

The Regular Session of the Washington Township Trustees at the Township Hall, Lewistown
Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 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 November 13, 2023, regular meeting and the November 9th special 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 11/1/2023 – 11/30/2023 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 November 1, 2023, was \$1,840,052.83. Total revenue deposited in November 2023 was \$27,383.83. The year-to-date revenue received is \$1,265,624.89. Our monthly expenses in November were \$56,073.21 and our year-to-date expenditures are \$932,806.93. Leaving a month **ending balance on November 30, 2023 of \$1,811,363.45.**

OTARMA – Sent me a calendar of various pictures from Ohio Townships. They also sent the annual Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority. It's a questionnaire to complete by 1/3/2024 and I will also ask each Dept. Head to do an inventory of their assets. I will print out a list for each Dept. and you just cross it out and tell how it was disposed of and if there is an asset you have not on the list just add it at the bottom of the form and I'll enter that information. Confirming in January is it ok to add two new associate members (\$25 each) and, we can pay a \$250 fee for any of Washington Twp's members or associate members who want to take as many OTARMA classes as they like at no additional cost above that \$250. Is that still OK if I send it in this month, trustees said yes.

MAIL – Logan County Engineer's Office 2024 Paving is due back to them by January 12, 2024. Can you discuss it with John and sign if you are a go with it and if not, John or one of the Trustees would need to let Todd Baumgardner know.

Ohio Dept of Transportation – sent a 2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification. If the Trustees and John agree the public roads we take care of in Washington Twp is 30.978 then I just need the Trustees signature and can copy if anyone wants one and then will drop it off.

Regional Transportation Improvement Program SFY2024-2025 Project Application for Road work

Resolution 2023-13 A resolution decreasing the amended official certificate of estimated resources and appropriations (\$150,000 was planned for use with sales tax funds but due to Orchard Island sewer work, could not be used). Trustee Faulder made a motion to approve the resolution and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. All answered 'Aye'- motion passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-014 A resolution authorizing all actions necessary to affect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Logan County Council of Election to submit a ballot question to the electors. First: Lewis / Second: Faulder A vote was taken, and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2023-015 A resolution authorizing all actions necessary to affect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Logan County Board of Election to submit a ballot question to the electors of Township of Washington (including incorporated areas of the township) and dispensing with the second reading. First: Faulder / Second: Lewis A vote was taken, and all answered "Aye" - motion passed 3-0.

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- Miscellaneous cruiser repairs, headlight problems
- The upper shop is completely clean and organized. Side building is close to being done; we still have back building.
- The police garage is cleaned, and Don assembled all of the shelves we had.
- Case tractor is serviced and cleaned up ready for spring.
- New Holland is serviced and cleaned up.
- Replaced the fuel pump in the 350.
- 550 is running like a champ.
- Repaired alley west of the post office, had lots of tree limbs, muddy and lots of sink holes.
- Trimming a lot of limbs up in Russells Point and Waterbury.
- Would like to add insulation to eaves and reseal the overhead door in the upper garage, would like to put electric garage heater.

Police Department – Chief Michael Thompson

2023 Officer of the Year – Sgt. Earl Wisener

2023 Citizen of the Year – Brian Jones

Police Department – Chief Michael Thompson (Cont.)

Updates

- 367 calls for service in November.
- Nuisance Property Officer – Officer Logan Brown has begun training with the PD. I have him learning day to day stuff with PD. He met with Gary and has begun learning the nuisance procedures and I have him complete online training on nuisances.
- Citizen’s Academy – has 13 citizens signed up so far. Only taking 15 this time around.
- K9 Program - \$2100 in donations so far. Have sent out letters to area businesses.
- Cruiser – Order has been placed for a 2024 Dodge Durango.
- Issue 2 – K9 Bruno will not be sole probable cause for drug searches anymore as of December 7th.
- WTPOA – Toys Not Tickets Campaign. We will be handing out toys and gift certificates during the holiday season on traffic stops and calls for service.

Requests

- K9 Program – would like the Trustees to approve continuing our K9 program pending I raise all the funds needed. Single purpose Lab (drugs and tracking). K9 school will begin April 8th. Being a single purpose K9, class will only be partial days for four weeks. NO PO needed at this time. Only approval to enroll our agency in the class. Trustees approved.

