also in middle school, and I think even in the elementary. The more that we can bridge all those three together -- again, the more I feel comfortable raising my family in Washington Township, the more I feel comfortable having my kids at the school here, whichever building it is. So for me it's about the community. I know that's what Chief Core does. I know what a lot of these people do. Someone has given me the opportunity. I want to give it back.

Bill Simms: Bill Simms representing Pirates Cove, and I would just say that all of our families are supporting the police department. And we're working very avidly against those who don't. I'll say that to all the trustees. Thank you.

Walt Mansfield: Walt Mansfield. I am Tammy's husband. I think it's been made perfectly clear that, Jim, that you're opposed to the police departments here and in Russell's Point. That goes without saying, but I need to bring it up for my benefit and probably someone else who may have been dealing with some other issues. My wife asked the question. You said no. Several minutes later I hear the auditor tell us, no, it's exactly what you said. You wanted to shift funds to do this so I'm just **Trustee Hurley:** I didn't want to shift funds. I asked him if those funds could be used if the police department got to the place where it couldn't function, could those funds be moved to the Sheriff's Department so we could have it if it got to the place we didn't have local coverage, could we use the Sheriff's Department. **Walt Mansfield:** Very good. Thank you for saying that because that leads to the obvious. Who is leading this endeavor to get rid of the police department -- is this your own project? **Trustee Hurley:** No **Walt Mansfield:** Or are you... **Trustee Hurley:** No, I have talked to Rick about it at least two or three times, and he's agreed that we should do that.

Trustee Beck: No, no, no, no, no. **Trustee Hurley:** Not that we should move it. **Trustee Beck:** Don't say that, or we will have a frigging war, Jim. **Trustee Hurley:** We should ask the question. **Trustee Beck:** Don't go there and don't put me there because that's not fair. **Walt Mansfield:** Clearly I'm not asking the question to clarify, you know, who talked to who. **Trustee Hurley:** okay

Walt Mansfield: But it's obvious that you made an outreach to do that. What's the genesis of that? Is that your pet project? Is that what your personal project is, or is there some kind of a move in Washington Township to disband? Because I don't see anyone who would go asking that question unless their end goal is to shut it down or at least open that possibility or leave that door open for some reason. If you're using the leave the door open, I don't see you looking for funds for the police department so that clearly tells us you're against it. So what's the genesis here? Who's putting you up to this? If no one is, then it's you who is against the department. I'm not going to buy you're trying to clarify anything. I'm not going to chase around rabbits down the hole to clarify it. You definitely have an end goal. Chief Core said at one of the meetings that the drug dealers that get arrested around here all use the same line: We have been told not to come to Washington Township. I'm not going to say anyone is saying you're stupid, but obviously they know it's worth it. They know that the department is worth it, and that proves at least on that scale, everyone here has spoken to that, that the department is worthwhile, and we need this. I live right up the street. What is it? 700 feet from this building, and I know there are times there's no one to call. I know they're running all over the place. When I found out the Sheriff's Department had two people out from this county, I said well, I guess one might be at Indian Lake. Let's hope nothing happens in West Liberty. So we need this township for that very reason. And I'm just up the road. I don't know about anyone else around here.

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Walt Mansfield (cont'd.) So I guess my question is going to be answered because you just answered it. The genesis of this thing is you. There is nobody else. I don't think the business leaders, I don't think the pastors of churches, I surely don't think the school had any input. I don't think they motivated you to do this. It's something that sounds personal, and that's not making it personal. It just seems to be your agenda, and that is at odds with what we – most of us in this room say. We need the department. We don't need a trustee going around finding ways to shut down that department, take our funds and using it for something different. I'm sure the Sheriff's Department would love more income but not at the expense of the very people who benefit.

