

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on October 9, 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: Thomas Moore, Melissa Miller, Pam Rogers, Sharon DeVault, Dave Rogers, Jan Rogers, John Coleman, David Wallace, Sharron Klahr, and Jim Reed.

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 September 11, 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 9/1/2017 – 9/30/2017 a Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register, and Bank Reconciliation for their review and signature. Trustee Hurley made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Beck seconded the motion and all answered “Aye” - motion passed 3-0.

**Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller**

- **Financial Report** – Receipts this month were \$17,885 and at the end of the third quarter our YTD% received is 76% of the budgeted expected revenue of \$565,809.28. Our balance of all funds and pooled investments is \$1,201,552.33. Our expenses YTD are \$356,063.88.

**EMS Levy Presentation – Thomas Henschen**

- EMS - IL Levy Committee
  - Seek public efforts to help pass the levy
  - Runs average of 115 runs per month
  - Average less than 2 minutes out the door to respond
  - Surrounding EMS Depts. average 4.87 minutes
  - The National arrival time is 8 minutes. We do a very good job to get to patients.
  - Logan County Sheriff's Dept provided this for us - IL EMS averaged in 2016, 1176 runs. Only Bellefontaine runs more at 2700; below us is West Liberty at 750.
  - Projecting \$257,000 from the runs alone
  - Average cost per run is \$554.26 (labor, squad, building, and medical)
  - Charge per run is run \$800 - average payment is \$110
    - 1. w/o our current 1.5 mill operating levy subsidizing our expenses, we would not be able to maintain operations.
  - IL EMS started with \$426,000 - started 2017 with \$202,000 projecting in 2018 we will start slightly lower than that.
  - By late 2018 or early 2019 we will reach the minimum amount of \$75,0000
  - We are seeking your YES vote for a 3 mill, 5 year emergency levy
  - How old is our newest squad - answer: 10 years old
  - Had to replace heart monitors - company no longer repairs them so we had to replace them
  - 3 mill levy on \$84,318 home - that would be \$88.53 / year or \$1.70/week
  - Jim: \$88.53 was for Indian Lake and Russell's Point? Don: This is the whole district that was put in wrong.
  - New building - \$1.2 million over 5 years
  - \$300,000 for equipment
  - \$75,000 update communications
  - \$240,000 for squad 1
  - IF IT DOESN'T PASS -
  - We will run out of funds between 2018-2020
    - Look at eliminating the 8 hour shift 7 days a week and rely more on mutual aid so 50% discount will go away
    - Reduction of service to less than 24 hrs per day on some days
    - Eliminate special events
    - Reduce staffing
    - Sell one of our squads.
  - Other concerns
    - 1. Maintain quality of staff
    - 2. Maintaining building
  - Vote **YES** for the IL EMS Levy
  - We are a government entity and would fall into fiscal emergency - the state would take us over
  - On Nov 7th when I go in to vote - I vote for myself, my family, and my friends. We need them to support us in our time of need.
- Questions
  - Trustee Hurley: Trashing existing building and starting from scratch?
    - Jim Reed: It's a 5 year levy - not sure if the presentation showed what will happen at the end of the 5 years. At end of the five it will be reassessed for people to understand that the term is limited to 5 years.
    - Trustee Hurley: You want enough money to pay for everything up front? Trustee Lewis: Everything is paid off today. Jim Reed: Over 5 years to get a loan to complete the building and the use a five year income from the levy. Dave: \$895,000 it will collect per year.
    - Trustee Hurley: Headline in paper - Lakeview as small as they are can build a lot with less \$ Dave: Not true, they have 1.5% income tax levy.
    - Jim Reed - Balance billed on runs. Trustee Hurley: When I left we would charge 800 and bill the difference between insurance and the 800 to try and recoup. Thomas: we bill at the 50% reduction rate. Sharron: it was 800 they paid 400 and I would be responsible for the last piece of it and I was billed for the difference between.
    - Jim Reed - No billings for lift assist and things like that and did do that at least to my knowledge. In terms of Medicare and insurance, those are negotiated.

