

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Park with Trustees Tucker Berg, Faulder, and Lewis present. Also present were: Fiscal Officer, Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, Road Supervisor John Newland and Police Chief Rick Core. Others in attendance: Connie Cathcart, Melissa Miller, Pam Rogers, Butch & Cheryl Dilbone, Paul Benedetti, Brian Schultz, Brian Clark, Sharon Kerchin, Dave Rogers, Andy Shuman, Jonathan Murphy, Kristy Eilerman, Tim Smith, and Sharron Klahr.

**Waive the Reading of the Minutes** - Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Berg seconded the motion – all answered “Aye” motion passed 3-0.

**Financial Obligations** - Fiscal Officer Lisa Miller presented financial obligations to the trustees. Trustee Berg made a motion to pay all financial obligations as presented. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion – all answered “Aye” motion passed 3-0.

**Financial Reports** - The Fiscal Officer also presented the Trustees for the period of 9/1/2019 – 9/30/2019 a Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register, and Bank Reconciliation for their review and signatures. Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Berg seconded the motion – all answered “Aye” motion passed 3-0.

#### **Public Comments or Concerns**

- **Pam** - CBD Oil and gummies. What is your view on kids in Middle School using the gummie? Chief Core: I am adamantly opposed to that - nothing good that can come from it with the things we deal with. Melissa: Is it legal? Chief Core: We can't police people under their own roof. I met a third grader chewing tobacco. No discipline or structure at home.
- **Paul Benedetti** - Good evening - I'm here to listen and learn. Chief Core: For those of you who don't know Mr. Benedetti is one of our commissioners.
- **Mr. Schulz** – Our purpose is to provide information from the Logan County Sewer District. We've been working on providing sewers for Lewistown. We found some funding from Army Corp of Engineers. They have provided a million dollars and it was Mr. Tim Smith with Health District who brought it to my attention. Also, here tonight is Johnathon Murphy, Brian Clark is District Manager and Paul Benedetti with County Commissioners. Nothing finalized yet. Lower cost option - basic sewer; deeper sewer broadens it out to Honda so a couple things we are working on. If you want to ask any questions now, that's fine. There will probably be many meetings.
- **Trustee Lewis** - Does it cover hook-ups; Mr. Schulz no, it does not. Trustee Lewis: Everyone is required? Mr. Schulz: Yes
- **Trustee Faulder**: What is average cost? Brian: Unknown
- **Trustee Berg**: Timeline on the project? Brian: first part of next year - 2020 is construction phase.
- **Melissa**: As a citizen - mom and pop who are 89 yrs old and live down the drive, they are mandatory to hook up? Brian: If their property can take an onsite sewage system no, but if not, they would have to hook up.
- **Trustee Faulder** - Next step? Brian: Look at service area, design, bid, construction. Trustee Faulder: Is this something the residents get a say into it? Brian - Usually EPA decides that. John: If EPA decides they have to can the resident decide who will hook theirs up? Brian: Absolutely John: They contracted a company where I live and they ripped us off. Brian: Where is that at? John: West Mansfield Brian: Unfortunately, you have to generate the revenue off of all of them to keep things running.
- **Pam** - Are they going to assess the taxes? Brian: That's not the intent. The district had varying rates/fees. We've streamlined that into one rate in one district and we fund thru a sewer rate instead of assessment funds.
- **Tim (Health Dept)** - There is a water pollution home loan - that the Health Dept. has received the last couple of years to connect those that have them and they aren't connected. We have to put the work out for bid. It's difficult how we do that. I have some information here - they are applications. It's income based - you can figure it annually or monthly. If you qualify then you can have up to 25, 50, 100% of the cost. If you have the money, of course, you are going to pay. We started our operation maintenance program - township by township. The state created their own sewage code - everyone has to maintain their systems, proving they get it. Melissa: Again, I'm confirming no one is being forced to connect as long as they have an onsite sewage system, correct? Tim: Correct. Lisa Miller: So, what I've heard from other township residents (Harrison is one of them) is that if our current sewage system passes the code, then we can maintain those systems ourselves and no one will be forced to connect? We pay \$50. Tim: That is correct. Lisa: That's important especially if the one district Brian is referring to that had varying rates/fees before and now plan to fund it through a sewer rate instead of assessments would be a nearby village. A lot of Washington Township's residents would have a problem with that. What is the name of the grant that is providing the funding to the Army Corp of Engineers so that they are able to give a million dollars away to provide sewage to Lewistown? Where can Washington Township residents, Trustees and myself get more information on this from the State of Ohio so that we are aware of all of the ramifications and able to be informed and answer/ ask questions ourselves since we are just now hearing about it for the first time? It sounds like much discussion about Lewistown sewage has taken place between other government entities but without Washington Township residents or Trustees who will be most affected by it so you can understand why this seems very unusual to us. I'm sure there are some underlying reasons for that. Tim: This is just our initial meeting with the township and we brought some handouts and a drawing for tonight's meeting but there will be more meetings to answer those questions as we work through it.
- **Andy** - if you do have questions about the drawings we dropped off, just give us a call.
- **Connie** - just want to check. John came out to my house and talked about the proposed sewer. Estimate? John: I called Hurley and he said late fall before he does anything. He said he would call when he can get in there He's so backed up with all of the rain we've had.. jobs to get caught up. Pam: which way is it going to go? John: The way it was before. Pam: Really only benefits one person. John: No, it will benefit two. I'm waiting for the quote to run it across. Trustee Faulder: We won't make a decision unless it's in a public meeting. Connie: OK