Trustee Lewis: OK – Mike

Mike Yoder (County Auditor): Since my name has been bantered around tonight -- that's all right. I'm Michael Yoder, County Auditor. And I actually prepared a written report which I will give you in a few minutes. I do want to cover part of it however. I was asked by your fiscal officer to prepare a report regarding the police levies which are in place and that are used exclusively for the police department. There are currently two levies in place used for police protection in the township. The first one is a 1.00 mill levy that was originally passed on November 8, 1983, and is for a continuing period of time. The second is also a 1.00 mill levy. It was recently passed November 5th, 2013 for tax years 2014-2018. It will continue to be collected through calendar year 2019. This levy was originally passed on May 4th, 1999. It was replaced on November 4th, 2003. It was then passed as a renewal on November 4th, 2008, and then renewed again in 2013 and is the one currently in place.

When a levy is new and is passed, it will only collect a certain amount of money. State law says a levy cannot collect additional funds over what it collected in the first year with the exception of new construction. Therefore, as values rise, effective rates are lowered, to make certain additional funds are not collected.

There are three rates that are used to collect taxes in Ohio. The first is the voted rate which is that 1.00 mill we talked about. The second is a class one property which is agricultural and residential properties, and the third is a class two property which is for commercial and industrial properties. For the continuing levy that was passed in 1983, class one is currently collecting 0.314662 mills or about one-third of what it did originally. Class two is at 0.214150. As to the levy passed in 2013, the class one property is 0.622016 which is less than three quarters. And the class two property is 0.380779. The voted rate is used to collect public utility personal property taxes only.

I have included a chart here over the last five years. The two levies together collect on average about \$81,000 per year. And by the chart you will be able to see that they don't change much over those years. They certainly depend upon the number of delinquents that are collected in the county as well as the number of folks that have remained delinquent or are continuing to be delinquent and failed to pay their taxes for whatever reason. So the 1984 levy collects approximately \$28,000 a year. The 2004 levy collects approximately \$53,000 per year, and that's what makes the \$81,000.

With regard to the current levy that's in place, if you were to renew the levy, we continue to collect \$53,000 because it goes back to when the levy was originally put on. If, however, you were to replace the levy, not change the levy, but replace the levy, instead of \$53,000, it would collect \$89,000.

As to the continuing levy from back 1983, while it currently collects \$28,000 it also, if replaced, would collect \$89,000 without changing the millage in any way. If a continuing levy fails, it should be noted that the original levy would continue.

I was asked by Trustee Hurley if the funds collected could be used to pay the Sheriff's office in the event the police department in Washington Township disbanded. The ballot language says the levy was placed for the purpose of police protection, and therefore I believe it could be used for that purpose if it were the desire of the trustees. Based upon my knowledge of the county budget as it relates to the Sheriff's office and the manpower that we presently have, it would be my belief that this would cause you a great deal of difficulty in that the efficiency that you presently receive would not be the same as officers would be running from all over the county. From what I have seen, Chief Core and his staff perform their jobs very well. They are efficient, and they handle their cases in a professional manner. That's my report, and I want to give it to your clerk so she can make it a part of the minutes.

Trustee Lewis: Thank you, Mike. Anybody else have a question for the Chief?

Fiscal Officer Lisa Miller: Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer. Thank you, Mike, very much for that. And I just want to say thank you to Chief Core, Officer Thompson, Officer Wisener, Lieutenant Ryan Furlong, Sheriff Randy Dodds and Russell's Point Officers for all that you do. We need all the blue out there we can get. All of you work together. My son is an officer so I know how it works. You have each other's back as you should. I'm a taxpayer and vote for and want that police protection in our community. It's going to take all of us. So I am so thankful and grateful for all of our officers.

I can't tell you the countless numbers of volunteer hours that our officers, past and present, have worked ...unpaid. I know Officer Wisener donated over 300 hours, and I'm sure Officer Thompson did the same. They still donate their own personal time off the clock as well as Chief Core. They make an arrest and come here and sit down and go off the clock to do their work – again, unpaid. None of us would do that. None of us would put our lives on the line and sit here and do paperwork. Do you know why they do that? They have a heart for it. They have a heart for us.

