

the Regular Session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Hall.
Guests: Logan County Commissioner, Paul Benedetti

The meeting was opened by Trustee Berg with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call. Present were: Trustee Berg, Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder, Fiscal Officer Miller, Chief Core, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias and Road Supervisor John Newland. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2020 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Lewis 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 Lewis seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Reports - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 6/1/2020 – 6/30/2020 a Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register for their review and signatures. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the financial reports and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

Public Comments

➤ **Paul Benedetti:**

CRF Monies (Coronavirus Relief Funds) - Paul has been trying to communicate information to Logan County Townships. He wants us to apply for the CRF relief monies now available. Can be anything not on a budget previously but must be COVID related. Strongly suggest that all townships take advantage of it. Tomorrow a whole body scanner will be used by the Sheriff's Dept. so that they don't have to touch inmates. Could scan Trustees or anyone as they come and go. It's \$164,000 and we could really use it. If you need any assistance on that, please contact County Auditor, Jack Reser or myself. Everything has to be done by the end of the year.

Health Dept. - Any type of appetite for Township Trustees to help with the Health Dept. Levy next year. All: We really would be glad to help in any way we could. In fact, we helped with their last levy by going door-to-door, putting up signs, etc... and thought it would pass. It lost by a very small margin. Paul: Dr. Hodinott is available 24x7 and he is on it. He's an energizer bunny. He's been very business friendly to get and keep businesses open. Biggest concern in keeping businesses open is employees are showing up sick and then the business has to shut down for 14 days. He's doing a super job and we don't give him enough kudos. All: He has been instrumental in leading Logan County during this COVID Pandemic and we appreciate his efforts.

Building Permit - Commissioners held a meeting with the Logan County Building Authority about the misunderstanding when a Township creates a building permit. We have found many people are building "agricultural" buildings, which in turn are used for commercial use.

Sheriff's Budget - is down 1.3 million, which is 8% of our budget. He's furloughing some people but have to bring them back. Be mindful of this deficit. Chief Core: There's a very diverse group of people that come up here for boating or whatever - they have different philosophies than we do. Paul: People are frustrated by those who are wearing masks and others who don't.

Bed Tax – Trustee Lewis: Can you tell us more about this bed tax thing? Paul: We tried to work with IL to get a county-wide bed tax. There are only two and the city auditor collects a 6% bed tax. The city keeps 3% and the other half goes to the county to the Logan Cty Tourism or to designated county tourism board. We were trying to combine the IL and the Bellefontaine Chambers as we feel that would work best to combine and together they would serve all of Logan County. It was suggested that a lot of the resort places pay a bed tax but the challenge was who was going to collect it. They were in an uproar, as it would raise their nightly rate. Don: Rentals? Paul: They should be paying bed taxes as they are providing it. It does get complicated - it's money you can spend and IL Chamber is hurting for funding.

Volunteer Levels - are really struggling to get people to do what you're doing with your Police Department, Parks and Roads. If you need any help, please feel free to call me directly at 937-597-6000. Thank you. All: Thank you for the communication, we appreciate it.

Fiscal Officer – Lisa Miller

- **Financial Report** – The total of all fund balances as of June 30, 2020 is \$1,258,264.72. The year-to-date revenue received is \$452,827.58 (50.12%) and our year-to-date expenditures are \$277,384.38 (26.53%).
- **Community Care Day 2020** – August 28th, 2020
- **Ohio EPA** – Holding Tank Management Plan Approved; copies given to Trustees and Road Supervisor, John Newland
- **Logan County Township Association** - July 23rd Annual Picnic is cancelled due to Ohio Dept. of Health's Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing limits.
- **Valley Fencing** – 131' of 6' chain link fence to improve safety by replacing the wires at the Park to keep cars off of the grass and walking path - \$2,371.10. Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve the quote from Valley Fencing; Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" motion passed 3-0.
- **Dumpster Days** – SAY Dumpsters – 20 cubic yard dumpsters @ \$324/each (14)
Bobcat Multi-Works, LLC – 20 cubic yard dumpsters @ \$325/each (15)
Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve SAY Dumpsters as the vendor for Dumpster Days on August 6 & 7, 2020; Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" and motion passed 3-0.
- **Swings at the Park** - Trustee Lewis requested a quote to replace a broken double rocker with a single rocker and to replace a regular swing on the main playground with a baby swing. Fiscal Officer Miller got a quote from AAA State of Play who quoted the baby swing for \$110.47 and a single rocker (Lola the Snail) for \$1040.00. Trustee Lewis made a motion to accept the quotes to replace both the swing and the rocker. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion all answered "Aye" motion passed 3-0.
- **Laptops for Police Cruisers** – Looks like the two new laptops will be here between 7/16-7/20. They are very much needed as our current cruiser laptops are over 8 years old and end of life. Washington Township Police Dept. will work with Ryan Furlong (from the Logan County Sheriff's Office who takes care of all IT functions – servers, applications, cruiser electronics necessary for all law enforcement personnel, etc..) and myself in getting the two laptops set up.

