

The Regular Session of the Washington Township Trustees at the Township Hall, Lewistown
Monday, December 09, 2024, at 6:30 PM

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 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, Present were: Trustee Lewis, Trustee Faulder, Trustee Berg, Chief Thompson, Gary Bias, and John Newland. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller was absent.

Public Comments #1

Aubrey Snapp presented the board with a letter of opposition against Grange Solar. The Trustees reviewed the letter and all chose to sign it.

Road Department – John Newland, Road Superintendent

- plow trucks are ready to go
- finished mowing most of the brush back on the south end
- stocked up on grit
- loader tractor is getting worked on, clutch is out

Police Department – Chief Michael Thompson

Updates

- Calls for Service – 260 calls for service in November.
- Attempted Murder Suspect – Over the weekend, we were able to apprehend a violent attempted murder suspect that had been staying in Washington Township since the crime occurred.
- Drone – ordered and hope to receive it in the next month or so.
- New Officer Introduction – Chuck Wirick is an exceptional add to the PD. He brings a lot knowledge and wealth of experience to the PD. You will begin seeing him January 1st.
- Citizens Academy – I have four spots left.
- Police Protection to Lakeview – 20 hours per week equaling 1040 hours per year billed to Lakeview in the amount of \$49,920 per year. This will begin January 1, 2025. Officer Brown and Officer Wirick's hours will be increased as a result.
- Breakfast with Santa – This Saturday, December 14th from 8-11 at LTUMC hall.

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector

- I have had approximately 105 calls that I have logged for the past month.
- Issued (4) zoning permits: 3 Disaster, 1 regular.
 - Permit #1755 for install new fencing on West St.
 - Permit #1756 for disaster rebuild on Chestnut.
 - Permit #1757 for disaster rebuild in Tracy Farm Addition.
 - Permit #1758 for disaster rebuild on Park Dr
- The ZAB met on Nov. 19 to review 2 Variance applications from Karen Beasley for setbacks, first one, 2024-V06 is for 9041 Chestnut and the 2nd one, 2024-V07 is for Tracy Farm Addition for Lot 50. The ZAB approved them both.
- I emailed the ZCB Solar Text changes recommendation to the Trustees on Nov. 26 that they need to sign in tonight's meeting. I will take that and previous one they signed for the Zoning District change to the recorder's office e this week to be filed and pay the fees.
- I received an update from 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. They will not get to that until after the first of the year.
- I talked to Heather Martin the administrator for the Logan County Land Bank to see if the State of Ohio is allowing Logan County to turn in additional voluntary Demolitions forms for Nuisance structures. She has not got a reply from state yet but says to get the forms completed, signed by the parcel owners, and notarized to her by Nov. 22 in hope that they will accept them. If anyone has a parcel, they think I need to include, then I need the name of the owner, the address of the structure and a phone number to contact them to get a signature and have the form notarized.
- I have talked to the demolition company about scheduling demolition of the parcels put in Land Bank program last year and they will not get to those until the first of the year.
- The Logan County EMA Infrastructure team is meeting with the Logan County Commissioners in Dec.10 to discuss ideas & cost for creating a water district for Logan County.
- I have been contacted about splitting the Mee's parcel on SR 235 into 2 parcels so they can put a permanently sited manufactured home on the newer parcel. I have sent Breanne an email asking her if I can refuse to write the zoning permit for this unless they clean up the disabled & junk vehicle currently on this parcel but have not heard back from her yet.

Zoning – Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector (Cont’d.)

- There is a possibility of a multi-family housing being built in Washington Twp. There are various community organizations involved in this. My question to the trustees is do we change them the regular zoning district fee of \$750 or do we want to offer them the \$5 disaster relief fee?
- Any questions for me?

LUC Board – Trustee Berg

No news pertaining to Washington Township

EMS Board – Trustee Lewis

Trustee Lewis read the minutes

Fire Board – Trustee Faulder

Trustee Faulder read the minutes

Old Business – Trustees

None

New Business – Trustees

None

Public Comments #2

- Kevin Hefner voiced concerns about a neighboring property to his residence, regarding setbacks, property lines, a broke and uncovered well, and blocks around a stop sign that are on the berm. Kevin was told these issues would be addressed.

With no further business to come before the group, Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM; Trustee Berg seconded. All answered “Aye”, Motion carried to adjourn 3-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM. at the Township Hall.

Absent
Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer

all signatures on file

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