But I want to talk about money. In regards to money, when Trustee Hurley first came, the two levies brought \$99,000 a year, and if you add traffic fees and donations the Police Department revenue can be closer to \$104,000. Chief Core was told if he would stay within that budget for two to three years, then money would be available later to assist him with the needs of the police department. That was back then. We didn't have both Trustees Lewis and Beck at the time so no money was ever given. Chief Core stayed under his budget every single year. Never went over it. At that point I asked the trustees and they approved using some general fund monies for the police department (from the general fund you can appropriate money for your parks, which Trustee Hurley does not support either, zoning, police department, etc.). When personal property tax monies went down instead of collecting \$99,000 we now collect \$81,000 for those two levies. That's a difference of \$18,000. I looked at 2013-2017 to see what the five-year average was for appropriations from the General Fund to the Police Department and that average is \$35,471.60. The five-year average that was actually spent from those appropriated monies was \$16,826.00.

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Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer: The only reason I asked the trustees to help out the police department from the general fund at all is because of the drop in personal property tax collections. Why? He needed the funds. His levies were not bringing in the money that they used to. So, I ran totals and compared them to the cost to pave Trustee Hurley's road which is \$ 109,189.00.

Trustee Hurley: It's not my road. **Lisa Miller:** Let me rephrase that...the road that Jim Hurley lives on, which he has been asking every year to be paved and told no that if work is needed it would be chip sealed. The actual five-year total spent from the General Fund for the needs of the Police Department was \$84,130.00. Subtract that from the cost to pave the road you live on (\$109,189) and you still have \$25,059.00 left so we could afford another year and a half of support to the Police Department and still spend less than the cost of the paving that one road. We could get six and a half years of additional help for the police department for the same cost as paving one road. So I'm just saying where do you want your money to go? Pave a road? Sure, if it's a city road but a country road with tractors and buggies, maybe not. But a police force, whether it's Sheriff's Department, Russell's Points, Washington Township to protect you? That's where most people would want their monies to go. So I would like to ask Jim. I know you did ask Mike Yoder, and Mike has alluded to that already, if we could use the levy money to give to the Sheriff's Department. And, Mike, am I right in that --let's pretend this did happen, and the levy monies went to the Sheriff's Department and then the voters **didn't** vote yes for the renewal levy. So, we would be left with the continuing levy which would bring in \$28,000 a year, correct? **Mike Yoder:** That's right, but I would suspect -- and the Sheriff would have to correct me if I'm wrong -- I would suspect that there would be an amount of money that he would expect for the services he is going to render, and he really wouldn't care whether you got it out of your levy or whether you got it out of the general fund, it would still be what his costs were; is that correct?

Sheriff Dodds: Right. Right. I can tell you today I went through this with the Village of Quincy, and they were looking at maybe approximately combining Miami Township, plus the township, plus DeGraff and the Village of Quincy. I had a girl print off -- our starting deputy makes a little over \$ 9 an hour. Our top deputies who have been there awhile are making \$21.93 an hour. So to just give you a quick idea of what I've been up against, that's \$6 an hour less than City of Bellefontaine officers make. That's what I find. And I took the top wage. I figure all holiday pay, overtime and then we took the cost of the health insurance total, one year's rough number is about \$84,000. That doesn't include a cruiser. That covers your life insurance, your health insurance, all their Workers' Comp, PERS, everything. So that just gives you an idea where I'm at today with that. A younger guy coming in, he would start about \$39,000. The base wage of my top person is around \$49,000. A new guy is around \$40,000 but then you've got all that other on top of it which brings the figure up. And just to buy a cruiser now -- and I think Rick is the same -- we buy it on State bid. You can buy an SUV at today's price was \$ 6,000 base price. You've got 8, 9, almost \$ 10,000 worth of stuff to put in it. So you're \$32,000-\$34,000 for one cruiser. We put 35,000-45,000 miles a year on a cruiser, just one shift. **Chief Core:** We've got one that's a year old, and it's got 40,000 miles on it. **Sheriff Dodds:** So it's expensive; no doubt about it. But that's the figure we would have today so...

