

the Regular Session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Hall. Teleconference Attendees: Al & Sharron Klahr and Michelle & Jason Beck.

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 Lisa Miller, Police Chief Rick Core, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias and Road Supervisor John Newland. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 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 8/1/2020 – 8/31/2020 a Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register for their review and signatures. Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve the financial reports and Trustee Faulder seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer – Lisa Miller

- **Financial Report:** The total of all fund balances as of August 31, 2020 is \$1,379,176/22. Our receipts for August, 2020 were \$185,477.96 with \$165,498.04 received from the second half real estate settlement tax year 2019. The year-to-date revenue received is \$682,607.89 (76.1%) and our year-to-date expenditures are \$386,253.19.
- **Resolution 2020-007** – Trustee Lewis make a motion to approve **Resolution 2020-007 the Resolution of amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.** Trustee Faulder seconded. Trustee Berg ask for a vote – all answered "Aye" and Resolution 2020-007 was approved 3-0.
- **Mail Received:**
 - Letter from the Army Corp of Engineers requesting comments from Trustees by September 25, 2020 regarding proposed sanitary sewage collection system.
- **Purchase Request** – May I purchase a firewall router from Net Gain (\$2500) to enable our Police Department to have a direct connection to the Sheriff's Department. This will be much faster than the current VPN and is more secure as well. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the purchase of a firewall router for \$2500 and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered Aye and the motion was passed 3-0.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- Nothing to say; can't get the reports.

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- Handled approximately 110 calls last month
- 6 zoning permits issued for: (#1- Accessory Bldg-CR53 Lewistown) (#2-Demo in Lewistown) (#3 demo & house rebuild on TR 207) (#4 Accessory bldg. on Orchard Ave) (#5 garage addition in Cherokee Height) (#6 accessory bldg. addition on SR 235)
- The Zoning Commission Board held a special meeting on August 22 to review the LUC's recommendation for our proposed Zoning resolution changes. It was approved by the ZCB in that meeting. I emailed the Trustees & Lisa a copy from them to review before the Sept. 14 township meeting. I NEED THE TRUSTEES TO VOTE ON THESE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE TOWNSHIP MEETING & IF APPROVED SIGN THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEW ZONING RESOLUTION. If approved it will go into effect 30 days from tonight, October 14, 2020. At which time I will file a copy at the recorder's office
- Had a question from a resident on how far away from their residence lot could a storage building be built on another lot? There is nothing in our zoning resolution on that, so I sent an email request to Brad at LUC & Jessica at the Prosecutors office to get clarification. Brad remembered us talking to Bill Goslee about it who told us it had to be next door or across the street from the principal residence, But neither of us had anything in writing. They suggest we model it a after our existing Section 515 which prohibits an off-site parking lot located farther than 300' from the principal use, We can include this now so we'll have to work on setting up a future meeting of the ZCB to consider this & any other proposed changes that come up. Such as a resident as it they install an in-ground pool could they put a motorized cover on it instead of a fence.
- I had asked Aaron at the LUC & Jessica if a new potential buyer could use a Conditional Use approved by the ZAB by a previous potential buyer to build 2 new storage units behind the 1 on SR 708 across from the shooting range. Aaron says he thinks he can if he does everything that was approved by the ZAB. I also asked them if I could legally give a copy of the paperwork from this approved conditional Use. Aaron referred that question to Jessica.
- Got an email reply from Jessica Haushalter this weekend. Her last day with the Prosecutor's office was Thursday Sept. 9. She's starting her new job as the intake officer for the juvenile probation department.
- Chelsea Brown is taking over her work and Jessica forwarded my email to her to answer .Chelsea's email is cbrown@co.logan.oh.
- Got a call rep of Robinson Investments concerning the old Tinsley building zoning & permitted uses? He asked about beer & wine sales. I called Rick to may sure I told him that he would have to work that with the state of Ohio & they would notify the township to see if they object.
- Left a voicemail with the owners of the original Tinsley's property at Waterbury but haven't heard back from them yet.
- Had a resident at 5925 SR 47 call me to get a permit to demo their existing house and to install a manufactured home from Clayton Homes on this property? Told her that I had talked to reps from Clayton Homes & told them that manufactured homes are allowed in Washington Twp. Told her that she could apply for a variance if she wanted. Haven't heard back from her.
- Also had another resident at 7317 CR 91 that Clayton Homes sold him a manufactured home & told him it was allowed on their parcel.
- Denied a zoning permit to add on a covered front & side porch at a t house at 9580 Orchard Ave as it didn't meet the front setback requirement of 15 ft.

