

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – August 3, 2022

A regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on August 3, 2022. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Paul Runion, Bill Hammer, and Ken Green, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis, Fire Chief Tim Schnitker, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller, Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker; Township Resident Joyce Bowers, One Energy CEO Jereme Kent, Meredith Wirth, and Rich Bohon and Wade Weaver, Martin Marietta.

Chairman Paul Runion called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held observing the COVID pandemic precautions including social distancing.

One Energy Zoning Permit - One Energy CEO Jereme Kent and Martin Marietta's General Manager Wade Weaver stated that they have filed an appeal with the Sandusky County Court of Common Pleas appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 27.

One Energy filed an administrative appeal with the Board of Zoning Appeals asserting that a permit should have been issued by the Zoning Inspector as they feel the wind generation facility that makes electricity to directly power a manufacturing facility is generally an "other manufacturing use" in the M-2 District. The Board of Appeals voted 3-2 to turn down One Energy's appeal.

One Energy also filed a variance application to allow the installation of their wind energy project and the Township's Board of Zoning Appeals held that public hearing immediately following the administrative appeal public hearing on July 27. The Board has not made a ruling yet.

On July 26, the Township's Zoning Commission held a public hearing on One Energy/Martin Marietta's application for a zoning amendment change to the zoning resolution to revise the Township's current definition and requirements for wind energy systems. The Zoning Commission held a work session on August 2 to discuss the comments, concerns, and suggestions from the public hearing. They put forward their recommendation to the Trustees based on recommendations from the Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission. Tonight, the Zoning Commission presents their recommendation to the Trustees. The Trustees accepted the recommendation from the board and by law, a second public hearing will be held by the Trustees on August 18 at 7 pm at the fire station.

The Trustees and Jereme Kent and Wade Weaver agreed that there could be an extension of the Township's Board of Appeals' decision (due August 14) on the variance filed by One Energy until sometime after the Trustee's August 18 public hearing. Trustee Runion said he would speak with our attorney to get this agreement in writing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker reported on the following:

- The fire department had 10 Runs in July which included 2 MVAs, 3 EMS assist calls, one standby by Portage Township, a severe weather watch, one alarm sounding, one structure fire, and one cancelled call. There were also 2 training nights, and 2 logged community events attended.
- Mike Brzeczek Jr. has completed his training and received the Firefighter II certification.
- MARCS Radios are programmed and ready to be picked up. Every active officer will have one issued.
- Going to be addressing "Severe Weather Response" with the officers and making some adjustments to the response protocol soon.
- Siren was checked by P&R. Timer is shot. Whistle is back on, but the timer is not. There is no noon whistle but this is a great time to test the issue to see if it is needed or not. I have asked the fire personnel to let me know if it is working for calls.
- We will be checking to make sure the Tornado siren sounds this Saturday also. Hoping to also verify the water treatment plant whistle sounds.
- New Halligan style bars are ordered to replace the 2 we lost at a fire. Also, the 5 hoods we need are ordered, but are on back order until late October unless I can find someone that has some in stock.
- Martin Marietta possibly has grant money available, and I am submitting a request.
- We have verified that our Association's Insurance Policy does not cover members or Township Equipment for firefighting standby or activities. The insurance is only for coverage at fundraising events. We support our local mutual aid departments who come support our events, and the County Fair as part of the Sandusky County Mutual Aid Agreement. I can't see how participation at the Bowling Green Tractor Pulls would meet those criteria, and do not intend to send people in any official capacity from our department to support the National Tractor Pulls in Bowling Green as I do not see that as a "Mutual Aid" request from another department. I do not want to put anyone in a situation that they believed they were covered or where they would be financially responsible for equipment thinking it was covered only to find out the opposite.
- I would like to move forward as soon as possible with selling the old boat motor. Also need to dispose of the outdated gear that has been laying around the station. I have written a draft "Operational Risk Management" letter regarding the department's turnout gear with options for assuming some risk with some of the outdated gear that is still in good shape. Would like suggestions on how to proceed so I can finish up the letter before I get rid of all of the old stuff. The disposition of the old stuff has in the past been donated to other organizations with an "as is" statement and some of the retired items have been allowed to go to the members as a "memorabilia item".
- Scott Schneider's funeral is August 12.
- I will be going to San Antonio, Texas for Chief Officer level training August 21 to August 26. Much of this is geared towards military firefighting, but some is large scale incident training.
- The new LED lighting in the truck bay is now all up.

