

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on September 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Rick Beck, Tucker Berg and Jason Faulder present. Also present were: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, Police Chief Rick Core and Road Supervisor, John Newland. Others Present: Sharon DeVault, Carlotta & Butch Jones, Pam Rogers, Melissa Miller, Cynthia Definbaugh, and Robin Reames.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Beck with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call – Trustee Beck, Trustee Berg, Trustee Faulder, Chief Core, Gary Bias and John Newland all present. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 regular meeting 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** - the Fiscal Officer also presented the Trustees for the period of 8/1/2018 -8/31/2018 a Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register, and Bank Reconciliation for their review and signature. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Berg seconded the motion and all answered “Aye” - motion passed 3-0.

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

- **County Auditor, Jack Reser** – mailed the Undivided Local Government monies expected in FY 2019 to be \$30,249.32
- **D.R.E.D.G.E. Picnic** - Friday, September 14, 2018 at IL State Park. RSVP to Larry Blinn.
- **Ohio Dept. of Transportation** - Invite to attend Rural Consultation mtg on Sept. 19, 2018 from 4-6PM regarding transportation concerns in our region.
- **2018-009 Resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.** Motion made by Trustee Faulder to approve the Resolution, seconded by Trustee Berg. All answered “aye” motion passed 3-0.
- **Logan County EMA** - copy of their approved board minutes from April, 2018

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

- **Calls for Service** - 351 CFS in August; nothing glaring. Low numbers for burglaries. When we push that number back, I’m happy to see that. And, the one we did have was due to a search where we took drugs, paraphernalia and a vehicle. He called after he was out and reported a burglary listing his vehicle as being one of the items stolen when he knew we had confiscated it. Crazy, isn’t it?
- **Issue 1** -I’d like to encourage you if you haven’t done any research yet, please vote NO on Issue 1. It basically creates a slap on the wrist for felony 5 drug offenders. The State keeps doing things on the legislative side which takes away teeth for us when battling this drug problem. Encourage you to learn everything you can and vote accordingly.
- **School Patrol** went well. There were some egregious stops going 62/20 MPH and the couple just wanted to argue about it. I pointed out there were big yellow lights and cruisers so we are visible. This is a lot less of a burden to you than t-boning a bus.
- **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over** ended on the 23rd - that is statewide. Of course, State gives \$\$ to State Patrol but we are helping to keep roads safe.
- **Drug Arrest** - Not sure how but just today we got a recovered vehicle, arrest, and heroine out of that vehicle and that’s on a Monday before noon. That is an indication of what’s going on out there. That’s very telling at mid-morning .
- **Active Shooter Training at IL School on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** - All area agencies - EMS, Fire Dept, etc..will be there and it is being held at ILMS.
- **New Reporting System** - All law enforcement officers are having a headache as we are going to a new system on the 18th of September. No cost to the township on that. Sheriff’s Dept maintains the server for all entities in the county. Hope it goes smooth.
- **Crime** - Just the events of today will create a grand jury trial and hearings in two different courts. But crime doesn’t stop and it’s our job to corral that. Pam: Another new program in Bellefontaine for drug addicts. Have room for three girls at a time but right now there is only one. Chief Core: I see many times that courts will make that offer and push towards rehabilitation and I agree with it but they end up going back to the same thing. I’ve dealt with same people repeatedly. I am now dealing with the grandchildren of the people I arrested in my early years. I’ve seen plenty of people be offered opportunities for help / rehabilitation but they are not accepting the help. I’ve seen people mortgage their homes, spend every last dime they have and I used all of the resources we can throw at them and sometimes in very rare cases they beat it but most of them as soon as they go out, they are right back to it. Cynthia: they have acceptance there.
- **Levy** - Last thing - our levy coming up this year on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and I would appreciate everyone's support on that.

#### **Zoning – Gary Bias**

- 110 calls last month
- Setback variance on Wednesday at 6:30
- Zoning Commission Board met Aug 20th and approved final changes - they meet again on Sept. 24th at 6:30
- Issued three (3) zoning violation - all on Maple St; next will be a couple certified letters and we’ll see what happens.
- Property Split – three (3) properties owners want to split their parcels. Working with LUC, map room, Eric Stewart and once I get all info....one on Walnut a modular home that they want to put there but Howard Traul is working the split. Told him that he and Eric can hash it out and I will listen. The other is on Mingo Way with neighbors having disputes. Told them to get a survey and we’ll settle again. The one on Walnut down by the boat dock - it’s already sold.

#### **Road Department - John Newland, Road Supervisor**

- Park - got the cable off and put a pole in the center of the track that we can remove so during ball games a squad could come in if needed. Do we want to put it back or leave it? There was car traffic on it once that’s why we cabled that off. I don’t know if we need to lock it.
- Trees Planted – Planted two oak trees with two-year warranties. Need to put one in the back field by bleachers and the middle field as there is no shade there at all.
- Tree Down - Tree is down up town now so not a worry anymore. Five more to do sometime. One on Mauger hanging over the road, three at Waterbury, two at the cemetery and one at Pirate’s Cove. Cemetery can be last, doesn’t need done right away.
- Paving for Next Year - Waterbury is starting to crack and Hensley’s agreed. If we blacktop Park then chip/seal everything else. It may not be the worse road in the township but it’s the oldest paved road in the township. 247 is sort of bad too.