Trustee Don Lewis: Did you want to speak?

Mark Wahl: Yeah. My name is Mark Wahl. I retired from Washington Township about ten years ago and then worked at the Sheriff's Office as a deputy for a year after that. I didn't come here to be adversarial. I just came to introduce you to a person that was in your township about years ago. You probably never knew about this. His name was Al Sharbossi Nasier (phonetic). Do you remember him, Rick? **Chief Core:** Yes, I do. **Mark Wahl:** : He was a terrorist from Qatar that happened to come through Washington Township while I was on duty. I ended up won't tell you the whole story -- but ended up getting behind him and pulled him over up at the Marathon station on 33 and with the help of the Sheriff's office and Russell's Point and the Indian Lake Joint Fire District, we arrested a terrorist who was on the terrorist watch list. I'm not sure what he was doing. They think he had plans to go blow up something at Ohio State when George Bush was there talking. The report -- I'm not tooting my own horn -- but the report that I generated ended up in the Presidential daily briefing, according to Rick, on George W. Bush's desk. So the police department here is very important. There's things that happen here that you don't know about it and to have a terrorist in Washington Township would probably surprise most of you. So I just wanted to lend my support to Chief Core and the Township and thank them for what they do.

Tammy Mansfield: So I just want to get this straight. We can spend \$ 109,000+ to pave a side, country road that's typically chip sealed, but yet we had to rely on the ladies of the Moose Lodge to provide bulletproof vests for our officers? How does that make sense? **Trustee Lewis:** I'm not sure about that because most -- of the things he asks for usually he gets nowadays so I don't know.

Tammy Mansfield: Yes. Thank you to you and Trustee Beck. **Chief Core:** That's a very accurate point. It's Mr. Beck and Mr. Lewis that supports the police department .

Trustee Beck: Have you got a question back there?

Mark Fagel: No. I just had a comment. My name is Mark Fagel. I'm an outsider to all this. I came to see the trustees tonight for really a small issue -- a very small issue. But my wife and I bought a cottage and renovated it on Orchard Island. We got in there May of last year, and I'm currently a Union County resident. And what I see out of this township police department, I don't worry about my cottage when I'm away most of the winter or the five days a week that I'm home as much as I do my home in Union County when I'm away from it. I don't have the worries up here. So, you folks are pretty lucky.

Trustee Lewis: Thank you. Anybody else have a question? Okay. Anybody else? **Fiscal Officer Lisa Miller:** I want to ask you Jim, did you recently ask Rick Beck if it was about time to turn the keys over to the Sheriff's Department in fact, just last week? **Trustee Hurley:** No, I don't recall that. **Trustee Beck:** We had a conversation. He said it's time to bring this to an end. **Trustee Hurley:** I don't recall that at all, just like you don't recall me talking to you....**Trustee Beck:** I recall lots of stuff, Jim. **Trustee Lewis:** So Jim, you have Rick's phone number? Rick Core's? **Trustee Hurley:** Yes **Trustee Lewis:** So if you have questions that you want to ask, just call him please. I would appreciate it. Okay. Anything else for the police department this evening?

Missy Mefford: I'll say one thing. I'm Missy Mefford. I represent Indian Lake Schools, and I will tell you that Chief Core and all of the officers are in our buildings every week, and they're showing themselves to our kids. They're making connections with our kids, and I don't know what we would do without them so I would just like to thank you!