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- I handled approximately 55 calls last month.
- Issued (4) zoning permits for:
 - 2 patio covers permit # 1627 for house on Blu Heron Cove
 - Made a mistake so I cancelled permit #1625
 - Pond permit # 1626 by the property off Hancock
 - New garage permit #1628 on Crescent.
 - New permanently sited manufactured home permit #1629 on Kootenay.
- I need the Trustees and Lisa to sign the last page of the Revised Washington Township Zoning Ordinance dated Dec. 14, 2024, that they approved in the Nov. 14 last township meeting. I will send signed electronic copies to Chris, who manages our website, and to Aaron at the LUC to post them on their website.
- I drove by the Francis parcel yesterday to check the cleanup status. Motorhome & a camper are still in the back yard and a couple trucks out front. I doubt that any of these have current tags, and they may be disabled. There are still piles of debris or wood (assumption) covered by a few tarps out back. He has also created some walled structures that I’m not sure what is in them. I’ve heard from a resident in Lakeview that her son is moving junk over to their property. I’ve called the health department to see if they will condemn those parcels in Lakeview. I’m not willing to sign off on the Francis parcel until the campers, trucks, tarps are gone, and all the high weeds have been cut down.
- They have started doing asbestos inspections from LC Land Bank voluntary demolitions:
 - The one 7625 Mound Ave in Moundwood was signed and turned in to the Land Bank
 - The one 7412 West St. behind Woodys was signed and turned in to the Land Bank
 - The one 7621 SR 366 was signed and turned in to the Land Bank
- I have talked to a potential buyer of the SR 366 property that is to be demolished by the Land Bank in 2024. He wants me to see if he buys it will they 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.
- Had a call about a 20-acre parcel asking about how they could split this up into buildings sites. Sent them the info on Planned Unit Development and what the zoning requirements are for a U-1 parcel.
- Getting calls from the Logan County Building Authority pertaining to new construction without zoning permits. Do a drive by to check it out, take a picture and send them a courtesy warning letter.
- Got an email from a cell tower company about installing a tower out the Mees parcel on SR 235. Gave them out zoning requirements and told them that they need to get that parcel cleaned up before beginning any new construction.
- Brian Schultz from the Logan County Sewer Department emailed me some prints, documents, and applications for the 2 new Orchard Island & Wolf Island Sewer Pumping Stations. Both these areas are zoned R-2. He sent me variances to install 6’ chain link fence all around these 2 pumping stations and zoning permit applications for the new pumping stations. In residential zoned areas we only allow 4’ fence along the road. for the fencing around both. No charge to health department.
- I am working with Mark Gibson and the Zoning Commission Board to set up a working meeting that will be open to the public on Jan 15, 2023, at 6 PM at the township building. We will be discussing possible changes to our zoning resolution concerning our solar and marijuana sections. I have made copies of what we currently have in our zoning resolution about those two sections. I’ve also made copies of a 14-page document from Page County Virginia sent to the trustees from a resident. I would like to invite our residents to take a copy of these 2 documents with them tonight. I hope they will review them and bring back their suggestions to present to the Zoning Commission Board at the Jan.15 Meeting. Compare what we currently have in our zoning against what they are purposing. I want each of you to consider in making your presentation of additions, do we have the people that are trained and qualified to do this enforcement and can the township budget cover those costs.
- Any questions or follow-ups for me?

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- Nothing

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

- No meeting yet.

Fire Board – Trustee Faulder

- Looking at hiring a couple of new firemen, 2 applicants, one out of high school and 1 with 13 years' experience. The Chief will do interviews before the next meeting.
- Approved the appropriations for 2024.
- Checking and CD balance \$ 605,000.
- Used about 2000 gallons of water. Assisted Lakeview with a fire back on the islands.
- Applied for a grant through the State of Ohio for battery operated jaws of life about a \$ 65,000 grant.
- Received a grant from the Moose for about \$ 6,000 to purchase 3 new dry suits.

Old Business – Trustees

- Nothing

New Business – Trustees

- Nothing

Public Comments

Open Roads - Good evening. I'm Samantha Sawmiller. I'm with Open Roads. I've got some updated information for you here or rather more robust. Um, and these are all on our website. Um, we have, uh, some studies starting out on the properties in Washington Township and some of the other surrounding townships. Um, so you might see some folks out or might already have seen some folks out walking the fields. Um, and they're doing, uh, ecology, cultural things like that. So they're just looking at the fields and walking, um, and just checking them out for our potential application.

The second thing is, um, starting in January, uh, we're gonna be doing a ton of, uh, open houses and public meetings, which I know you guys were asking about. Um, and so we're gonna have office hours at our office. We'll have coffee, um, at the gathering grounds, most likely starting. Um, and we're also gonna have a ton of other opportunities for people to come and engage with us.

Um, one thing that we've heard a bunch though is that people have concerns about us cutting down trees, um, and woodlands. And we're actually not allowed to do that. That's a state, uh, state regulation. We're not allowed to cut down habitat. And that's part of those studies that are out now. They're looking at, you know, if there's any danger species, things like that. So just wanted to clear that up. Um, but really that's, that's all I had as far as an update. Trustee Berg: I would just say one thing, we would request whenever you do these meetings we could have a copy of that for the township to get the attendance there. Samantha: For sure.

Linsey Kuhn has neighbor concerns. Chief Thompson recommends a civil protection order

Breanne Parcel - from Logan County Prosecutors office. Open roads project, unless you are all on the same page the Prosecutors office cannot represent you. Open Roads did try to set up an appointment with the Prosecutors office. Would like an executive succession at your next meeting in January. Trustees: Agreed

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion carried 3-0 and meeting adjourned.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall.

Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer

Tucker Berg, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Don Lewis, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Jason Faulder, Member of the Board of Trustees