

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on August 14, 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, John Newland. Others Present: Landon Weiner, Bob and Diane Steckhan, Nancy Poellig Pile, Ben Pile, Dave Rogers, Officer Jason Faulder, Melissa Miller, Pam Rogers, Sharon DeVault, Carlotta & Butch Jones, Tucker Berg, Officer Michael Thompson, Officer Jason Faulder, Sharron Klahr, John and Bonnie Coleman.

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 John Newland all present. Trustee Beck made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 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 7/1/2017 – 7/31/2017 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 balance currently is \$1,132,449.65. Current Revenue received YTD \$324,785.17 of the \$561,009.28 estimated revenue so we are on target for this time of year with expected revenue. YTD expenditures as of July 31, 2017 is \$262,707.90 so still far below what has been appropriated.
- **Huntington Bank CD's** - I've renewed these two \$1,000 cemetery bequest CD's for another year. I am going to submit a request to the prosecutor again, per recommendation for many years from auditor's office, to have them both dissolved and put the monies in the cemetery fund. Jerry Heaton had started that process years ago and then retired. So, I will get in touch with Eric.
- **Annual ILDC Dredge Day @ IL State Park** – will take place on Friday, September 15th.
- **Resolution 2017-004** - Additional Appropriations for the Police Dept for the Current FY 2017. Trustee Beck made the motion to approve and Trustee Hurley seconded. All answered “Aye” and the motion was passed.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- Good evening everyone. Thank you Mr. Beck for installing an air conditioner in our office. Reports are uncomfortable in there. With all the extra gear it is much appreciated. A whole lot cooler in the air and again much appreciated.
- **Calls for Service (CFS)** – were 383. It was a bad, bad month. Thirteen (13) Domestic Violence complaints. That's the worse call that law enforcement has as too much emotion and unpredictable. In addition, a lot of times violent. I've always talked about a high # of those anyway but that's really high for one month. A typical PD may do half that for an entire year. Trustee Lewis: Drug busts. Chief Core: not broke down. But, that battle is ongoing. Nationally now a lot of talk and president trying to agree to free up funds so it's at that level - now it's on the national radar and a lot more people are recognizing just how big the problem is and not exclusive to Ohio either. We'll just keep doing what we're doing. I hope we make an impact. Some of the major players are in jail for a while.
- **Training** - a lot of training coming up - ALICE training, active shooter, Fire Dept - protocol on school shootings - law enforcement clear the scene and then medical. Now they are willing to go in with law enforcement and stay behind them to extract them. That has already been implemented and used. Most school shooting are immediate - critical window of 5 minutes has been identified. By implementing that we have done the training here already. If numbers are accurate 26% more of those people involved will be saved.
- **Safety Event** - For anyone not doing something Saturday there is a safety event in Bellefontaine from 3-7 PM - helicopters at Southview Park, mock accident, horse rides, great food, etc.. It's a good way for community members to see what resources are available. It's from 3:00-7:00 PM this Saturday afternoon at Southview Park.
- **Money** - You can be victimized by counterfeit money introduced in our area. Officer Thompson - the counterfeit money is associated with drugs. They are taking large bills like \$100 and buy a donut and get \$99 back so eventually it gets back to you. We were working a case where the guy was shredding the money. In the event you get fraudulent money they will exchange it. Chief Core: Here is information called **Know Your Money** - bill by bill it shows you what to look for that could impact the people in this room.
- **Arrest Logs** continue and a lot of court cases in the pipeline - through November and we're not through the summer. If good weather our CFS will stay up and arrest log will stay up. Hate to say it but I'm hoping for snow.
- **Questions:**
 - Trustee Hurley: Last month you stated someone in the Sheriff's office said that I said you lied about the CFS. Chief Core: Yes, I did. Trustee Hurley: Here is an email I requested from Randy Dodds: “Per our telephone conversation Thursday morning 7/13/17. I spoke with Ryan Furlong. He told me at no time during his conversations with you did you ever make the statement you thought Chief Core was falsifying the Police Department calls for service report he provides monthly to the Washington Township Trustees. Also, I spoke with Christy Astorino, dispatch supervisor. She said the same. Also, Christy Astorino told me spoke with dispatcher Alana Ellemen, whom has spoken with you and learned you did not make any such statements to her.” So, who was that person? Chief Core: I can tell you it wasn't anyone you just mentioned in that email. Trustee Hurley: I am the Trustee and asking you to tell me who said that to you. Chief Core: I don't have to tell you anything, Jim. Trustee Hurley: Are you calling me a liar? Chief Core: No, you called me a liar at the Sheriff's Department. Trustee Beck: This is uncalled for this is a professional meeting. Trustee Lewis (to Chief Core): If you ask that person if it's ok you tell them who it is, will you tell him? Chief Core: Yeah, sure if they are comfortable with it but if they don't want to get in the middle of it, I won't. Trustee Hurley: If anyone else made statement like that then it's incorrect. Chief Core: take that up with them then, not me. Trustee Hurley: Tell me their name. Chief Core: Like I said if they're comfortable, I will. If not, then I won't. Trustee Hurley: I submit to you... Chief Core: Are we done? No answer. Chief Core to Trustee Hurley: Are we done? Trustee Hurley: We're done.