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Trustee Beck: And if we're going to have a police department, I'm going to be the first one to back them. I know for a fact that he didn't have the guns, the tasers...we got those. We was one of the first ones in the county to get those. Ryan has been working with us on the computer stuff in the cars. **Ryan Furlong:** And still working on that. **Trustee Beck:** And sure I go to the Sheriff too. But I let him know. I said: How's our guys doing? And my answer to that has always been, it would be hard for us to do it without them. So I know that you people in the schools depend on us. We all work together. You know, just the case that's came up, that's not just a Rick case. That's a Randy Dodds' case. That's a school board thing, you know. But we work together. And as far as who's in charge, who the hell cares as long as the job gets done; then let's just get the job done. It's about taking care of our people. **Chief Core:** That's all it's ever been about. **Trustee Beck:** Yes, sir.

Trustee Lewis: Your name please? **Al Klahr:** Sorry, Al Klahr. I'm the neighborhood watch coordinator for Orchard Island. Everybody knows that. And I totally echo what the lady from the school said. Rick Core has always been there. He's helped me establish two other neighborhood watches, and I will certainly work with the gentlemen that wants to find out what's going on. I'll give him your phone number. Rick Core is there all the time and, Officers, I see you traveling through, and I know it's out of their way to make the trip over there. And we appreciate it because as the gentleman said back here, they're very visible and all you have to be is visible to make my street signs really look like they're important and I do appreciate it. **Trustee Lewis:** Thanks Al. Anyone else?

Zoning – Gary Bias

- 50 calls - 2 zoning permits one for pole barn and one for a patio deck.
- One variance for setback on Park Street and that meeting is set for July 24 for the Zoning Appeals Board.
- Working on zoning letters – ones back in Five Parks and on State Route 366. Also the one out on 235, he had until July the 4th, but I see the mobile home is still there. I'll be sending a certified letter there so that I have a record of it that he's got 30 days, and we'll turn it over to the prosecutor then. Also I'm going to follow up with a certified letter for the campers there at 54 and 215. They didn't respond to the regular mail so I'll follow up with certified.
- I had some calls about a boathouse and told a couple of residents that boathouses are covered by ODNR and not by zoning. We probably will put something in zoning eventually like Stokes has. I think we'll need that to eliminate blocking views and stuff like in closing boathouses for safety purposes.
- The building department called me about a house being built onto a barn down on 207. It's an Amish family, and I went down and visited him. He's in a wheelchair. His wife is in the hospital. I told them they would have to have a variance because they're not within a hundred feet, and I gave him 45 days because of his wife and all of the circumstances there to come up with the money to file the variance so...that's about all I have.
- **Trustee Lewis:** What about the one across from Aries Center? **Gary:** Most of it is cleaned up. **Trustee Lewis:** That back yard he's never did anything. **Gary:** No, they got rid of all the trash, but there's still a pile of junk there. I'll send him another letter and tell him we'll need to do something with that, too.
- **Trustee Lewis:** Okay. Jana, while we're on that, if you'd just send a regular letter to people about the nuisance, we won't get anywhere. So if you could send a registered letter to them I would appreciate it. **Jana:** Okay **Trustee Lewis:** Thank you **Jana:** No problem. **Trustee Lewis:** Any questions for Gary?
- **Gary:** I've been by the Janice Rogers' properties. I haven't seen any activity there for a few weeks. **Trustee Lewis:** I've been by the Janice Rogers' properties. I haven't seen any activity there for a few weeks. So, now what? She's on appeal again and I haven't got a call back from the Prosecutor's she did the appeal too late or not so I'll have to call them again.