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

- Good evening everyone.
- Information - there's 76 shopping days until Christmas.
- Thank you for providing candy for the kids and the kids enjoyed that.
- Trustee Beck: Great parade!
- **CFS** - 343 calls for service and things aren't slowing down like I anticipated; discussion about traffic stops. That's where we get most of our drugs from traffic stops. Easier to get into a car versus a house. We create a lot of documentation for prosecutor to get us into that home.
- **Training** - Almost done with continuing training for the year - taser training and firearms.
- Thursday, Oct 26 is Trick or Treat Event at IL Elementary School
- **Family Game Night** is Nov 6 from 6-7:30 PM it will be held at Community Market
- **Drugs** continue to drive most of our CFS. Went to a seminar last Wednesday and a speaker was there who was the host - Over the Rhine is where he serves. Cincinnati is split into 5 districts and he takes 80% of the criminal activity. They were pitching software that links software with police, courts, and prosecutor all together. All analytical data and they were able to predict and go to the gang members and tell them you have x amount of a chance of being the next one shot based on your criminal activity you will be dead in two months. Another thing they said is that 3% of any population is responsible for 90% of the crime. It helps law enforcement pinpoint their target areas and we spend a lot of resources to curtail that activity so it's a balance. You have to start somewhere. Unfortunate thing about technology is it is very expensive. Most of the departments our size don't have the funds for that and I'm not sure how much it would benefit us. Where that makes sense here is I know the trouble makers and one in particular is always a violent episode and I told him the last time that we dealt with him some of these newer guys coming out of the academy - if he doesn't get sent up he's going to end up being shot. He did give him 5 years. Prosecutor was used to seeing the guys name but he didn't know how his violence affected our officers.
- **Fall - Open Burning** I will get calls. Trustee Beck: We've had people bringing stuff out to the house and I disk it under. So Sharron you are welcome to bring all you can bring. Chief Core: This time of year I get inundated with obnoxious smoke and encourage people to take advantage of Trustee Beck's offer.
- **Drones** - Another thing I am getting complaints on this past week is drones – we had two calls on them. I called FFA - if below tree top altitude (it's hard to distinguish property lines) it is illegal – if above tree tops they are okay as long as they are registered. So, it's a hard enforcement area for me. The good drones have a range of 2.5-3 miles. Trustee Hurley: Do you have to register drones? Chief Core: Yes, through the State of Ohio. Trustee Lewis: You can fly it w/o registering but it's illegal right? Chief Core: Yes, and if it's flying at night it has to have strobes. Trustee Beck: You don't see a whole lot of them anymore.
- Questions?
  - Pam - Your gentleman on Marion Dr you arrested. I've watched him sit on that hill for 3 years. But, I thought that's their property - arrested for DUI; 150' off the road but that's his property. Chief Core: If you are in the vehicle and you are inebriated then we're going to arrest you.
  - Dave Wallace - Joe stated that they are certified to administer narcan as long as they can get it from the EMS. Trustee Lewis: EMS didn't pay for it - they picked it up from the Health Dept. and it is grant money.

#### **Zoning – Gary Bias**

- Received 90 calls - 6 zoning permit issues; 4 additions, 1 foundation, and 1 fence
- Zoning Appeals Board met for variance on 10/2 – 30' and 18' setback and failed to provide a survey so denied request. Another variance scheduled for 10/23 for TR 207.
- Working with prosecutor about mobile on 235 – I'm going to let him take care of it.
- Talked to Zeb Winner about road cut - told him three days advance noticed; John got an estimate and they are only going to do one the first time. Trustee Lewis: Isn't there a form for that? Trustee Beck: We probably need to finish the form up. Gary: we charge \$5/per sq ft and that doesn't come close to covering our costs. I told Zeb all of that and wrote it in the permit. Trustee Beck: Did he say a temporary thing? Gary: No John: It's not down there where that wetland is? Trustee Beck: I think it is. John: I haven't talked to him. Trustee Beck: He's supposed to meet with us before he does anything. Gary: I told him that. Trustee Hurley: You need to check into that, John. Trustee Beck: We'll do that. Trustee Lewis: So you and John will look at that? Trustee Beck: Yes Trustee Lewis: Let me know when and I'll go along with you. Gary: We just need to meet as there are a lot of variances on those things. We talked about asking the sewer department to oversee that too. Gary: Do you want me to set something up with Scott? Trustee Beck: Yes, if you'll do that.
- Roger Brown called me - there's a person in Washington Township surrounded by Russell's Point. Someone is hauling in dirt and that is a violation. I've talked to Ken Weatheron about this - told it was a gray area. Ken is working to get it better defined and I've called the State of Ohio - there is something in flood plain zones. Trustee Beck: We've dealt with this before - we brought in Water and Soil Conservation on this. Gary: I'll follow up with Ken.