Zoning – Gary Bias

- Handled 65 calls last month and wrote 10 zoning permits
- Zoning Appeals Board met last month on the 24th and approved a setback variance for an addition to a house on Park Street in Waterbury.
- Received another variance application for rear set back on artist's island and I'll be scheduling that in the next couple weeks.
- Property on 366 is being cleaned up – I think still a couple loads to haul out. Trustee Lewis: It looks a lot better than it did that big pile in the corner is gone unless he moved it. Gary: he took half of it to the dump.

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Zoning (Cont'd) – Gary Bias

- Mobile on 235 too wet to get out of there. I told him he needs to get it out now as it's going to rain Thursday and he needs to give me a definite date to get it out of there as there's been enough delays.
- Janice Rogers – no activity; Trustee Lewis: I can give an update. I talked to prosecutor's office today and she did apply for an appeal in Lima and had 40 days to write up a plan to present to the court. Those 40 days have passed and she hasn't turned it in. Prosecutor's office checked the law and we need a paper from court of appeal so say that she didn't do this in time allotted. She contacted them and they didn't know what she was talking about. She sent email to them today with the law and what needs to be done. So they should get that and hopefully figure out what goes back to the prosecutor's office and then once prosecutor's office gets it they will send to Janice Rogers and she has 10 days to do something. So, possibly in two weeks we may be able to do something but don't hold your breath.
- Chief Core: Gary, property on Mingo way and dispute on where pins are at. Gary: Yes, I had both neighbors there the other day and I almost had to call you.
- Now only one camper at 54 and 215 the other two are gone – I made a couple trips out there.
- Meeting with Amish gentleman on the 21st he's in wheelchair who built a house onto the barn. He's trying to earn the \$\$ to pay for the variance and supposed to have it on the 21st.
- What came of the meeting with engineers for driveways or access point. Trustee Hurley: We have nothing to do with driveway - they must call the county and they have specs and they tell you when, how big, fees, etc.. Gary: county roads only? Trustee Hurley: all roads

Road Department - John Newland, Road Supervisor

Trustee Lewis: First of all everyone, this is John Newland, he's our new Road Supervisor. John: Here is the list of what's been done since July 18th – there's other miscellaneous stuff but these were the main items.

