

the regular session of the Washington Township Trustees

at the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on December 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the township hall with Trustees Rick Beck, Tucker Berg and Jason Faulder present. Also present were: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Zoning Inspector Gary Bias, Police Chief Rick Core and Road Supervisor, John Newland. Others Present: Butch & Carlotta Jones, Dave Rogers, Sharon DeVault, Don Lewis, Rob Underwood, Cory and Mike Johoski..

The meeting was opened by Trustee Beck with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller read the roll call – Trustee Beck, Trustee Berg, Trustee Faulder, Chief Core, Gary Bias and John Newland all present. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2018 regular meeting and accept them as written. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. All answered “Aye” – motion passed 3-0.

Financial Obligations - The Fiscal Officer 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 - The Fiscal Officer also presented the Trustees for the period of 11/1/2018 – 11/30/2018 a Fund Status Report, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, Payment Register, and Bank Reconciliation for their review and signatures. Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Berg seconded the motion and all answered “Aye” - motion passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Business – Lisa Miller

- **Financial Report** – We received \$40,527.92 in November, 2018 and as of the 30th of November the YTD Revenue is \$579,586.03 and the YTD Expenditures are \$429,049.29.
- **OPWC Funds** – were received in the amount of \$73,193.72 from the Logan County Engineer’s Office for the paving of TR 207 with no balance due by the township. That was our total paving cost performed by Shelly for 2018.
- **Budget Items** – I am working on the township budget for 2019 and also a 5-year forecast for the Police Department which Chief Core; we will present to the Trustees once we have it completed. I must have all invoices for 2018 by the December 22nd special meeting being held at 8:00 AM.

Special Guest – Indian Lake Schools Superintendent, Rob Underwood

Colleen and I have been trying to talk to local entities. We know crews are out working hard and want to thank all of you. We appreciate that. Wanted to let Rick Core know we appreciate the work that he and his officers do. You have a tough job to do. Trustee Beck: We want to do whatever we can do for the schools. Rob: See everyone working together. Lisa: Yes, we do. Not sure if everyone knows but Washington Township collaborated with IL Schools on a tornado siren, which you can see at the end of CR 91 near the Middle School. We share those costs with the school and it’s one of many government / schools relationships that we have. We also have similar partnerships with other government entities and local area businesses. Thanks Rob for all that you and your staff are doing for the schools – I see things in the paper all of the time and appreciate the communications. Rob: Thank you, we try very hard to keep the public informed. We appreciate the efforts of Washington Township who provide us with support but I also wanted to thank Chief Core and the Officers in person.

Police Department – Chief Rick Core

- **CFS** - Good evening everyone. Last month was last time I could pull numbers off of the old system. I made a request to Ryan Furlong on when can I pull from the new system. So, whatever timeframe that was for him is what it is for us.
- **Impound Vehicles** - Working on getting titles for vehicles we have impounded. Had vehicle still here, made numerous attempts, and found one owner in Shelby County jail. So we called him in jail and he asked fees - we told him so he said that's more than I paid for it, you can have it. Many other vehicles we have submitted paperwork on is similar story. We have titles for two (2) and paperwork in process in for seven (7). We will auction them off and the proceeds will benefit the Police Department. We have always towed / impounded vehicles but the difference now is we have our own impound lot so this Board of Trustees and Police Department have put an emphasis on keeping resources here. Why not supplement the budget and take some burden off the taxpayers?
- **Fuel Tank** – I know Lisa / Trustees have been looking into obtaining our own bulk fuel tank back here. We're paying for 4,439 gallons per year. Have always tried to keep it local (currently purchasing from Midway Marathon as it’s convenient) but with this new owner, billing is an issue. We would tell him we need a bill by second Monday of every month but he just provides when he wants to and demands payment right away; receipts aren’t always ours so Jana / Lisa have to look at each one with every bill when we do get it – so needless to say it has been a nightmare. Here recently, we’ve ended up arresting a few of their employees. I would like the tank to have monitoring system so we know by officer how much we are using daily / monthly etc... I know even the fuel companies use a monitoring system on their tanks with all of their delivery drivers, not because they don’t trust them, but because you need to be able to monitor it for budget purposes as well as you never know when someone may try to break in and steal gasoline. With the impound here, I would suggest that we put up security cameras outside of the building on the tanks and the impounded cars. Trustee Faulder: I agree and will look into some tanks. I also make a motion that we need to lease a fuel tank for the Police Department and find the lowest cost provider so we can make a decision at next month’s meeting. This would improve cost/efficiency for the PD as it sounds like things aren’t going well with Midway Marathon. Trustee Beck: I second the motion. All in favor “Aye” – motion passed 3-0.
- **Budget Planning** - Operations planning for 2019; Lisa and I have a budget meeting in January to go over the Police Department’s needs and what she has projected out for us for the next five (5) years. We will be reporting that information to the Trustees.

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- Received 30 calls
- One (1) Variance meeting next Monday, December 17th @ 6:30 PM
- Will take the signed copy of the of the map to the recorder’s office.