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

- Spreader is on the truck and all worked out good
  - Getting ready to clear roads all the way back; have a lot of brush to cut back.
  - I think a problem on Five Parks as there are some trees there that are dead. Are we responsible for them or not? Melissa: we've been through this before. We questioned it a few years back and all of those were the property owner's responsibility. Trustee Beck: We don't want to destroy the tree. John: Some are completely dead and limbs hanging over the road and if that's the case we need to at least cut the limbs from hanging over the road. I had to cut some that were bad out so they don't continue falling out of there. Trustee Lewis: I would say you just go through and cut whatever you feel needs done. Pam: Allen and Midway need done.
  - Trustee Lewis: Did you get some figures for equipment that you need. John: Yes, total from Troyers is \$2106.80 for the following:
    - STIHL BLOWER BG86 \$191.96
    - Tecomes Chain Grinder - \$359.00
    - STIHL CutQuick TS 420 14" - \$999 - less 20%
    - Concrete/Asphalt Diamond Wheel - \$299.95 less 20%
    - TS 420 CutQuick Cart - \$504.95
    - Water Tank for Cart - \$ 139.95
- Trustee Beck: I make a motion we purchase the above equipment in the amount of \$2106.80. Trustee Hurley: I second the motion; all answered "Aye" and motion was passed 3-0. Lisa will get the PO# to John and he will get the items ordered.

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**Road Department - John Newland, Road Supervisor (cont'd)**

- John: I didn't get a quote for the welder but need one capable of doing what we need 120/240 so if plows or mowers are breaking down not sure what they are charging around here - TSC \$1400; Harbor Freight was \$1200 with a cart; Trustees: stay away from Harbor Freight.
- John: Tree at OI - 1.5 weeks ago he said 2 weeks so that's this Friday and whether he comes or not, who knows. Do you want to do a backup bid or not? Cheapest one I have is \$900 - Harold Brown; everyone else was \$1200-\$1800. Trustee Beck: Everyone else wants to bring a crane. Harold said he could come in on a Wednesday and have it done by Friday. Trustee Lewis: We have a bid for \$600 from J&R who is supposed to show up this Friday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> and Harold's bid is \$900 but he can get it done by end of the week. John: yes Trustee Beck: I make a motion if J&R doesn't get the tree down by end of this week, then let Harold take it down. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion – all said “Aye” and motion was passed. Lisa: Harold can't do any work until a vendor packet has been completed and he will need to submit his workman's comp coverage, issue us a copy of liability insurance naming Washington Township as the Certificate Holder, and a W-9 form before any work can take place. Actually, will need the same certifications from J&R if he is to perform the work as his workman's comp and liability insurance both expired this summer. It was good when he put the bid in but he has non-performed the work and those two certificates have since expired so please make sure John that whomever is going to take the tree down has the above in your hands and trustees are aware of that before you give the go ahead for work to take place.

**LUC Board –Trustee Hurley**

- Meeting minute from Sept 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and treasurer's report – also the 2017 budget summary. As usual, nothing for Logan County. Don't know if moved into the new building or not Gary: two weeks - they are packing now.

