

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Hall.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Fiscal Officer Miller read roll call. Present were: Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder and Trustee Berg. Also, in attendance were Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, Police Chief Michael Thompson, Road Supervisor John Newland, and Fiscal Officer Lisa Miller. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting, Trustee Berg 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 Berg seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Reports - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 8/1/2024-8/31/2024 and 9/1/2024 –9/30/2024 a Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Fund Summary Report, Receipt Register, Detailed Receipt Report, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status and Payment Register for their review, approval and signatures. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the financial reports and Trustee Berg seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

Fund Balances

- **AUGUST, 2024** - Starting fund balance on August 1, 2024 was \$1,956,691.35. Total revenue deposited in August, 2024 was \$423,587.37. The year to date revenue is \$1,252,339.14 Our monthly expenses were \$104,914.86 and our year to date expenditures are \$708,011.01 leaving a month ending balance on August 31, 2024 of \$2,275,363.86.
- **SEPTEMBER, 2024** - Starting fund balance on September 1, 2024 was \$2,275,363.86. Total revenue deposited in September, 2024 was \$23,267.90. The year to date revenue is \$1,275,607.04. Our monthly expenses were \$75,118.96 and our year to date expenditures are \$783,129.97 leaving a month ending balance on September 30, 2024 \$2,223,512.80.

Resolutions:

- **RESOLUTION 2024-011** - **Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor.** This is our annual amounts and rates to be collected in 2025 as determined by the Budget Commission and also authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies them to the county auditor. Motion by: Trustee Faulder to approve and Seconded by: Trustee Berg All answered "Aye" and resolution passed 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION 2024-012** - **Need approval on resolution 2024-012 to increase revenue and appropriations for the current fiscal year for sales tax monies in the amount of \$104,232.50** used to pave Orchard Island. Motion by: Trustee Faulder Seconded by: Trustee Berg All answered "Aye" and the resolution was passed 3-0.

Police Department – Chief Michael Thompson

Updates

- Calls For Service – 297 calls for service in September.
- Task Force – we have been busy working a lot of drug cases and are starting to see the court give lengthy sentences for drug trafficking offenses.
- Gov Deals Auction – all of the vehicles have sold. Working on getting some of them paid for and picked up. We made \$7,224.00 on the auction.
- Citizens Academy – still have open spots. If you've been before and want to attend again, we will have different speakers and topics this year.
- Patrol Rifles – we received our patrols rifle that were purchased by the WTPOA. We qualified and they are in service.
- Continued Professional Training – we are required to complete 24 hours in 2024. Lisa, you will see a check at some point reimbursing all of the hourly wages for each officer for those 24 hours (I may see chks from attorney general's office as they are reimbursing us)
- Public Records Request – I am getting an increased number of public records requests from YouTube channels. I am working with a vendor for redaction of body camera footage. That cost will be applied to the public records request fees and is very expensive. I think we should require those be paid prior to completing the public records request. City of Bellefontaine don't have a law enforcement.
- Municipal Court Fines – Judge Estes recently raised the fine amounts for traffic violations. We are seeing him suspend people driver's licenses for doing excess of 26 mph over in the school zone and we highly support that.

Requests

- Ohio Drone Repair – \$13,782.99 for a DJI Matrice M30T. Has all of the components needed to make our job safer and is a top-of-the-line drone. Thermal camera, spot light, quick connect kit, etc.. The Washington Township Police Officer Association will split the cost of the drone with the PD. \$6,891.49 each and has already been approved by the WTPOA board. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the purchase and Trustee Berg seconded. All answered Aye-Motion passed 3-0. Brian Jones: Special Pkg made for PD has dual release mechanisms to deploy two diff ppl at the same time. Has Emergency gliding to light the ground, it can do that. Has a loud speaker, batteries, command case with power supply in it. Has an upgraded controller and is a great pkg for a drone. Trustee Lewis: Monthly fee? Brian: No. Also has DVI care for a year and you can add 2 years on top of that. Mike: like standoff we had. We had two drones and one crashed, the second went in the house and he shot it and it went down. But, we can drop things out and then get out the door quickly.

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- Uline - Mail Sorter/Work Station - \$1,220. Have set up an account and will get Lisa a vendor packet. Requesting a mailbox Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the purchase and Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered Aye-Motion passed 3-0.
- Citizen's Patrol - A civilian affiliated with the Washington Township Police Department in a volunteer, non-salary, non-sworn status, contributing to the police department in a supporting role. Would like the Trustees blessing in starting this program.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Trustees and Fiscal Officer Miller for all of their support of the police department. There are a lot of police departments that don't have the support that we have here and I think it's important to highlight that and thank each of you!