EMS – Trustee Hammer was notified by Horton that the chassis for the new ambulance is in. They will be in contact soon with a timeline for the build. Trustee Hammer presented a drawing of a potential building for EMS and Trustee/Fiscal Offices.

ZONING – Steve Michaelis reported on the following:

- Two approved zoning permits: Herman Reineck, 4896 SR 20, Woodville, for a 72' x 20' greenhouse (no fee for ag use as a greenhouse is considered an agricultural use as long as more than 50% is used for the ag use like growing plants and tool storage for planting) and David Miller, 3048 TR 14, Woodville, for a 30' x 40' storage shed. The \$50 permit fee was paid.
- Still waiting to hear from the prosecutor's office on the Tom Linke, William Linke, and Mary Rupke zoning violation issues.

- Talked with Hilda Escobar concerning clean-up of her property on CR 165. I will send her a letter.
- Additional reminder letters will be sent to Anthony Turner (SR 20) and Tom Linke to continue the cleanup process on their properties.
- Talked to Ryan Moser, TR 24, regarding the permit he would like for the ag barn he already put up in the back of the woods on his property.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to appoint **Joyce Bowers**, Woodville Township, to the **Zoning Commission**, effective January 1, 2023 as we will have one member retiring. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

CEMETERY – The Trustees signed a deed for one plot for Scott & Kathleen Schneider of Woodville. The \$200 fee was paid.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Jim Busdiecker reported on the following:

- I received a call from Frontier today regarding moving the telephone poles on TR 115 to allow the road to be widened.
- Workers continue to work on removing asphalt from the parking lot at the road maintenance building. M&B will pave in approximately 2 weeks.
- On the International Truck, one of the shafts is broken and some chain is missing. We will get it repaired at Kalida Truck.
- Matt Tille should be in soon to do the installation of the new sewage system. Gillespie has completed the engineering, Holman Drilling is done with their part, and the Sandusky County Health Department has pulled water samples and we should have the results soon so they can complete their final inspection.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2022-08** to enter into a cooperative agreement with Jackson, Madison, Rice, Scott, Washington and Woodville Township to apply for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) **Issue II** project to repave various township roads. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Bill Hammer is the Chief Executive Officer/Project Manager and Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus is the Chief Financial Officer for this application. Woodville Township is applying for funding to pave **TR 14 from CR 107 to Fort Findlay Road**. The engineer’s estimate for this project is \$146,000. If approved, the split would be 46% funding from OPWC and 54% would be the township’s responsibility.

FISCAL OFFICER – Lori Kepus reported that the Township website went down last Wednesday. The problem came from a server issue on the GoDaddy web hosting site. As an extra precaution, a security package for the website was purchased.

Lori Kepus presented the Trustees with the Township’s **balanced bank reconciliation** for the month of July, and the updated Fund, Revenue, and Appropriation Status reports.

Below is the July financial report.

July Revenue Received	\$	85,977.81
July Expenses Paid	\$	182,615.95
Balance of all Funds as of 7/31/2022	\$	2,467,781.25

The Sandusky County Township Association held their annual picnic and meeting on July 21st at Ballville Township’s Connor Park. Due to the passing of their President Jim Newsome, new officers were elected. President: Bill Lamalie, Rice Township; Vice President Paul Lotycz, Sandusky Township; Secretary/Treasurer Mike Kovaeski, Rice Township; and Legislative Member Bob Kusmer, Ballville Township. AJ Reed, Madison Township will serve as the Township Representative on the OSS Recycling Board and Paul Lotycz will serve as the representative on the Sandusky County Land Bank.

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the Trustee’s July 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:09 pm, with no further business, Trustee Runion moved for adjournment. Trustee Hammer seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code’s Sunshine Law.