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Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector (Cont'd.)

- Have a resident back on Walnut St in Waterbury that is thinking about moving up here permanently. Wants to get a mailbox installed. Asked the USPS & they told her where to install the mailbox across the street. She told her neighbors across the street about it & they said no she couldn't install it as it's on their property. I'm checking with that map room to get the ROW measurement. Which I will give her a copy of hoping to resolve this issue.
- There are 2 parcels owned by Tim Hagedorn back at the cul-de-sac on Blue Heron that he wants to split up one of the parcel. I got prints from the map room & told him how he can do it. I sent the trustees & Lisa an email about the 3rd parcel, which is a triangular parcel where the cul-de-sac is. Tim says his mother gave the parcel to the Township back around 1977. Do the trustees want me to check with Tim to see if he still wants to give this to the Township? What is the process to do this?
- Violation letter status update:
 - Mailed the 1st certified letter to Ruby Stroud about cleaning up 7694 & 7706 CR 91, she has until August 31 to get these 2 lots cleaned up. I have not got a reply from her. So I'm asking the trustees what you want to do about it.
 - The owner of the junk vehicle on Maple St. has been hauled away & he trimmed the shrub. Unless the trustees say different, I'm considered this one done.
 - The lady from 8951 Auditorium has clean up the shrubs from front of the property. I suggested that she do same as she did the front to the sides & back yard. Unless the trustees say different, I'm considered this one done.
 - Haven't heard back from the courtesy letter I sent to BBT Investments for the rental property at 8976 Crescent St. about the furniture in the yards & all the trash inside the parked cars out back. Do the trustees want me to send them a certified letter?
 - I heard back from the courtesy letter I sent to Gerald Levan for the property at 7974 CR 54 about the debris, trash & parking cars in the ROW. Reminded him that if any of these vehicles are disabled & in the ROW we can have them towed. He says he get the property cleaned up & move the parked cars out of the ROW. Do the trustees want me to do anything else?
 - Haven't heard back from the nuisance complaint I filed with the Logan county Health Dept. for the rental property at 7640 Williams St. I talked to Dave Miller from Health dept. that may not have any running water or usable septic system for this house. He will try to stop by to check this out. But he said with CO-Vid 19 this isn't a priority for the health dept. at this time. Also said they haven't had any luck trying to get the courts to issue violations to the property owners. Do the trustees want me to follow up with the Health Dept.?
 - Sent nuisance violation letter to 9614 Cottage Grove (Nancy Niebuer). Her neighbor says she hasn't cleaned up and the smell, bugs & animals feces are terrible... I drove by to look & she had picked up some of the stuff in the back yard. I filed a nuisance complaint on line with the health dept. but don't think they are much more that I can do. Do the trustees want me to follow up with the Health Dept.?
 - Sent the 2 courtesy nuisance violation letters that Tucker emailed me about. 1st was for the parcel at 7747 Main St.(CR 91) Lewistown & 2nd was for 7652 CR 91 Lewistown. They have until September 28 to get it cleaned up.
- Are there any questions or follow-ups for me?
- Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the Zoning Board Resolution with changes as presented by Zoning Inspector, Gary Bias. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Trustee Berg asked for a vote, all answered Aye and the motion passed 3-0.