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- Cutting brush on 247
- Corner lot cleaned up at 8223 Midway
- 8946 Maple cleaned up
- Tree down at Lewistown cemetery
- Replaced signs at Five parks, do have to order some more signs
- Replaced signs at Orchard Is
- Streetlights called in on Walnut and Council
- Case tractor has a pto clutch out, will be around \$ 2300.00 Trustee Berg made a motion to approve the purchase and Trustee Faulder seconded. All answered Aye-Motion passed 3-0.
- Need a PO for front tires.
- Will leave building at park for a little longer
- Suggested paving 33 and 215

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

Washington Township Meeting Zoning on Oct. 14., 2024

- I have had approximately 180 calls that I have logged for the past month.
 - Issued (12) zoning permits: 8 Disaster, 4 regular.
 - Permit #1737 for new accessory bldg. in Five Parks
 - Permit #1738 for disaster demolition & rebuild on Wolfe Island.
 - Permit #1739 for disaster demolition on Park Dr. in Waterbury
 - Permit #1740 for disaster demolition & rebuild in Moundwood.
 - Permit #1741 for disaster rebuild on Forest St.
 - Permit #1742 for disaster rebuild on Poplar St.
 - Permit #1743 for disaster rebuild on Cottage Grove.
 - Permit #1744 for disaster rebuild of a shed in Tracy Farm Addition
 - Permit #1745 for disaster demolition on Court St.
 - Permit #1746 for demo & rebuild of an accessory structure in Five Parks.
 - Permit #1747 for camping permit in Five Parks.
 - Permit #1748 for a demolition & rebuild on Wolf Island.
 - The ZAB meet on Sept. 23 to review 2 Variance applications. Variance 2024-V04 for an accessory bldg. on Indian Dr. was approved. Variance 2024-V05 to split up 1 parcel on SR 366 into 4 separate parcels was denied.
 - Received a Zoning district amendment application to change the zoning district from M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) to R-2 Medium Residential District for a parcel on SR 708 on the Russells Point Corporation limit. That Zoning
 - Commission Board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 29, 2024, at 6 PM. That will be followed by a work session to discuss potential changes, additions, & deletions for our current zoning resolution.
 - I am collaborating with the EMA Long Term Recovery Group on getting a permanently site manufactured home back on Orchard Island to replace a mobile home destroyed by the tornado.
 - Had a text message for a group called the Silent Majority concerning how we managed variances, which I replied to.
 - Melissa Miller resigned from the ZAB board at our last meeting, and I wanted to thank her for all her years of service on that board. The Trustees appointed Mike Hogan to fill that position,
 - I have talked and emailed a couple that are wanting to establish a gaming business at the corner of Waterbury and SR 366. I am working with the LUC & LC Prosecutors office to get the necessary documents from them to determine if it meets our permitted uses for the B-1 district.
 - I forwarded an email from Breanne concerning the Curtis Martin parcel going up for Sheriff's sale. If not sold, then I think the Township will have a chance to acquire it.
 - I have noticed some people have been using RVs without filling out the required RV waiver forms. I will be posting Warning notices on those RVs asking them to contact me. Based on the Commissioners RV waiver conditions, they must fill out these documents to use these RVs and they can only use them if they are rebuilding.
 - I still waiting the Logan County Commissioners office or prosecutors' office for their vacate procedure.
 - Do not expect quick responses to the calls, emails & texts over the next couple weeks as I must catch up on my outside work before the weather gets cold.
- Any questions for me?

Melissa: Question is next time there is a ZAB if someone doesn't think the ruling is fair that person would have 20 days to appeal, right? The reason being ZAB can approve the barn and overrule regulations.

- **Trustees, please answer my questions referenced by the item number above in Monday's Twp. meeting.**

*** Are the trustees OK with me following up on the RV permits as per the LC Commissioner's procedures?

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LUC Board – Trustee Berg

- Nothing

EMS – Trustee Lewis

- 145 runs in August
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- CD \$ 2,010,527.20
- Checking \$ 47,629.48
- Fence repairs \$ 76,230.00
- Grant for 2 more CPR machines \$ 10,576.00
- Received a check for tornado damage \$ 29,730.26
- Bloomfield and Goshen contract talked about needing a number to give to them
- Quote back for the roofing and the company that built the building will do the repairs
- Will purchase 20 radios

FIRE BOARD – Trustee Faulder

- 3000 gallons of water used
- Checking and CD balances \$ \$ 625,198.00
- Jim Reed sworn in
- Approved to make a donation of old air packs to OH Hi point

Old Business – Trustees

- A family transferred 4 cemetery lots, Trustee Lewis had them fill out a paper
- Trustee Lewis talked to a woman from FEMA regarding JT Tree Service she said if she received a letter notarized of who gave permission for the work to be done. Mike and John are who authorized the work to be done, and they will send a check. John will sign the letter.
- Dump truck John would like to donate it to Hi point, John will look into it. Chief Thompson will put it back on Gov Deals with a reserve \$ 20,000

New Business – Trustees

- Trustee Faulder went to a County Commissioner meeting about creating a Utilities District. Contractors are requiring city water. Russells Point wants to run city water to Five Parks, Waterbury and Orchard Island which would force an annex into Russells Point. County Commissions will look into it and vote. Russells Point cannot do it without an upgrade.

Public Comments:

Question about road striping, Trustees said it is coming.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM; Trustee Berg seconded. All answered “Aye”, Motion carried to adjourn 3-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall.

Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer

Don Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Jason Faulder, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Tucker Berg, Member of the Board of Trustees