

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Washington Township Hall.

The meeting was opened by Trustee Berg with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Fiscal Officer Miller read roll call. Present were: Trustee Berg, Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder, Chief Thompson, Gary Bias, John Newland, and Lisa Miller. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2023 regular meeting. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

**Financial Obligations** - Fiscal Officer Miller presented financial obligations to the trustees. Trustee Lewis made a motion to pay all financial obligations. Trustee Faulder seconded the motion and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

**Financial Reports** - Fiscal Officer Miller presented to the Trustees for the period of 10/1/2023 – 10/31/2023 a Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Fund Summary Report, Receipt Register, 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 Lewis seconded the motion. All answered Aye – motion passed 3-0.

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

**Financial Report** - Starting fund balance on October 1, 2023 was \$1,875,618.82. Total revenue deposited in October, 2023 was \$33,847.93. The year to date revenue received is \$1,238,241.06. Our monthly expenses in October were \$69,413.92 and our year to date expenditures are \$876,733.72. Leaving a month ending balance on October 31, 2023 of \$1,840,052.83. YTD Revenue received is at 110.18%.

**Playground Equipment** – I have a quote coming from Miracle Playground for two riders. The gentleman I am working with, Perry, said most playground equipment is taking 5-6 months to get in. Do you want me to also look for something to replace the toddler's equipment in the back? Miracle Playground as well as AAA State of Play are sending catalogs.

**Cruiser Repair** – Auditor advised if John is repairing Police Dept cruisers, his pay should come out of the Police Dept. not the road dept. John is saving the PD a lot of money as we no longer have to have an outside company repair the cruisers unless something major goes wrong. Auditor advised the Trustees make a motion on it so that it's in the minutes. Trustee Faulder made a motion to pay hours worked by John for the Police Dept. repairing cruisers is paid from the Police Dept. fund and not the road fund and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

**Mail** – Ray Hensley's invite to their holiday season

### **Police Department – Chief Michael Thompson**

- 386 calls for service in October.
- Citizen's Academy – have 13 citizens signed up so far. Only taking 15 this time around.
- D.A.R.E. – Logan has begun instructing D.A.R.E. to the IL 4<sup>th</sup> Graders.
- GovDeals – Three of the five vehicles sold. Two were sold but did not pay so they automatically went back to auction. Will update trustees with totals when auction completes. Roughly \$5000 will be brought from auction.
- Firearms Range – completed firearms training on Saturday and it was a huge success. Big thanks to John and the road department for helping us out back there.
- K9 Program – Position was posted and only one officer put in for the position. Will keep K9 Bruno certified for apprehensions and tracking. With issue 2 passing and K9 Bruno being a marijuana drug dog, he will be forced to not do narcotic work any longer. New dog will be a single purpose (narcotics and tracking) only dog.

### **PD Requests**

- Portable Marcs Radio – Two won't be compatible with the new MARCS system soon. One of the two are broken. Could we use donation check to purchase one and WTPOA donate the money to the PD to purchase a second one? They are quoted at \$1,775 each from Sunny Communications. Trustee Faulder made a motion to purchase 2 portables at the \$ 1800.00 each, one to come from the donation we got from the regular budget and one to come from the association and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

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

- 550 is fixed now – two hydraulic lines put an EGR delete on it.
- Blew a hose on chopper and backhoe, got that fixed.
- Upper bldg. is cleaned and organized.
- Found a lot of stuff that looked really old.
- Rear bldg. is going to be next.
- Lots of limb trimming coming up.
- Still replacing signs.
- Put another footer in Plum, did Lisa get 2 checks? Lisa did receive 2 checks.
- Picking up skids of salt at National Salt would like 2 skids.
- Trying to cleanup for winter.
- Serviced the truck.
- Will put plows on soon– 550 first because it is the hardest.

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**Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent (cont.)**

- Chief Thompson would like to set up the account with Car Quest. Sometimes NAPA does not always have what we need. Trustee Tucker asked: Some sent a picture of a suck hole on 213/33. John saw it by 213 and 214 and looked at it today. Someone stuck a tile up to another tile so a matter of putting a piece of tile in there. I fixed the other side but now the other side is coming apart.

**Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector**

1. I handled approximately 60 calls last month.
2. Issued (3) zoning permits for:
  - a. New pole barn permit # 1620 for house at 3985 SR 235
  - b. Remodel, deck & fence permit # 1623 at 7484 Foster. St
  - c. New garage permit #1624 at 7742 Ash St.
  - d. New pole barn/house permit #1618 at 3903 TR 215
  - e. New covered deck permit #1619 at 8990 Court St.
3. The Zoning Commission Board met on Oct. 23 at 6:00 in a public meeting to review the zoning text amendment to add “Service Business” as a conditional use for the M-2 District for the parcel on World Class Drive. I have forwarded their recommendation to the trustees on Oct. 25 for them to vote on in their regular township meeting on November 13, 2023. The trustees will need to run a public notice concerning this vote at least 10 days before that meeting.
4. I drove by the Francis parcel last week to check the cleanup status. Motorhome & a camper are now in the back yard. May want to have the police department check if the tags are current and if they are disabled. There are still piles of debris that need removed and a few tarps are still there and I’m not sure what they are covering. I haven’t heard from her in weeks.
5. No updates from LC Land Bank voluntary demolitions so far.
  - a. The one 7625 Mound Ave in Moundwood was signed and turned in to the Land Bank
  - b. The one 7412 West St. behind Woodys was signed and turned in to the Land Bank
  - c. The one 7621 SR 366 was signed and turned in to the Land Bank
6. I emailed Lisa and John the estimate for the Anita Park parcel on SR 366. We will put the demolition of these structures on hold until we hear back from the Land Bank which probably won’t be until fall of 2024.
7. In the Ohio Township newsletter dated 11-9, they have a pending HB 315 Township Omnibus Bill in legislation that include these provisions:
  - a. Public Notice
  - b. Indigent Burial Funding
  - c. Township License Plate
  - d. Township Preservation Commission
  - e. New Community Authority
  - f. Zoning Fines
  - g. Comprehensive Plan Updates
  - h. Deletion of Marks 7 Brands Book
8. Had an email concerning constructing a picnic shelter in Privates Cove that I replied to letting them know what would be needed, haven’t hear back from them yet.
8. Had some call about the Cathy Odgen place in Five Parks as I assuming it is up for sale.

Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve resolution 2023-012 to submit an invoice for the Anita Parks tax bill. Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered “Aye” – resolution passed 3-0.

**LUC Board – Trustee Berg**

Recommendation to approve.

**EMS Board – Trustee Lewis**

- 168 runs
- Money Market \$ 1,489,905.00
- Checking balance \$ 37,203.00
- Promoted Logan Brown to lieutenant, he will be the shift officer.
- We were asked to be available Thursday – Monday for the eclipse because of the thousands of people here to watch it.
- We had discussion about Pleasant Township, they would like to go into contract with us. Trustee Lewis asks what opinions of everyone is? EMS is required to go regardless.

**Fire Board – Trustee Faulder**

- 500 gallons of water used in September, had an arson, lit a yard on fire.
- Checking and CD’s balance \$ 597,000
- Special meeting to open bids for air masks, only 1 bid from Fire Safety Services. Went ahead and accepted their bid.
- Approved the purchase of the blow up safety house \$ 8,000.00
- The Chamber is making volunteer fireman volunteer of the year.

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**Old Business – Trustees**

- Trustee Lewis asks John if he has put seed on the Moore grave? John has not, Trustee Lewis asks: you might want to put more on John will seed it again next year.
- Trustee Faulder asks if anything was followed up about Community Aggregation? Trustee Berg said they are supposed to send some templates. They will need to be submitted in December.

**New Business – Trustees**

- Trustee Tucker – reached out to Open Road about Townhall meeting, nothing together until first of the year.

**Public Comments**

➤ Aubrey Snapp – I have forwarded to Trustee Faulder they are stringing them together so we will not be protected. Cohesive ordinance so forwarded to Commissioner Antram but I would like to find out what it would take to have that looked at. Gary Bias: I got a copy of it and could present it to the ZCB. There’s a whole lot there. Aubrey – they said they are very sneaky so they had to be very thorough. Trustee Faulder: I did forward that on and we can have the zoning commission board look at it. We won’t be able to help with anything prior to HB52 this is for after. Aubrey: Yes, that’s correct. Jason asks, Do you guys think the ZCB should look at it. Gary: we can send to LUC Aubrey: I would be careful of LUC because they are in full support of it.

Chris; at what point does the community get to have a vote on the solar? Aubrey: I’ve never heard of a vote but I have heard of petitions.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered “Aye”. Motion carried 3-0 and meeting adjourned.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall.

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Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Tucker Berg, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Don Lewis, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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Jason Faulder, Member of the Board of Trustees