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- Kristy Eilerman - I'm a woman's support group volunteer. Logan County has a lot of support for food banks, churches, etc. but nothing for hygiene products and this is a donation box for those items. I'll make sure it's stocked with all of the products that we need. A lot of woman can't afford it so I would like to put up a donation box. We have the support of Chief Core and Mike Durnell. Trustee Berg: Where would you put the donation box at? I'm in a women's group and a lot of them don't have the monies to purchase these items. Trustee Faulder: I would support it, I think it's a great deal. Unfortunately, living in the world we do today there is the possibility that people that will break into it every chance they can. Pam: There's a place in Lima that have a lot of those items - Monday's is \$1.00 day and Tuesdays is .50. National Liquidation on Findlay Street. Paul Benedetti: Is there a number we could have to get in touch with you? Kristy: Absolutely. Trustee Berg: Get your locations nailed down and we will help. Trustee Faulder: Yes, we support you.
- **Sharron Klahr** –There's a vehicle on Orchard Island that I would like someone to look into. It's been sitting for a year with no front end. On the corner of Auditorium / Orchard Island Rd. There was one further down but they fixed it. This particular one has the whole front end missing and no tags. Paul Benedetti: Logan Cty Prosecutors Program - has a program for that and will assist with that issue. Tim: The Prosecutors also have templates so you can get it towed off. Trustee Lewis: A lot of times, we have these dilapidated buildings and send to prosecutors. Tim: Jessica Householder has lowered the limits of the back taxes. Paul Benedetti: Rick Hatcher is in charge of that. Multiple: We've tried that but Rick Hatcher advised Lewistown is not eligible for the program as no one wants to build a house in Lewistown.

**Fiscal Officer Report, Lisa Miller**

➤ **Financial Report:**

**Funds:** Fund Summary Balance is \$1,217,018.97 with \$748,996.40 in Road & Bridge, Motor Vehicle Tax and Gas Tax Funds (64.4%); 26.79% is in General Fund and 5.62% is the Police Department Fund. The remaining funds are in Special Funds and make up the remainder of the % of total pooled funds which is 3.15%. September Revenue was \$89,760.36 and our expenditures for the month were \$24,444.01 for an Ending Fund Balance of \$1,282,335.32.

- **Resolution 2019-008 Request an Increase in Appropriations for the Current Year in the Road & Bridge Fund 2031-330-323-0000** (Repairs and Maintenance) in the amount of \$150,000.00 for road repairs. Trustee Berg made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-008 and Trustee Faulder seconded the motion to approve. All answered "Aye" and the resolution was passed 3-0.
- **Resolution 2019-009 Request an Increase in Appropriations for the Current Year in the Police Department Fund** from 2081-210-323-0000 (Repairs and Maintenance) from \$14,877.80 to \$20,000 (+\$5122.20); 2081-210-430-0000 (Small Tools and Minor Equipment) from \$21,312.92 to \$26,000.00 (+\$4687.08); 2081-210-420-0000 (Operating Supplies) from \$18,282.14 to \$23,000.00 (+\$4717.86). Trustee Berg made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-009 and Trustee Faulder seconded the motion to approve. All answered "Aye" and the resolution was passed 3-0.