**EMS Board – Trustee Lewis**

- Many meeting minutes
- Squad back - but not running right
- Finally getting all money moved to the local accounts.
- Still a lot of runs
- Current 9/30/17 balance \$207,648.00

**Fire Board – Trustee Beck**

- Received second half of real estate license \$249,000
- On ALICE training for Fire Department. Chief, Did I hear you say they were going to make them an active part of the removal. I talked to the Fire Chief and they are asking for bullet proof vests (16-17 at \$600-700 per vest). That kind of scares me to put firefighters with people like that. I have different feelings about that. Dave Wallace: You never know where people are hiding. Chief Core: I shared about the change in protocol with the city of Columbus - 40-50% of fatalities occur immediately. 20-25% could be saved if someone could get to them. That's why the protocol changed. Fire / EMS go in with them now.... Dave W: But, like he's saying...Chief Core: We actually practiced that training at the schools. Trustee Hurley: Couldn't the protocol be that you go in with a police escort? Chief Core: That already is the protocol. Trustee Lewis: Is that 3 people with one (1) officer? Chief Core: Yes - it's a 7' long with handles and they put the kids on there and slide them out. Changing the protocol request came from the fire department. Trustee Beck: whose jurisdiction is it - the police or the fire? Chief Core: Glad you asked - if it's a crime scene it never gets turned over. Trustee Beck: does everyone know that? Chief Core: No Trustee Beck: Shouldn't it be? Chief Core: I called the Fire Marshall who sets the rules for the Fire Dept. Trustee Beck: I can see a problem. Chief Core: There won't be a problem. DAVE W: No - I don't think so. Trustee Beck: That's with an active shooter but what about if the school is crumbling in? Trustee Hurley: Instead of buying everyone gear why not establish a team and share the gear? Trustee Beck: That's what EMS does. Chief Core: Apparently Chief Gibson went to the training and brought it to us. Dave W: There was some training a little over a month ago. Chief Core: I can tell you that Fire Department stated that day they would not enter the building without an armed escort. Chief Core: When I did the ALICE training for the schools - we don't have the luxury of “if” - it's “when and where”.

**Old Business – Trustees**

- Trustee Lewis:
  - House across from Peterman's was sold and will be in someone else's hands next year. They are going to try to fix it up and sell it. Cutting the tree down first since lady next door has complained about it.
  - Janice Rogers - in appellate court still
  - House on corner of Crescent / Woodlawn- trying to work with prosecutor's office on that but he's going a different direction. I wanted it condemned - he said oh no..no. But, he is trying to work something out - probably be 1-2 years before something is done.
  - Received a complaint in the mail - on Foster Street on Waterbury and the complaint was - this and that and stuff laying in driveway. When I went there all of the big stuff was no longer there, just a bunch of cabinets they had torn out. So, today I stopped there and talked to the woman that lives there. She has been telling her husband he needs to get this taken care but he's moving a little too slow.
- Any other old business? None

**New Business - Trustees**

- Trustee Hurley: Cars at gas station parked up town causing difficulty – sometimes up to 7-8 of them. Chief Core: I will look into it
- Trustee Beck: Old leather shop coming down;

**Public Comment**

- Sharon D - Speaking for myself - I want to thank the Trustees and John for putting up our post office island signs- at the Y and where Fairview dead ends. Trustee Beck: Purchased by you guys and John put them up. We have also helped up on the mound quite a bit. John: Yes, final cleanup we got it all cleaned up. Sharon: Hopefully neighbors will keep an eye on things. Trustee Lewis: They need Rick's # to bring them to his house.

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**Public Comment – Cont’d:**

- Pam - down on Midway /Park there is culvert pipe runs under the street from one side to the other but no culvert there - it's just a pipe. A kid could get cut on that on both sides. Trustee Beck: A lot of that is just an open culvert; they really don't have such a sharp edge. We'll take a look at that John and see if there is something we can put over it.
- David W - there is a log jam in the Miami River - it's up river though. Trustee Beck: Why did they leave the two trees right off the bridge. I didn't understand that whole thing.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Beck made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM; Trustee Hurley seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion passed 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.

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Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Don Lewis, Chairman

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Rick Beck, Vice Chairman

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Jim Hurley, Member