

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Hall. Others present were: Greg & Sharon Freytag, Brandon Hines, Butch & Sharon Dilbone, Pam Rogers, Melissa Miller, Linsey & Kane Kuhn, Tim Baker and Kevin Barth.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Fiscal Officer Miller read roll call. Present were: Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder, Trustee Berg, Chief Core, Gary Bias, Lisa Miller and John Newland. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meetings held on June 14, 2021 and accept them as written. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Obligations - The Fiscal Officer presented financial obligations to the trustees. Trustee Faulder made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Berg seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Reports - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 6/1/2021 – 6/30/2021 a Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register for their review and signatures. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the financial reports and Trustee Berg seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

Public Comments

- **Brandon Hines** - I don't want to be a pest to you. Two things: around the corner on Court St there was a motorhome that was supposed to be taken out due to a tree falling on it. Took off the top and left the bottom which is now a band stand. Gary: I'll send them a letter. Also, people on Park St have chickens. Trustee Lewis: They're allowed to have them.
- **Lindsey & Kane Kuhn** – Lindsey: We need opinions about something. Bought a house in September, 2020 and live at the end of the corner of 54. Since we've moved in we've been harassed by two neighbors, what we own and don't own. Shoot at our dogs. Coming to my house at 12:30 at night telling me he's taking down my mailbox because it's on his property and on and on it goes. We have five small children and these calls are getting really crazy. Guy across the street from me is taking pictures of my kids. I was checking my mail and he came outside taking videos and pics. Kane: His brother came over and talked to me. He is very nice and talked to him but very little he can do as far as forcing him to stop. We have 5 kids - we set two cones out there so no one drives thru while the kids are playing. If someone does want through, we get the children to the side and take the cones down. It's just for their safety as our home and driveway is so close to County Road 54 and many people drive way to fast or don't even stop at the stop sign on corner of 37 and 54. Lindsey: I have filed complaints and made phone calls. We need help from the Township Trustees and/or Police Department. Chief Core: I will stop by to see both of these residents and talk to them as I'm very familiar with both from past complaints similar to yours. I also advise you to get a protection order against both of them and call every time they harass you. Lindsey: I don't want to bother you as I know you have more important things to do. Chief Core: This is important and I need you to call so that we can respond and have that paper trail to use in court where I can show the judge the number of times we have been called to your location due to violation of the protection orders. I believe Lt. Thompson went over there on one call and it's a gun he uses to disperse birds. Lindsey: Yes, he shoots at our chicken as well as our dogs. Chief Core: When you do call, you create a document for a CFS (call for service) and if things get more serious then we have that paper trail so assist you and we go to trial and you come in with that paperwork. This stack of paper represents 27 calls in the last 3 months. Feel free to call. Gary to Trustees: I will you check into the closing of the ally and get back with you.
- **Cheryl Dilbone**: Street lights? John: I reported them twice. Trustee Lewis: One is broken and he thinks they saw that and figured they would come back later. But John contacted him at least three times. Cheryl: I have pictures of both of them. Trustee Lewis: Can you give those pictures to John? Cheryl: Yes, Trustee Lewis: John, can you make sure you get those called in this week? John: Yes
- **Pam Rogers**: Our culvert at Five Parks needs cleaned out. John: I did go across 33 to check to see if it was flowing because Howard told me where it was at. Park on 94 and go out that field...I did and it was flowing at Five Parks. Now we need to know which drains are flowing into that. Pam: Will catch basins get cleaned up? John: Yes, they're all going to get cleaned up. When is house going in? Pam: I don't get out that much anymore.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

- **Financial Report** – Starting fund balance on June 1, 2021 was \$1,302,740.27. Revenue deposited in June was \$22,940.27 and Expenses were \$43,191.32 with a month ending balance on June 30, 2021 of \$1,282,489.22. We should receive the second half Real Estate Tax Settlement from Logan County Auditor, Jack Reser in August, 2021. Our YTD Revenue received is \$437,002.85 and YTD Expenditures are \$270,006.00.
- **Cisco Router has been installed** – Firewallled Cisco router has been installed and I ordered a Ubiquiti wireless access point that, Reuben, from NetGain said he or Ryan could come out and install.
- **Mail** – Packet from Jack Reser regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) which Gov. DeWine signed HB 168 to establish the funding of the non-entitlement units (NEU's). Townships in 3 of 50 states are NEUs. Jack has included the distribution by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), legislation we will need to draft and establishing the ARP fund and appropriations, reference guides, updates from Auditor of State, Keith Faber. If Washington Twp. passes the proper legislation as well as other required documents, the first tranche will be in 2021 in the amount of \$115,959.43. There will be a second tranche in 2022 in the same amount \$115,959.43 for a total over 2021 and 2022 of \$231,918.85. Thank you to anyone present or listening on the phone who wrote to Nino Vitale and Matt Huffman as they were a big part for this change as well as the Ohio Township Association (OTA).
- **Audit Modification** – cost decreased by 12 hours saving us \$600. 😊
- **Letter for HMA Grant** - letter from Don to Sharon Rolf regarding Brandt property and our role in maintaining it.
- **Logan County Township Association** – Quarterly meeting is at Richland Twp. Park Shelter House in Belle Center on July 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Catered by Mt. Victory Plaza Inn.
- **LUC Regional Transportation Improvement** – I only made one copy for you to look at as it's a lot of printing. It looks like in 2022 there will be \$196,000 available for the RTIP and those funds are awarded through a required competitive process.