- Secured berm areas on roads in need
- Sprayed all alleys at Orchard Island
- Trimmed brush in alleys and on streets
- Repaired and cleaned catch basins at corner of SR 366 – old Tinsley building and at Orchard Island
- Mowed Five Parks and along street near construction by spillway
- Trimmed trees behind Spend-A-Day Marina on bridge
- Mowed and cut brush at Indian Burial Ground
- On second round of mowing roads since start date of employment
- Replaced Stop Ahead sign on TR 61
- Replaced signs at TR 33/213
- Sprayed cemetery at Lewistown
- Weeded around bridges and signs
- Replaced street sign Hardin
- Moved all signs from rear garage to side garage
- Cleaned and detailed both 350 and 550 trucks
- Power-washed backhoe
- Culvert on 94 the concrete is falling apart on them. I haven't priced it out to have anyone do it. If we were to do it the culvert alone is \$1260 through Mr. Concrete. So couldn't imagine the cost to have it done. Trustee Lewis: You think you can do it. John: Yes, I do. Trustee Beck : We need the road cut.
- Moundwood at the Indian Burial ground and think some **No Dumping** signs should be posted there as everyone is dumping brush in there. In the process of doing that, the chipper is down - it's over at Berry's. I could have checked it but without pressure gauges, it's a guessing game.
- Big Mower - two tires have cords hanging out of them - center two tires. Could probably get by with getting two on it. I tried to price other places (Levan's, etc..) Trustee Lewis: Can you get a price and get with Lisa? Lisa: I would just replace all of them and get it done right. Trustee Lewis: John, can you get a price for all four of them and call Lisa with that price so we can get them replaced as soon as possible. John: yes, I will.
- John: You might consider getting a wire welder because there's a lot I can do with that. For a good one \$899-\$1400 to get what you want.
- Other than that we can rent concrete saws or buy one. Trustee Lewis: If you're going to do the concrete culverts long term then I would purchase. John: I tried to get a price on a Stihl. Looks like the 420 would probably be a good one. Trustee Beck: Heavy duty? John: yes Trustee Beck: Get some prices and get back with us.
- Trees are still up at the cemetery. Trustee Lewis: Have you heard from the first guy? John: No - it was \$500 for those two out there and J&R was \$300. Trustee Beck: Can you put that down to call J&R tomorrow? John: yeah, I'll call him. That's all I got.
- John Coleman: I'm in the historical society and wondered what are you doing at the mound? Trustee Lewis: We are cleaning it up - mostly the debris and brush. John Coleman: Anything you can take out of there, thanks so much. Trustee Beck: John went up and we spoke about cleaning it up and I didn't have to say anything he just went and did it. Many people: We noticed and it looks so much better now, thank you.
- John: forgot to turn in the list for paving and chip - it's due the 24th. Trustee Lewis: Spreadsheet Jim? Fiscal Officer Miller: We will receive OPWC funds every four years, so ours is next year 2018. Trustee Lewis: We just need to get together with John in the next few days. Five Parks is starting to crumble in on the sides.
- Trustee Hurley – asked about the guy who wanted to hire an arborist to cut the hole in the tree. Trustee Lewis: Yes, he hired an arborist and he paid for it. All worked out.
- Trustee Lewis: I received email back on Hickory the dead end back there and apparently we put gravel in the right of way that goes down to the water. These people called and said the water is coming back this way instead of where it's supposed to. They want to know if we can level that? Trustee Beck: Orchard Island? Trustee Lewis: No, Waterbury - go in and to the right. Patty Athys (sp?) is the person that emailed me and then I talked to her on the phone. She didn't give me her address. She and her husband have spent summers here on Hickory Avenue and planning to make it their primary residence. She goes on to explain that several summers ago a load of gravel placed in small section of roadside alongside the east side of Hickory into the easement that opens into the channel at Dunns Pond. Assuming the township provided the gravel. Too much gravel was put into the easement making the easement higher than the road so no longer grading down the channel thus preventing water drainage. So right there in that area there is a lot of water. Trustee Lewis to John: Can you check into that? John: Yes, I will.

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Road Department (Cont'd) - John Newland, Road Supervisor

- Trustee Beck: I just want to say thank you to John - go look in the garage at those trucks after the meeting. He took the 350 and 550 and they look like brand new trucks. He painted the hubs, etc. He's probably done two weeks of work and is high gear. If you see him out there, flag him down. Trustee Lewis: Is it OK for Lisa to get John a laptop? All: Yes. John: I can do all the road inventory, sign inventory, etc..

LUC Board –Trustee Hurley

- Executive meeting minutes from Thursday, July 13th is about the new building and fighting who and how it will be paid for. Amendments were all in Union county nothing with Logan county at all; June 30, 2017 budget summary also.

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- I have minutes from previous three meetings since our last meeting.
- Monitors are in and operating; all are trained
- Wrecked squad is at Levans and haven't found much more (around \$9,000 worth of damage).
- Had a town meeting for questions about the levy and I think 15 people came. So it's a 3-mill levy for five years on the November ballot. Tomorrow is first meeting of the committee to get the levy passed, it's at 4:00 PM at EMS if anyone is interested in that. Money is for operation, vehicles (are old), and the building. We need money coming in so we can get a loan to work on the building. It's still sitting there and needs to be done. All the work these guys do, it is a great service. You may not know this until you either meet them or need them. Carlotta: Renewal or new? Trustee Lewis: It's a new levy. Trustee Hurley / Trustee Lewis: discuss past/present financial issues. Trustee Lewis: This could be a long conversation Jim but short of it is someone on the board has to do something because the last board did nothing. We're moving on.
- Need paramedic as the woman who caused the accident quit and the guy in the back of the squad hasn't been released
- Letter from the Chief and sending to the townships/villages - concerning the active shooter task force. Currently Bellefontaine and IL EMS are the only ones on it. I have a letter from Adam to the township. He is asking if the township be willing to pay \$795.97 for one set. He is using grant money, this is the part that isn't in that grant. Trustee Lewis: Do I have a motion to purchase one set? Trustee Hurley: I make a motion we buy one set. Trustee Beck: I second. Trustee Lewis: Lakeview, Dennis Harford (Lakeview), not in favor at all. Trustee Beck: Frank Dietz and Ryan Shoffstall were totally the opposite, they area in favor of it. I think some of the other entities should go to their meetings. Trustee Lewis: Anyone know when their meeting area? Sharon: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Trustee Beck: Jason can you find out who the president is? Jason: Yes