Road Department - Randy Beck, Road Supervisor

- **Trustee Lewis:** Okay. Road Department, for the last time, Mr. Randy Beck.
- **Trees** - County come out and surveyed our trees that we had in question if they were ours or not to see if they was ours because they're on Walnut Street on Orchard Island, and there's two of them they surveyed. One is ours which is a live tree, and the dead tree belongs to the property owner, it's not ours. I don't know what you want to do about the live tree. It's leaning but live. You can look at it. Didn't get a price – it's an active growing tree but leaning. **Trustee Beck:** I can't see taking it down if it's in that condition. Then there's a walnut tree back at Waterbury that Randy and Sharon called about. It is on our property, by where they say the survey stakes are. It's on our property, township property. It's a live tree too, but it's kind of cracked at the bottom, maybe getting hollow in the middle. That's a question, do we want to take that down? On that one I did get a hold of J&R Tree Service. They said \$600 to take it down. **Trustee Lewis:** What's the address on that? **Randy:** Back at Willow and Linden Street. I'll take you back there and show it to you, whatever. You guys make the decision, whatever you want to do on that. They're worried it's going to fall --well, Jim seen it -- that it's going to fall on the power lines or whatever. **Trustee Hurley:** The thing is if you don't do anything, it'll fall down. And if you do something, it will have stood for a hundred years. **Trustee Lewis:** Is it one of the big ones? **Trustee Hurley:** It's like that. And if you stick a rod in it, so it goes in about this far. The outside is still all alive so that's supporting the tree, but it's probably hollow that high down so if we don't do the other one, we probably should take down this one. **Trustee Lewis:** That one is probably worse. **Randy:** Oh, yeah. The other one is just leaning. **Trustee Beck:** Take it down for safety sake. **Trustee Lewis:** Do I have a motion on that? **Trustee Beck:** I'll make a motion that we take the tree down. **Trustee Lewis:** Second? Did you second that, Jim? **Trustee Hurley:** Yes. **Trustee Lewis:** All in favor say Aye Motion passed 3-0. **Lisa Miller:** And, Randy, thank you so, so much. You can't get away from me since you live across the street, but we're going to so miss you as the road supervisor really and truly. **Trustee Lewis:** This is Ran's last meeting. He'll be doing things that he wants to do, and July 31st will be his last day.
- **Trustee Lewis:** Anything else on the road department, Randy? **Randy:** No

LUC Board –Trustee Hurley

- **Trustee Lewis:** LUC, Jim
- **Trustee Hurley:** LUC, I have the executive committee meeting minutes from Thursday, June 8, 2017. I also have the LUC original commission treasurer's report from 2017. Again, it's all Union Township, Union Township and the new building that they're doing so really there's nothing on here that even mentions Logan County or Washington Township.

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EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- I've got the minutes from four different meetings since I wasn't here at the last meeting. We had -- the monitors are in that we purchased, new monitors. We haven't started paying for them yet. That's good. And what else? We've got the quote -- we got one quote for the job description policy manual, and I just got another quote that I'll be presenting at our meeting Wednesday, and it's not cheap. **Lisa Miller:** I can help him do that and I would be cheap. **Trustee Lewis:** Okay. We'll get a quote from Lisa next and if anybody is interested, there's a town meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 at the Municipal Building. Presentation, question and answers, whatever you may have about the EMS. We will probably most likely be putting something on the ballot coming up soon. We don't know that for sure yet, but in order to maintain, that's probably going to happen.

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- Minutes from last month- March / April / May
- We're going through hose testing, ladder testing. We lost one member. This is a new member. We lost one member of the department. He went back to Columbus. And other than that, they had a, I think, a breakfast, and that was about it for this month. The meeting minutes I'll have next Tuesday

Old Business – Trustees

- **Trustee Lewis:** Okay. Any old business?
- **Trustee Beck:** No
- **Trustee Lewis:** Jim, do you have any old business? **Trustee Hurley:** No

Any New Business?