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Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **Calls for Service** - May 260 CFS; 272 in June
- **July 4, 2020** - was extremely busy! Dealing with a lot of people clearly not from this area. Nothing we couldn't handle but extremely busy. We had to protect the launch site from the day before clear up to launch time the next day. But, we got the job done.
- **Health Department** - Dr Hoddinott said half the people don't believe the virus is a real thing and on the other spectrum are people who have stayed holed up since March. Taking precautions with PPE and social distancing.
- **Cruiser Lights** - Last meeting you approved side lights for the 2020 cruiser. Tech came to look at my light bar and he said you don't want these lights - they're junk. If a tech is telling you don't buy them - I don't. I'm requesting an increase for the sidelights on the 2020 Cruiser at a total cost of \$1883.50 and \$1560.00 for the top lights on my cruiser. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve both requests for lights on Chief Core's cruiser and the 2020 cruiser. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion; all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- Handled approximately 125 calls last month
- 11 zoning permit issued for: (two fences: #1- SR 366 , #2-Maple), (one porch addition on Mohawk, (one fence & shed on Hardin) (one shed on Allen),(one upper deck on Sycamore), (one addition on Edgewater) (one addition on West)(one camper permit on Center St.) (one addition on Virgil),(one shed on TR 269)
- At ZAB meeting on June 15th, they denied the variance application for setbacks for a garage across the street from his house on Orchard Island.
- At ZAB meeting on July 6th, they approved a Conditional Use application from RDI Holdings, Inc. to construct more storage units behind the existing ones at SR 708, across the street from the Fish & Game Club at 1055 SR 708.
- At ZAB meeting on July 6th, they approved a side setback variance application from Gregg Johnson to demo a rear enclosed porch & rebuild it correctly in Moundwood.
- The Zoning Commission Board met on June 29 for a working meeting to review some proposed changes to our zoning resolution. Aaron from the LUC was there to answer questions as I had worked with him to prepare these proposed changes. The ZCB will review these proposed changes and then present them to the LUC for review. I'll then schedule another ZCB meeting to review LUC recommendations and then resent them to trustees for their consideration. One major one is mobile & manufactured vs modular homes. Another is Fence definition needs more detail as to where 6' vinyl privacy fencing is allowed & where chain link will be required. There are some general wording issues and possible definition additions.
- Our Zoning Fee Schedule does not show any penalty fee for not taking out a zoning permit before the work has started. But on reviewing our resolution in this ZCB meeting we saw that section 1003 It states "If a building or premises is created, erected, changed, converted, or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use or structure without obtaining a zoning permit, the Zoning Inspector shall double the cost of the permit." I think doubling the permit fee is excessive. I would like to strike "shall double the cost of the permit" & replace it with "apply Section 1025 for this violation." Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve Gary's recommendation and Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.
- During this same review we saw that the Zoning Resolution in Sections 1003 through 1008 reference the issuing of zoning certificates. I have never issued one of these and also have never found a form that was used for this. None of the ZCB board was aware of these sections either so I'm asking the trustees what do you want to do about this procedure? Leave it in the zoning resolution but not execute it. Or create a form; start using it which may require running an ad in one of the papers stating we will start using this process on a certain date & what the fee is for this? This is similar to the Occupancy permit the Logan County Building Authority now issues. Now I just drive by to check on if they do what they said on the application and it's where they said it would be located. Trustee Lewis made a motion to leave it in the zoning resolution but not execute it and Trustee Faulder seconded. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.
- I will be trying to catch Harvey Wagler at 7921 CR 13 & Henry G. Wagler at 6550 TR 207 this week to write their zoning permit.
- Have we confirmed the August 6 & 7 for dumpster days? All: Yes - Locations are Thursday Aug. 6 only at old Tinsley's, Friday Aug. 7 at Mauger & Thur. & Friday at Twp. Building. Heard back from Robinson Investments, it's OK to use the old Tinsley's lot.
- Violation letter status update: (1) Still waiting on the drawing for demo & new house at 9064 Popular St. (2) Haven't heard back from the residents at 7180 Hardin about people staying in the camper but the neighbor tells me they are still using it. So I will send them a certified letter telling them to vacate the camper (3) The tenants (Jim Francis) at 7694 & 7706 CR 91 have not cleaned up the 2 properties so I will send the owner a certified letter that they have until the end of July to get the 2 properties cleaned up or we will send somebody to clean it all up and add what they charge to her property taxes. is work on getting the properties cleaned up by the end of June (4) motorhome on Center St. is gone (5)The owner of the f junk vehicle on Maple St. says he will find someone to haul it away & cut the weeds back on the house across the street In Waterbury, I'll keep a watch on it (6) the shed that falling down on Chestnut St. is torn down & they have it cleaned up by Labor day.(7) the lady from 8951 Auditorium called to say she has hired someone to clean up the property & it will be done by the end of July.(8) Just had a resident email me and I will be issuing violation letters this week, 1st one is 8951 for building an addition onto the back of the house without a permit plus he has a boat sitting in the ROW & a motorhome sitting in the lot next to the house. Neither of which has ran for a long time. I've also sent the owner previous violation letters which he has ignored. I will try sending a certified letter this week to see if we get any response. Second is for a disabled car sitting in the driveway of 8989 Maple street that a neighbor say the engine is shot.
- Maple Street boat parked out there for 3 years in the right-of-away. 8951 Maple – across from Susan Ogden. Rick said he can tow the boat.
- Are there any questions, comments, or follow-ups for me?
- Trustee Lewis: Kuhn guy – did he get things cleaned up? Gary: He's trying to sell the car – he did trim the bushes so you can see the front door.
- Russell's Point doesn't have a Zoning Inspector - Roger Brown is no longer there.
- Trustee Faulder: Any more information on the new gas station yet? Gary: They paid the permit and have 180 days to start it and one year to finish it. They're getting close, probably 120 days.