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- **Mowing** -New round of mowing starting. Will put the chopper on and get on roads that need chopped back
- **Park Restroom** - Dehumidifier is working ok - put it on a shelf. I ran PVC into the drain at the vanity to auto drain it. Did take humidity from 76 to 54%; problem was we were starting to get mold in there from all the moisture.
- **Walking Path** - Trustee Lewis: We had to repair the walking path where the gravel washed out. John: I think come spring we're going to put a culvert back there. It's just so wet and is too soft. We need to get that water out of there.
- **Park Fence** - Called Valley Fence to ask where our fence is - no return call back. Trustee Lewis: Didn't you call before? It's been 6 weeks.
- **Drainage** – County tile is blocked under 91 and they blasted it out; got it cleared up. When I went down there, it was completely covered with grass it's too far down. Pulled grates on this side and it was clear full, never went anywhere. County tried to run a hand deal but that didn't work so they got the big vac out. I went down with the weed eater and I'll just make sure it stays clean. It wasn't our problem; it was the County's problem. You can't change a 6" to an 8" or a 10". The 6" is only going to carry what it can carry. That's only going to take as much as it takes which is the county tile. Scott's own guy told me the same thing - the guy that lived in the house said the tile isn't big enough and the guy who works for the County said the same thing. But, County Engineer said that the tile is plenty big enough. Either way, it is their tile and responsibility to keep it cleaned out.
- **Backhoe** - I did call CAT about the backhoe. Trustee Lewis: Steering? Trustee Berg: It may be a leak, right? He said he would stop by one afternoon. John: If we get the backhoe fixed, do you have a way to haul it? Trustee Berg: Maybe. John: He's giving me a quote to fix the steering. He advised they don't pick up. Trustee Berg: I'll see what they can do.
- **Mound** – Trustee Lewis: John and Jeff did the yearly cleaning of the Mound so it looks real nice now.
- **No Boat Access Signs** – Trustee Faulder: Any calls about the sign no boat access? Chief Core: I thought we were going to put a big rock there. A neighbor who lives there isn't happy about it. You can see the ruts where they put the boat in. Ruts in the grass - etc.. Trustee Faulder: He's got a 20' boat it's the reason this guy bought the house; Trustee Faulder: Advised it's not a boat ramp I suggested he call into the meeting. Maybe we should close them all off or something. John: Try this and if it doesn't work, I'll get two concrete blocks and put them there.

LUC Board – Trustee Lewis

- Nothing to report

EMS Board – Trustee Berg

- Mike Yoder gave a financial report. There was \$904,000 last year in the budget and are at \$909,000 this year (\$11,000 was stimulus funds).
- Expenses - only difference was purchase of a new squad. Only concern over all is unemployment rate. Trustee Lewis: Building sell yet? Trustee Berg: Negative

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Fire Board – Trustee Faulder

- Working on policy corrections
- Applying for MARCS this time

Old Business – Trustees

- Trustee Lewis: Lisa got the basketball backboards. John: We’ll wait until next spring to put those up. Trustee Lewis: Maybe we could paint the basketball court and people could play tennis.
- Trustee Lewis: Any news on the playground equipment? Lisa: The order has been processed and it should be on its way.

New Business – Trustees

- Lisa: Does anyone know what that big explosion was? We were outside and it looked / sounded like it came from up in Lewistown near the grain bins. Sounded like a propane tank exploded. Chief Core: We didn’t get any calls about it. All: It was really loud.

Public Comments

- **Sharron Klahr:** I'm good; suggested pickle ball and/or tennis would be nice at the park. Trustee Lewis: We'll try to get nets so residents can play either tennis or pickle ball.
- **Michelle & Jason Beck** - Good evening; Michelle and Jason Beck on Orchard Island calling about the sign to not launch boats. We are curious why it was put up? Trustee Lewis: the problem is they some are putting in boats at night, get stuck, and make a lot of noise, sometimes with a few drinks and no respect for the people that live there near it. Jason Beck: we've lived there for 8 years and no problem whatsoever and she threw a fit. How can one woman have more say about what goes on down there. Trustee Berg: Technically it's not a boat ramp. They are access for the Fire Dept. only. Jason Beck: Four to five people put a boat in there. Trustee Lewis: There is not boat ramps at every road - most are all blocked off because they are access roads. Jason Beck: I have a 21ft boat... Trustee Lewis: Were you listening earlier when we were discussing you. If you've been doing it for a long time it's not a big deal. Jason Beck: I didn't hear that. We just used it and she called the cops. Trustees: As long as you are not putting in at night and/or causing a disturbance, it shouldn't be a problem. Jason: I don't even start the boat up until after I'm away from the ramp a little ways and that's during the day, not at night. Trustees: It shouldn't be a problem then.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM via teleconference at the Township Hall. Notice to the public is on the township web site (Washtwp.net) that all public meetings are currently being held through teleconference call and the information for dialing in is on the web site as well.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Tucker Berg, Chairman

Don Lewis, Vice Chairman

Jason Faulder, Member