

## THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – April 17, 2024

Chairman Ken Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Attendance:

Trustees: Bill Hammer, Ken Green, and Paul Runion  
Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus  
Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker  
Sandusky County EMS Chief: Jeff Jackson (left at 7:36 pm)  
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker  
Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis  
Guests: Cindi Welty, Sandusky County Court Judge, Jenna Johlin, Township Resident

### Road Project Bid Opening

Bids were opened for the 2024 Resurfacing of Various Township Roads in Madison, Washington, and Woodville Townships as prepared by the Sandusky County Engineer. The Engineer's Estimate for the project was \$710,000.00 which was higher than his original estimate from last January due to a rise in asphalt prices.

Five bids were received:

M&B Asphalt, Tiffin	\$775,926.00
Gerken Paving, Napoleon	\$780,555.50
Kokosing Construction, Elyria	\$781,987.75
Henry Bergman, Genoa	\$811,757.80
Geo. Gradel, Toledo	\$987,842.00

Sandusky County Engineer Carlos Baez will review the bids and offer his recommendation before the contract is awarded to the best, lowest bid. Mr. Baez stated that all bids this year have been coming in 3-5% higher. Contract bids must be no more than 20% over the engineer's estimate to be accepted. Mr. Baez left at 7:07 pm.

Woodville Township plans to pave the following roads:

- TR 165 from TR 16 to CR 2
- TR 165 from Lime Road to the Ohio Turnpike's Wyandot Plaza entrance
- TR 167 from the box culvert on TR 167 to CR 44
- TR 163 from the railroad tracks to south of the bridge over the Toussaint Creek

Trustee Green made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-02** enter into a **Cooperation Agreement** with Madison and Washington Townships to complete the 2024 Resurfacing of Various Township Roads with Woodville Township serving as the lead township. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

### GUESTS

Sandusky County Clyde Court Judge Cynthia Welty was in attendance. Ms. Welty is running for election this November. She was appointed in 2023 to serve out the unexpired term of Judge Kolesar who had resigned.

Judge Welty explained the county court situation in Woodville. This was the first time any of the trustees had heard about what was going on and how it came about. Ms. Welty said Woodville's court is closing January 1, 2025. From what was understood, State Representative Gary Click presented this idea originally, and it was acted upon by the Sandusky County Commissioners. The Clyde court is also closing. It is proposed that both courts will be moved to Fremont, but the location is unknown at this moment.

Woodville's Judge Mary Fiser is also retiring as she has served her term limit. The Woodville court building needs a \$300,000 HVAC repair, and they just don't have the money for that. There is also not enough room for a jury trial in Woodville and the courts currently share a bailiff and court administrator. Ms. Welty left at 7:36 pm.

**Trustee Hammer made a motion to go on record that the Woodville Township Trustees oppose the decision made by the Sandusky County Commissioners to close the County Court in Woodville. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.**

EMS – Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson reported on the following:

- LS19 had 37 calls in March with 24 transports to area hospitals. The first quarter of 2024 was a record in total calls and transports for the organization.
- We still have one issue remaining with this truck and are waiting for engineering to come up with a solution.
- We are looking at mid to late June for our onsite accreditation visit.

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

- The April 8th Eclipse went very well. The anticipated crowds did not gather in this area so there were no issues in Woodville Township.
- We had a Mutual Aid Barn Fire with Elmore on April 14 and the radios worked perfect. It is a huge benefit to be able to directly communicate with them. The only drawback was I had to wait until we were clear of the building a few feet before I was able to reach their tower. I am checking to see if the BDA we spec'd will cover that bandwidth, but either way, it was a big benefit overall.
- Further discussion on the Bidirectional antenna was had and possible funding options discussed.
- P&R said we have three speakers out on the fire siren at the Police Station, and they are going to get us a quote.
- Just an FYI, we are going to start running the pumps wet during the warmer months. This has been a bit of a controversial subject but with a lot of research, I believe this is the best way to go. I will be implementing some precautionary maintenance operations to ensure the best outcome.
- Spencer Linke has asked for a 2-year leave of absence from the fire department per our policy as he has moved out of town.

- The American Red Cross left the building a mess and the doors wide open when they left after their last bloodmobile. Chief Schnitker will be in contact with their director to express our concerns of safety and security. A list of items to complete before departure for all users of the station will also be drafted.
- X-2 is currently being auctioned on GovDeals.com through 8 pm April 24.

**Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter pay in the amount of \$5,137.50 for the volunteer firefighters for runs and training. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.**

**ZONING** – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported on the following:

- I had a discussion with Don Bowen, SR 105, regarding the shelter house he erected on his property as it now appears to have doors and windows and will be used for a different purpose and will need a zoning permit. The zoning commission continues discussions regarding the Airbnb the Bowen's put on their property and whether it is considered a rental house or motel so a permit can be written.
- I had a discussion with Tim Bowen Jr. regarding zoning regulations for his vacant property on the corner of SR 582 and US 23.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on May 2nd for two home-based businesses, conditional use permits for Dean Anstead, Anstead Landscaping & Tree Removal, 6723 CR 107, Gibsonburg, Woodville Township and Joel Schaffner, S&S Equipment Rental, 20380 US 23, Woodville. Each paid the \$250 variance application fee. I have prepared and mailed all materials for this hearing.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT** – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker presented a quote from Henderson for a universal plow hitch for Truck 507, the dump/snow plow truck. Trustee Green made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 for the plow hitch. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Schockman Lumber, St. Henry, has almost finished installing a roof over the garbage roll off. The cost is \$4,164.60. We should be ready to pour concrete soon.

Trustee Green made a motion to enter into an agreement with ODOT regarding their annual **ODOT Salt Contract** and to commit to a purchase of **25 ton** of road salt for the next winter season. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

**CEMETERY** – Workers continue to haul in stone for the new roads for the future addition at Westwood Cemetery. Workers installed a catch basin in the back of Westwood Cemetery.

**FISCAL OFFICER** – Lori Kepus stated she needs to complete the annual project and expenditure report for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF). **Trustee Hammer made a motion to allow our remaining balance of \$130,620 to be earmarked as revenue replacement and the money will be used to pay for the road project this year. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.** The Trustees did pass a resolution in April, 2022, stating they elect to use the standard allowance under the presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized to fund government services.

Trustee Runion made a motion to renew our agreement with Sedgwick, the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation's 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator for Year 2025 in the amount of \$600. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Green made a motion to renew our membership with the Sandusky County Township Association in the amount of \$450. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the April 3, 2024 meeting minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:31 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Hammer moved for adjournment. Trustee Runion seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.