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Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- Fairly caught up on the mowing;
- Hopefully get the culvert on 33 replaced
- Blowed out tile on 61
- Put water filter at the Quonset - we'll see if filter works.
- Put a stop sign behind Woody's so that's taken care of
- Trustee Lewis: Gravel in the driveway? John: yes
- Sign up at Orchard Island - one of the signs said dead end; it's been down awhile.
- Got some berming done
- Put new blades on the big mower but then the tractor went down
- 550 is at Leonards - not sure when it will be done. They said 2-3 weeks out.
- Drain at Orchard Island we originally were going to do. We went out, set up a transit, and can't go the direction we want to go. I'm not doing it as there are utilities there. The reason we didn't do it as it wasn't going anywhere.
- The other one - Marissa Alber. She called Tucker and he gave me the address. That woman has been flooded many times and the fire dept has had to come and pump her out. Trustee Berg: When I talked to her, she mentioned contributing to a portion of the cost. But, of course saying that and doing it is two different things. John: She asked if there was anything we could do. I told her it might be a 50/50 thing and she seemed to be OK with that. \$3,000-\$3,500 Logan Construction depending on the utilities. Trustee Berg: My only fear is that everyone driving by and if they get a puddle they are going to call. John: I told her that the Trustees have to justify doing it and to do it for one person may not justify the expense. No action taken.
- Need approval for two drain installations by Logan Construction. First is between College & Auditorium and cost is \$3,000 to install a drain there. Second is at 7830 Park Drive and cost is \$3500 to install a drain there. Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve installing two drains per John's recommendation and Trustee Faulder seconded - all replied "Aye" and motion passed 3-0.

LUC Board – Trustee Lewis

- Here are the minutes from last month's meeting, other than that not much.

EMS Board – Trustee Berg

- 109 CFS in May; 125 CFS in June
- Approved Bloomfield and Robinaugh contract
- Old Building - due to a couple of the Board of Member no decision made

Fire Board – Trustee Faulder

- Everything is same – teleconference call to join the meeting
- More fireman level 1 certified.
New handbook has been completed by attorney.

Old Business – Trustees

- None

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- None

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Lewis made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Trustee Faulder seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall – we will keep the public notified if it will be a teleconference call an in-person meeting.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Tucker Berg, Chairman

Don Lewis, Vice Chairman

Jason Faulder, Member