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Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- Good evening everyone.
- 252 CFS for month of June (8.5 calls per day). That's a lot of paperwork. Nothing significant. You can tell its summer by looking at this report. A lot more accidents, DUI, drugs – we're always chasing, and domestic violence.
- We survived the 4th of July. A lot of people in the area. It went well and we all survived it and planning for next year. FO Lisa Miller: I had quite a few people tell me that they felt things went quite well and traffic was routed to keep people safe but also getting out was easier than they were expecting.
- That's all I have

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- Handled approximately 95 calls last month
- Six (6) zoning permits were issued for:
 - Fence on SR 366
 - Carport at Gene's Marine
 - 2 camping permits on Center St.
 - Shed on Walnut
 - New house on CR 91
 - New barn on SR 47
- Two (2) variances for new homes on TR 214, 1st is for road frontage as they have 200' & need 300'. They bought the parcel without checking zoning requirements. The 2nd is for front setback; they have 87' & need 100' so they can have a walkout basement & keep the existing barns. These meeting are scheduled for July 26 at 6 & 6:30 PM.
- Violation letter status update:
 - Skip Francis called me about the clean-up of property at 7694 C R 91 in Lewistown and asked if he could have until the end of July to get it cleaned up. They both have medical issues and have hired a couple different people to do the clean-up. They come to get 1 load & demand payment and never show up again. They are still looking to find someone to do the work
 - Donald Stonerock at 7426 West St .called me to see if I could recommend any contractors to do fix the hole in the roof in the back of the house. Gave him so names & told him to call me at the end of the month for an update.
- I talked to Suzie at the Logan County Map room and they are aware that the la-y over parcel property lines on the auditor's web site aren't always accurate but they budget doesn't allow they to do anything about it at this time.
- I talked to a developer looking at the 4-acre parcel (Lisa Bonetzky's) across from the Aries Bldg. as its zoned B-1 in the front & R-2 in the back. I told them to come up with what they are proposing and then will try to find a way to resolve this issue.
- I also talked to a developer looking at the Crystal Beach Island and told him it's zoned R-2 . I told them to come up with what they are proposing and then will try to find a way to resolve if we need to change the zoning.
- I replied to the email from the owner of a marijuana dispensary in Cleveland as he asked if our zoning allowed for one in Washington Township. I replied that as of now it would be permitted in a B-1 business district.
- I've also had calls about the construction of the convenience store, gas station at the site of the original Tinsley building. Told them the permit has expired and they would have to file for a new zoning permit before they start any construction.
- Got back a reply from the Logan County prosecutor's office about residents calling me about short term rentals. They are classified as single-family dwelling and are allowed in our residential districts. We currently have nothing in our zoning resolution about rentals. If the trustees want me to look into adding something then let me know & I'll call a meeting of the Zoning Commission Board.
- I will get my driving privileges back this Monday (July 12) so I'll be going back out for zoning calls as needed.
- Any questions or follow-ups for me?

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- **Road Signs** - New signs are going up; shorted me three. I called her and she is sending me those and she said if I run across anymore with fading problem, they would back those up.
- **New Sign** - on Park/Mauger where a semi took it out so we will do that this week
- **Mower is fixed** and we're good on the mowing;
- **33 culverts** will be done at the end of the week (weather permitting).
- **Dugouts at Park** - We'll be doing one of the dugouts Wednesday. Weather has not been cooperating.
- **Temporary Fence** - Did move that temp string fence down there
- **Tree Trimming** – Trimmed a lot of limbs in the alleys in Orchard Island
- **Spraying** - We're going to spray so if you live there spraying will be going on in the alley
- **Equipment Request** - Was going to run this past you guys - still have some drainage issues at Orchard Island and a few at Five Parks. I'm going to suggest we buy our own camera. Moody charges \$250 to camera one. We can get a good one very similar to the one that he has for around \$1300. We would use it every year. Trustee Lewis: Park St had a 2" rain in 30 minutes. There is a lot of water. All the drains were working as they should be even though the lake can't take all of that water - just be patient. I could get one for \$500 but this one will go a lot further so we can get a good picture inside our drains. We could scope and verify no problem with tile. Trustee Faulder made a motion to allow John to purchase the equipment spending no more than \$1650 and Trustee Berg seconded. Trustee Lewis to John: Send the information to Lisa so we can get it ordered.
- **Chip Seal** - John: When Terry & Lisa looked at the roads last year and 208, 211, 213, 214 would be in need Chip sealing this year. Trustees: Can you get a bid? John: Yes
- **Paving** – Lisa to Trustee Berg and John: Did you guys get the paving request in or have it ready by July 15th for Todd at the Engineer's Office? Both: We are taking it in this week as we're waiting on some numbers. Right now, we have 247 for 2022 and possibly Blue Herron if it doesn't get done this year.
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LUC Board – Trustee Faulder

- Nothing for Logan County, just Union County; here are the minutes.

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- Had one person retire and another is in the process of not working there any longer.
- Chief has people to replace them so all will be good.
- I didn't hear of any major problems during fireworks.
- Next Meeting is Wednesday

Fire Board – Trustee Berg

- No water usage
- Flushing out hydrants
- Gibby reviewed insurance
- Looking at a defective siren
- That's it - will email the minutes

Old Business – Trustees

- FO Miller: When is Jesse Avila going to send us a check? I know he stated in the April special meeting that he wanted to pay everyone right after the tournament but I haven't seen a check unless you have one? I'm sure all of his workers were paid.
Trustee Lewis: He's going to wait until after the July tournament, not as many teams so only using Emil Davis and Lakeview fields. We should have it by our August meeting.

New Business – Trustees

- None

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Berg made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM. Trustee Faulder seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall. The telephone conference number remains the same (701) 802-5232 Access Code: 1794763# so Washington Township residents may attend the meeting in-person or dial the conference number above to join from home or elsewhere.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Don Lewis, Chairman

Jason Faulder, Vice Chairman

Tucker Berg, Member