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- Yesterday we had some activities going on – one of the strongest women in the world who usually pulls five jeeps. They hooked her up to a fire truck (30,000 lbs.) and she did pull the fire truck and is the only woman to do that. She brought about 100 people with her yesterday so quite a few there. One hundred dinners sold and excellent food, everyone had a good time. Gibby pulled it together and did a good job
- Meeting tomorrow night
- Training going on – always seem to be busy with that.
- Dee Tinsley doing a great job; computer with UAN - she is going to donate hers
- CPR training for fireman

Old Business – Trustees

Trustee Lewis: Complaints - people are only required twice a year to clean their weeds. Second time they have until the end of next month. I've called or went to see most of these people and most of them have been taken care of:

- 9577 Orchard Ave - car is not bothering any one; it's not in the alley.
- 8937 Crescent - He's tried, his wife has tried to find out who owns it and we can't find a James Mills. So went to auditor, treasurer, so taxes get paid. Prosecutors believe they have a good address and are going to send him a letter about this.
- 9599 Orchard Island Road – they mow the grass, there's no weeds. They have a hole in the roof. Carlotta: they have broken windows. We can't do anything about the hole in the roof.
- 8976 Maple - Parked pontoon boat in the alley. Doesn't have to be licensed and he can put his boat there if he wants to. Chief Core: I've had some push back and trying to find leverage to clean that stuff up. Carlotta: there is a tree growing through the boat and it smells. Chief Core: We'll keep the communications open with him.
- 8982 Maple Street – cut weeds once and it's growing again; they have to do it twice so I contacted them.
- 8840 Auditorium - spoke with person who lives there and he asked if he could take it down (dead) I said take it down
- Park St - brown 2 story - I called the next day. Took his fence down, mowed his grass, and put up a no trespassing sign. And he's been back to mow the grass again
- 8946 Crescent – grandchildren mowed it the next day
- 8951 Auditorium - contacted them and they mowed within 2 days
- John: Talking about Orchard Island concerned about manhole covers some are this deep. Are we supposed to take care of those? Trustee Lewis: No, I talked to Russell's Point... John: I mean alley manhole covers. I talked to Rick and they are working on them – on Mauger today. John: We've sprayed the alleys but they were dug out and relocated and then just left. Some are really deep – in the alley.

New Business - Trustees

- Trustee Hurley brought petition from clerk of courts that says we can petition to have that property turned over to Washington Township. So, I called the prosecutor's office, he would do petition but we would have to pay back taxes. He said best thing to do is let it go to the land reutilization. So I contacted Dustin Wickersham and he didn't get back with me until today. The prosecutor's office told me to let it go to land reutilization and they can give it to you once they receive it the back taxes are gone. Fiscal Officer Miller: Does that include assessments for structures Washington Township has paid to have taken down, we wouldn't get that money back? So, if we paid a company \$5,000 to take down a structure and we give it the land utilization, we wouldn't get that money back? Trustee Lewis: Right, we wouldn't get the money back. So, Dustin called just before this meeting and told me that I was given wrong information from the Prosecutor. I said he's a lawyer and you're just a county official so I'm going to believe what he said. He said he would call him tomorrow. He said if we didn't petition for it, the taxes are gone. The prosecutor said, no you have to pay the \$14,000 owed on it and then it's yours. Dustin said if we do the petition then it's Washington Townships but if we sell it, we have to pay the \$14,000.

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New Business (Cont'd.) - Trustees

Trustee Lewis (cont'd) - very nice place for a park. You have Janice Rogers's property still there – she's not behind any taxes so if we tear it down, it's just an open space. And right past that we have the Reynolds property where the trailer came up missing, we couldn't use that. Don't know total area there but could put a slide, swing set, etc.. Dustin to call me back tomorrow. Trustee Beck: So could we donate that to an association? Say if Five Parks had one? Trustee Lewis: We would have to check into that.