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### **Road Department - John Newland (Cont'd)**

**Paving Discussion** - Trustee Beck: We can chip seal.. and maybe from there guys (Faulder / Berg) can take over. Trustee Faulder: Waterbury was one of the worse roads. Trustee Beck: The difference between chip seal and paving is 3-1. Cynthia: Biggest problem that you had before was you had more chip than seal and takes all that grit off the road, that's how bad it was. Trustee Beck: They did it twice – and told them twice don't use that emulsion again. Trustee Berg: Why aren't we paving all of Waterbury? I thought paving in residential and chip seal outside country roads was what trustees prior to us had decided was best. Trustee Beck: They use the best emulsion with this chip seal mix so it goes down and then tar bubbles up and it gets packed down and is as good as paving. Trustee Faulder: Let's put all of Waterbury on the Engineer's Office form for 2019 Paving and if we decide to chip seal some of them, we can always take those roads off. It doesn't hurt to let them quote it. That gives us more time to go back, look at the roads, and make a decision next year, which roads we will pave and which will be chip sealed. I know you like Hensley's but do you publicly advertise for chip seal bids like the engineer's office does? Trustee Beck: Yes, we do but normally award it to Hensley's as they have always done good work for us. Trustees: Let's don't do any paving in 2019, if we do anything it might be some chip sealing which we will bid out.

- **Re-stripping of Orchard Island** - The company was good on their word and re-stripped Orchard Island and they went all the way to the back and didn't have to go that far. Cynthia: That's why I'm here for tonight as the company you got did a fantastic job! John: It was the same company. Trustee Beck: But, they came back and agreed they weren't happy with it and would make it right at no cost, of course, to us. And, they did that so I'm satisfied with this company's work.

### **LUC Board –Trustee Berg**

- Scott Coleman updating – paving information

### **EMS Board – Trustee Faulder**

- Things are going well. We met on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> with Osgood Bank.
- Meet with Cale Jacobs and Construction Company tomorrow for construction meeting. Hope to break ground soon and be completed by May. Trustee Beck: Change to the plans? Trustee Faulder: Additional bays added on so yes, change from original. Trustee Beck: Why? Trustee Faulder: Not sure what happened before I was there.
- Mike Yoder, former county auditor, has agreed to be a financial consultant to make sure we are sticking within the realms of where we are supposed to be. He's volunteering his time. We will also run any major expenses through him prior to action taken.

### **Fire Board – Trustee Beck**

- I have the minutes and financial report.
- Three (3) gentlemen passed their test. So an additional three and that's about it.
- The truck they are going to have an inspection on is coming up within the next month or so. Then shipped off out west. Looking at Feb of next year for delivery.

### **Old Business – Trustees**

- Trustee Berg: Did anyone get back with either you on possible donations? Chief Core: She's working on a final list. Asked for explanation on a couple of the items. Lisa: I submitted the park for handicapped restrooms have not heard back.
- Trustee Faulder: I just wanted to thank Trustee Beck and everyone else who were part of moving the meeting to the park.
- Trustee Beck: The track - there are a lot of people using the track doing cardiac exercise. I'd like to thank John / Jack for their work in helping to get all of that done; they came in and bailed me out. Lisa: I got to use the walking track for the first time with grandchildren and it was really nice, very enjoyable. Thanks to Trustee Beck for heading that up and to Rick, John, and Jack for working hard to get it completed. It's a very nice addition to the park.

### **New Business - Trustees**

- Trustee Faulder: Sept. 30th there is a Bicentennial Parade in Bellefontaine at 3:30 PM. Trustee Rick Beck was nominated as the Grand Marshall for Washington Township due to his commitment to the township, schools, churches, and community. Try to make it to the parade if you can to support Rick.

### **Public Comments**

- Cynthia: I would like to ask a favor or question of trustees. ILDC is planning on putting in playground equipment at Fox Island. Not much for kids on Orchard Island to do unless they have a boat. Be a nice addition. Would it be possible for the twp trustees to contribute to creating that? Trustees: At this point we don't have the money in the General Fund to purchase items for Washington Township Parks so we doubt that could happen, this year anyway. Lisa, what do you think financially? Fiscal Officer: You are correct. The monies for a donation would have to come from the General Fund as all other funds are special funds and can only be spent for their special purpose like Road / Bridge, Police Dept., Lighting Districts, etc. This year I couldn't budget monies for Washington Township Parks for additional swings needed at the back diamond. Our average yearly revenue received in the General Fund is \$157,000 – after taking \$45,000 out for the Health Dept, the rest must cover all other expenses: zoning costs, payroll, EMA dues, insurance (health and property), dumpster days, township hall, etc.. so not a lot left for donations. I think it might be better if we get together to see if we can help you get a grant for some playground equipment and I would be happy to help you with that as I am working on one now for the park. I believe Fox Island State Park being maintained by the State of Ohio may have more grant opportunities through the State than we do but I'm happy to search for some grant money for Fox Island project while doing the same for Washington Township. Would you be able to help me with that? Cynthia: I would be interested in doing that.
- Robin - Here to follow up on TR 52 / Elliott Road. You had said you would get a couple rough cost estimates. Trustee Beck: Right now is a bad, bad time. I'll go back and re-visit that. Tried to get in touch with Reicherts and Dan was to call me. They wanted Jack to be involved in running the grater but we can't do that. He is part time and I can't tie him up on that. I would like for a professional company to give us some idea of cost. If it is thru the engineer's office how can they give you an estimate? Robin: I have a grant opportunity that I can apply for but I need cost estimates for the job, engineering, and also we need to put something on paper and how the cost are going to be split between the village and the township. I will get in touch with one of them and call you. Trustee Beck: I'll chk this week and follow up with you. Robin: It's a USDA Rural Development Application. On this project we would apply together, I would think so something in writing and explain. You can investigate something for the townships if you want. Same entity that gave

us loans and grants for the water plant. That's why I called them. And, they believe that it is. Trustee Beck: I'll get back to you yet this week.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM; Trustee Berg seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion passed 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.

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Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Rick Beck, Chairman

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Tucker Berg, Vice Chairman

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Jason Faulder, Member