Road Department - John Newland, Road Supervisor

- **Tires** - new tires on 350 ready for winter
- **Trees** - Me and Rick took down a couple dangerous trees. One at Orchard Island, Waterbury, and 247
- **Cruiser** - Old 2012 Cruiser fixed- water pump so saved \$200 on that job.
- **Office Move** - Moved my office - I'm out of this building. Don Lewis: Really now? Trustee Beck: Yes, we got him moved down there. Trustees Berg / Faulder: We didn’t agree to move John to the garage last time it was brought up. Didn’t we decide more discussion was needed? Trustee Beck to John: You were going to ask about the meter for the cars. John: Getting a meter for the cruisers. Trustee Beck: We need warning lights on bucket truck and can do it ourselves. Would need \$500 for purchasing it at Gall’s.

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

Trustee Berg: You can get them even cheaper than that. John: The one he's talking about the meter tells you what the problem is.

Trustee Berg: Are there any safety codes we have to follow for lights and rope on the bucket truck? Any requirements by our insurance company? Trustee Beck: I don't know we should look into that.

- **Jack Norviel's retirement** - Trustee Beck: Jack retired. Lisa: I'll need a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from him, please. John to Rick: Me, you, and Jason talked about having a couple call in people. I have information on a guy here (Jeffrey Carpenter) who has his CDL and is willing to plow snow (from McArthur). Trustee Faulder: When McArthur Twp gets snow, they will probably want him, not sure that will help us. Trustee Berg: Don't we need to put an ad in the paper for the position if we are going to fill it? It is a seasonal position (less than 500 hours) – on an as needed basis for mowing and plowing snow only. Trustee Beck: Yes, we should probably do that.

LUC Board –Trustee Berg

- Nothing too new. Building sale cancelled due to bid legalities. Now auctioning it but pretty sure Reliant will still be buying it.
- Released their annual report - 39 meetings so up by 12 this year, put together #'s and what they do top to bottom

EMS Board – Trustee Faulder

- Building moving along slowly but making progress.
- New health insurance saving \$15000 / year same coverage.
- One squad down - may be too costly to repair it. Have one coming in February so we should probably get rid of this one.
- Reviewed budget for 2019 - haven't passed it.

Fire Board – Trustee Beck

- Leaving to go check on new truck
- One new guy on this end of the twp. I met him Friday. They had a parade and we participated in that.

Old Business – Trustees

- None

New Business - Trustees

- Trustees: Already discussed looking into tank for Police Department.

Public Comment

- **Mike Johoski** - Trustee Beck: Mike is asking that we approve the State of Ohio Liquor License (carryout).
Mike: Scheduled to demolish the building next week. All Trustees were in agreement with Mike's liquor license application. Don Lewis: Are you from around here? Mike: I live on the north side. I own the Clark Station and this one will be a Clark Station. We are doing a drive up window as it saves me \$60 grand and one less employee. Trustee Beck: We are looking for berm fill so if you have extra, let us know. On 247, in front of Bud's. Mike: I don't think I'll need that much for the back fill. Trustee Beck: If you can let us know please. Mike: I can do that. Trustee Faulder: When will you be opening? Mike: Next September, 2019. It's going to be a really nice place. We're going to do the whole thing...all of it. It's going to be very nice.
- **Cory**: What did it take cost wise to set up the impound? Trustees: \$4500 Cory: How much has the impound brought in this year? Chief Core: \$8000 is a guestimate. Cory: How much is the gas? All: \$2.41/gallon Cory: Great initiative on the impound. Who spearheaded this? Chief Core: This board of trustees did.
- **Cory**: How many full time officers? Chief Core: Just one. Corey: Not that I care but does the PD pay for itself now? Chief Core: It will. Corey: Why can we not.... Chief Core: We've never had the money - small budget with the two levies we had, higher cost with drug activity, domestic violence, more court time, gasoline, etc.. our cost just keeps going up as criminal activity continues to rise.. luckily Lisa has been able to help us out from the general fund the last couple year to get us by until we were able to get a replacement levy passed last November. That levy passed due to the support of the residents of Washington Township. In addition, our part time officers have other jobs that supplements their income but they want to be in law enforcement. They know that everyone that works here gets hired elsewhere. When you're talking about competing with agencies (Bellefontaine Police Department) where officers are making \$60,000 year, medical, dental, vision...and two of our officers have been offered other jobs but have chosen to stay here, it really humbles me. Lisa: Chief Core is leaving out that he, Officer Thompson and Officer Wisener donated over 300+ hours each prior to being hired and have continued to donate their time when needed due to budget constraints. That tells all of us how committed Chief Core and Officers Thompson and Wisener are to the residents of Washington Township and I appreciate and thank each one of them! Cory: It sounds like with the support of the Trustees and passing of the levy that the Police Dept. is on it's way to being able to provide some of the benefits / pay that will keep our officers here, some of them full time so very nice to hear we are moving now in the direction. We need to continue to be able to meet the needs of the Police Department.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM; Trustee Berg seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion passed 3-0. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall.

Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

Rick Beck, Chairman

Tucker Berg, Vice Chairman

Jason Faulder, Member6