- **Trustee Lewis:** Any New Business
- **Trustee Lewis:** Just breaking in the new guy - having Ran show him around. He's going to be starting on July 17th. Do you have a packet? He's going to be starting on the 17th. **Lisa Miller:** Did you call him? So we'll get that back soon so he can get it filled out. **Trustee Lewis:** I already called him, and the other person turned it down. By the way, he's already taken his written for the CDL, and then he will be taking the one with the truck here shortly. But I will be available on the 17th of this month.
- So you're going to have to introduce yourself to the new guy, and we'll be taking him around a little bit and introduce yourself, show him -- like flag him down and show him where you're living, Pammy. You have to break the new one in. Sorry. **Pam Rogers:** You don't want me to do that.
- **Trustee Hurley:** The meeting, the township meeting with the county. And we talked -- No, no. We talked earlier about 61. Do you remember that? **Trustee Beck:** Yes. **Trustee Hurley:** We should talk to -- if I go, I will talk to him. If I don't go, we should talk about, have them come out because we want a commitment with them and us to go together. My comment is we are going to have a discussion with the county engineer concerning roadwork on Township Road 61. **Trustee Lewis:** With the partnership from Honda Transmission. **Lisa:** We don't have any monies set aside this year. We're talking next year, 2018, right? **Trustee Hurley:** We're talking next year. **All:** We need Scott Coleman to weigh in on TR 61.
- **Trustee Lewis:** I'm thinking that Honda, we need -- we really need to talk to Honda, too. I don't know. Chris Keller. I was thinking Chris Keller could probably help us out with that road. **Lisa:** I know this year there are no more monies for road work.
- **Trustee Lewis:** The roads have taken almost all of our money.
- **Trustee Beck:** With the assistance that we gave them through that windmill thing, is kind of a promise there when it came time to maintain that road, that would be part of the package.
- **Trustee Lewis:** Okay, on to public comments.

Public Comments

Bonnie Coleman - Bonnie Coleman. I'm still concerned about the appearance of the -- Waterbury Road on 366. the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees. They have cut some weeds. They did cut some weeds. They took out about two-thirds of them. You don't know about that building? Kavanaugh's. I don't know, but I... have a suspicion there is somebody in there. And then on the other side at the old Tinsley's building, there's all the old pontoon boats. I don't know if they're for sale or if they're storage or what. They're unsightly plus it's hard to see pulling out of Waterbury Road onto 366. **Rick Beck:** You don't know who is occupying that right now? Is that part of... **Melissa Miller:** Yeah, the southern. **Unidentified Speaker:** Sabos **Trustee Beck:** Sabos **Unidentified Speaker:** That pontoon man in the little cottage in front of Fun and Sun. **Trustee Lewis:** Where is that at? **Unidentified Speaker:** That used to be the office for Gem Manufacturing. **Trustee Lewis:** Okay. Okay. Its Mike Kerns is who it is. **Trustee Beck:** Mike Kerns? **Trustee Lewis:** Yeah. We'll have a chat with him. But as far as the weeds at the old Tinsley, that's pretty much taken care of. **Bonnie Coleman:** They're doing a pretty good job there, I guess. **Trustee Lewis:** I think they used some good killer so they didn't have to come back and visit so often. **Bonnie Coleman:** And we appreciate that, and I am representing the Waterbury residents, not just myself. **Trustee Lewis:** Right, right. I understand. Okay. Anybody else present that...

Mark Fasel: Mark Fasel. As I said earlier, I came to you on a real small matter. Our cottage on Crescent Street, Orchard Island this past February during the warm spell, I installed a satellite dish. And what is happening is the large oak tree across the street, which is in the right of way, has now filled in, and I get no reception. Two weeks ago I got half my channels. Now I get none of them. I figured at some point I was going to contact -- somebody built a garage, somebody poured a gravel pad, built another garage across, and I figured I would try to contact whoever the lot owner was and ask if I could trim out the tree. I have come to find out you folks own the tree so I'm coming to you to ask. If you need pictures, I can provide them. But I'm just asking permission from you to pay an arborist to go up there and... **Trustee Lewis:** Give you a disc hole. **Mark Fasel:** Yeah, give me a disc hole. **Trustee Lewis:** I don't see... can we do that? **Trustee Beck:** Well, we're not supposed to but who's your provider? **Mark Fasel:** Direct **Trustee Beck:** Have you talked to them and see if there's any other alternative? **Mark Fasel:** Well, what's happening is nowhere on my property can I put that without going through that tree. And it's... somebody told me it's the largest oak tree on Orchard Island. I don't want to take the tree down. I just want to have a tree service. They did a good job on the oak tree in my front yard. They came and trimmed and rounded it out to make it more attractive, and they did a really nice job there so I was going to ask them to come back and just... **Trustee Beck:** Can you