**Police Department – Chief Rick Core**

- **CFS** – Approximately 250-290 CFS in September. Talked to Trustee Faulder to advise my office system is down. I texted dispatch and yes, they are working on it and their system is down too so I have no reports. Lisa: I think Ryan said they were upgrading the server so that's probably the issue. Trustee Lewis: Anything out of the ordinary? Chief: Nothing stands out as being different than in other months.
- **Officer in Accident** – As most of you know Earl was west bound on 33 when a young lady said she looked both ways but pulled out and hit him right in the door. Officer Wiesner has a back sprain - he did three spins down the roadway. Cruiser situation isn't good - book value and a lot of that is model year / make. We spent \$\$ to put that cruiser into place. Regular attendees know we ordered a cruiser in January. That was supposed to be here second week in September - but nothing yet. Gentlemen I spoke to today said next Thursday.
- **Drugs** - continue to be our focus. We got a large seizure of drugs 21g of methamphetamine. Earl took that in.
- **Annual Event coming up at the ILES** - We changed it from 9 to after lunch. Our focus is have a good enough trick or treat at the school as it's safer and maybe they won't want to go out where cars are on trick or treat. Parents have a lot of reservation about going out trick or treating. The event will be held on October 31st at 1:00 at the ILES. That's all I have.

**Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector**

- Handled 30 calls last month; issued three (3) zoning permits (two for accessory buildings and one for garage living)
- ZAB met September 10<sup>th</sup> and approved Foster Street.
- I'll continue the courtesy letters.
- Working with LUC to set up a ZCB meeting for training on nuisance properties.
- Cheryl: Former Tinsley property? Gary: Business not good at other markets but they did clean it up.

**Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent**

- **Quonset** - The roof is on the Quonset; have you all looked at that? There's a pretty good wrinkle down one side and when we met with him the wrinkle is gone. If you see a big wrinkle on a hot day - call Josh.
- **TR 208** - Me and Rick got 208 done. Anything up over the road, we cut it back.
- **TR 247** - Working on 247 now and doing the same thing there.
- **Chopper** - I'm guessing the chopper will be in end of this week and next week. We're cutting what's up high and taking it out and then we can run down the side > back and take the rest down. Should be here in 2-3 weeks
- **Tires** - Trustee Berg: Need to get the tires loaded on the mower. John: We would have to drive it there. I'm going to put it on there to see how stable it is first and if not stable we'll get it done.
- **Pam:** Cracks in the Road in Five Parks. **John:** Called Greg and we are waiting on them to call back. Lisa: Is Greg going to fix that. John: yes
- **Crack Filling:** Trustee Berg: H&H started the crack filling today.

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**LUC Board – Trustee Lewis**

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**EMS Board – Trustee Berg**

- Open House at new EMS Building is this Saturday, Oct 12th w/ cookies and punch
- Approved purchase of the second squad for May 2020 delivery
- Selling items from old building on govdeals.com

**Fire Board – Trustee Faulder**

- Grain bin rescue was a success
- Received grant for gym equipment

**Old Business – Trustees**

- Nothing

**New Business – Trustees**

- Trustee Faulder: Don & I interviewed Jeff Carpenter; Trustee Faulder made a motion to hire Jeff Carpenter as a seasonal employee effective 10/7/2019. No more than 500 hours and \$12/hour. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered “Aye” motion passed 3-0.
- Trustee Faulder made a motion to replace the Police Dept. laptops and computers not to exceed \$7500. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered “Aye” motion passed 3-0.
- Trustee Lewis asked if we could check on upgrading phones from 3G to 4G. Fiscal Officer Miller: I already have a call into Lisa Campbell our Verizon Rep. as we are due for free phone upgrades any way.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Lewis made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Trustee Berg seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion carried 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.

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Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Jason Faulder, Chairman

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Tucker Berg, Vice Chairman

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Don Lewis, Member