Public Comments

- Landon Weiner – Can I ask about the alleys since you have been discussing them as I'm from Orchard Island and that's kind of the reason I'm here. Neighbor of mine filled ours in as it cut off access to our home. My question to the board is since they put the gravel down can they rip those alleys down and quit putting gravel on top of gravel? Our properties are going like this and the alleys are going up. Trustee Beck: What we need to do is put on the box plate with the rippers and take everything out of there, it hasn't been done in awhile. Landon: Here's my reason for it, the new home next to me they just built but we are getting run off water coming down the alley, right into our yard and it's stops underneath my home and the guy next to me – I am pumping water constantly. Trustee Beck: If we take the alley down will that help you? Landon: That would help a lot. Trustee Beck: OK – we just need to get the box plate and can do that. Landon: I can't keep up with you guys bringing in the gravel. Trustee Beck: Actually, those need to be ripped but we need to be careful in a couple of places on those as there are some low gas lines cutting across there. Multiple people talking at once. Sharon Klahr: Same issue. Trustee Beck: So what we will do gentlemen is get the box blade out and get those alleys ripped. Landon: I've had to do so much work with ductwork, etc.. and I'm tired of it. Trustee Beck: Do we have your number? Trustee Lewis: Yes, we do.
- Landon: Real quick - I mentioned Crescent and Orchard Island - what's the rule, it's an eyesore. That car is backed up to the front porch and doesn't move. It's an eyesore – I know we have to take them one-step at a time. They did take three weeks to take that house down with a circular saw. It's down. So we're moving in the right direction. I see the door wide open. Chief Core: ORC says if vehicle has not been used and deemed inoperable, there are two people in this room that had similar problems and interpretation and communication with the courts were different. It used to be if I could articulate in court - grass growing underneath, flat tires, plus photos, then it came down to the value of the vehicle. ORC says it has to be housed in a suitable structure. I tell people they have to build a garage. Landon: It's not even in their driveway - it's in their front yard. She is hearing impaired - Terri Hanshoe. Chief Core: I'll type up what I want to communicate and see if that starts good dialogue. Landon: A comment - I've been coaching Tball and softball 6-7 years and take my hat off to everyone involved with creating, securing, taking care of these parks. It's hard to get kids to come out and play ball and get off their computers and phones, we're losing that. With the help of the this board and Chief Core driving by to check on it. We don't hear that enough. That was part of my coming tonight. I wanted to bring a couple of the girls with me so they could show their appreciation. We do appreciate everyone who gets involved with the parks both here and in Russell's Point. I have been an active member of the park board. Trustee Lewis: I contacted Rod to drag the field s (we sprayed, put trash cans away, etc..). and he said he would take care of it. Landon: Thank you very much for your time.
- Bob Steckhan - We're new here - 3 or 4 years back in Waterbury. We love our neighborhood. But I can't stand driving down 366. I have nothing against businesses and if we could find a way for people to have pride in what they do. There's a way to run a business and have pride in it. Trustee Lewis: Root beer stand not open anymore? All: No Bob; Rick Core was one of the first people we met and we love the job they do – we had great services where we lived (Hilliard) but can't hold a candle to what Washington Township does so thank you. Trustee Lewis: Thank you, I'll see what I can do with the nuisance complaints.
- NEW Nuisance Complaints from Bob & Diane Steckhan
 - 8096/8080 SR 366 - putt putt
 - 8121 SR 366 - building is an eyesore, overgrown weeds, overgrown grass, etc..
- Sharron Klahr: **Neighborhood Watch meeting coming up 26th of August at 4:00 PM** at the end of Oak Street at the garage. Everyone is welcome to come. There's more people that have moved in full time now that I'm trying to recruit. We're pretty good in the summer - in the winter not so much. Those we do have are awesome.
- Dave Rogers - Orchard Island – striping, when? Trustees: That will be done in September.
- Sharon DeVault: Saturday night if you're not at Southview Park the Hitmakers are at ILHS, it's the fundraiser for the IL Watershed.
- Carlotta: Cars at Maple Street past Woodlawn - grease and stuff all over and stuff boat, camper, etc..

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Beck made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM; Trustee Hurley seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion passed 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 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