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Mark Fasel (Continued) - get something in writing from them before we do the work? **Mark Fasel:** Yeah **Trustee Beck:** So we could take a look at it. **Trustee Lewis:** What do you mean get something in writing? **Trustee Beck:** From an arborist. You know, because if it's going to destroy the tree...**Mark Fasel:** : I'll pay for it. It's probably going to be a hundred to two hundred dollars. I'm just seeking permission to get the hole cut is what I'm asking. **Trustee Beck:** Well, I'm not sure how much -- I'd really puts the heat back on us a little bit too so I just....**Trustee Lewis:** So what's the actual address? **Mark Fasel:** 9010 Crescent, and I'll show you a picture right now. It's across the street, and it's really -- well, this is the tree over here. **Trustee Beck:** So what do you want to take out? **Trustee Lewis:** Do you just want to cut a hole right there? **Mark Fasel:** I just want to take those branches out. **Trustee Hurley:** I guess in your vein it would be better if we had a statement from the tree guy that's going to do it; that's he's surveyed it and in his expert opinion that there would be no damage to the tree, residual damage to the tree... **Mark Fasel:** I can do that. **All Trustees:** We think that will cover it. **Trustee Hurley:** As soon as we cut something down and then that tree dies, then have another six hundred bucks taking the tree own that everybody wants because it's the oldest tree on Orchard Island. So let's get a certified letter -- not a certified letter but a letter from him that says -- an arborist, not a tree cutter, but an arborist that says yes, taking this much foliage from this tree will not have residual damage. **Trustee Lewis:** I can give you my phone number. You can call me. **Mark Fasel:** I've got all your numbers. **Trustee Lewis:** Okay. If you call me, I'll come and get the letter from you. **Trustee Lewis:** Is there anyone that is still here that would like to speak? **Pam Rogers:** Down at Cathy Ogden's, I went down and mowed yesterday. Somebody is throwing their old used kitty pans down at the cornfield now. **Trustee Lewis:** : Is anybody living there yet? **Pam:** I don't think so. **Trustee Beck:** Do you have any idea, Pam, who might be doing that? **Pam:** There's only a couple of people in the neighborhood that's got kittens, your old house and White's. **Trustee Beck:** Get with Rick on that and start there, and then we can go from there. **Carlotta Burden:** Well, these are complaints from all the people on the island that give them to us. **Trustee Lewis:** Tall grass and weeds; We're going to run out of money mowing weeds. I'll send these letters out. The last time -- I wasn't at the last meeting, but you left some, and I took care of all of them but one. **Carlotta Burden:** And that one is all grown up again. We have no numbers for the people that own the property. **Trustee Beck:** This is where the Orchard Island Association really came in handy. Well, you had something to back you up that came from the people of Orchard Island, and you stood together. **Carlotta:** These are all from the people of Orchard Island. Most of them are neighborhood watch people. **Melissa Miller:** Can you read the addresses out loud? **Trustee Lewis:** 8997 Walnut, 9699 Mauger, 8937 Crescent, 8998 Maple, 9599 Orchard Avenue, 8937 Crescent, 8976 Maple Well, whoever fills them out, tell them if you don't put the address on there, I have to go look for an address... Okay -- anyone else here on the list today ? **Trustee Beck:** I make a motion that we adjourn. **Trustee Lewis:** Do I have a second? **Trustee Hurley:** second. All in favor say Aye... All answered Aye and meeting adjourned. **Trustee Lewis:** Thank you very much.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Beck made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hurley seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion passed 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 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