

## THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING - April 19, 2017

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on April 19, 2017. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Bill Hammer, Paul Heineman, Ken Green, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Seasonal Worker Wayne Sandrock, Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis and North Central EMS Director Don Ballah. Fire Chief Bill Andrews and Fire Captain Joe Kopp arrived at 7:30 p.m. after responding to a fire call.

Trustee Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Heineman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2017 regular meeting. Trustee Hammer seconded. Motion passed. Trustee Heineman made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Green seconded. Motion passed.

**EMS** – Don Ballah, Director of North Central EMS, was present to discuss the current financial situation of the EMS with the Trustees. He stated that North Central evaluates contracts on a yearly basis and the contribution they provide to North Central EMS' mission. He explained that the operation in Woodville continues to have revenues which are below expenses. The number of transports was up slightly, but patient net revenue was down. He said this is due to the low reimbursement received from insurance companies. With the Woodville Township membership program and unfavorable shift in payer reimbursement, only \$92,793 was collected in net patient revenue from transports to the hospital. He said with the \$284,000 subsidy Woodville Township pays to North Central, the total 2016 revenue was \$376,793, but expenses at the Woodville station were \$390,615. North Central projects that the LS91 payroll next year will be \$402,333. North Central feels the only solution to this deficit is to raise the subsidy that Woodville Township pays to North Central by \$50,000.

North Central submitted their written notice of intent to cancel their contract with Woodville Township on September 30, 2017 noting that it is impossible to continue to subsidize a contract so far from the core of their operations. Ballah stated that North Central values their relationship with Woodville Township and would like to propose three options:

1. Increase the subsidy \$50,000 retroactively to January 1, 2017.
2. North Central will assist in an exit strategy that will serve the residents without interruption in 911 ambulance service while working with the Trustees for a smooth transition. Even after September 30, North Central will not leave the area uncovered as long as the Trustees and North Central are working toward an alternative solution.
3. Any other options the Trustees may consider.

The Trustees decided to investigate their options and possibly hold a brainstorming work session with North Central in the very near future. The Trustees are also going to visit our county commissioners to see what assistance they may be able to provide.

The Trustees also discussed with Ballah a complaint they received from a Woodville resident in regard to the treatment they received when they called the life squad to their home for a medical emergency. North Central also received the complaint letter and notified the patient in writing that the call was thoroughly investigated and reviewed by their medical director, and it was found that everything done by the paramedics on that call was done strictly by protocol and no further action would be taken. Mr. Ballah left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**ZONING** – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis presented one approved zoning permit for Lawrence and Becky McCarthy and Rose Riseborough, 4141 TR 16, Woodville, for 55' x 26' addition to their residence. The \$50 permit fee was paid.

**ROADS & CEMETERY** – Seasonal worker Wayne Sandrock was present to let the Trustees know what was going on in the road department. Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker is still out on medical leave.

- Workers patched a hole on TR 62 with cold patch.
- Mowing continues in the cemeteries.
- Workers groomed graves that were occupied last winter. He explained that there is no water in the cemetery during the winter to do this grooming, so it always waits to be done until the spring when the water is turned on.
- Workers got the forms ready to pour foundations. Trustee Green agreed to help them out in digging the larger foundations and completing the concrete finishing work.
- Buckeye Sanitation brought a large dumpster for the April 15 garbage collection day and it worked out very well. The trustees agreed to continue to trial this type of garbage collection for a while if the costs continue to remain under \$175.

With Jim out on medical leave, and Wayne taking a few vacation weeks this summer, the Trustees determined that it was necessary to hire another person to help out especially with the mowing. Trustee Heineman made a motion to hire Bob Kelley, Woodville, at a rate of \$11 an hour for seasonal help. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Green made a motion to accept the quote from Triple B Enterprises, Shiloh, Ohio, in the amount of \$2,100 to install a steel roof on the salt shed and \$3,740 to install a steel roof on the storage building at the road maintenance garage. The roofs were damaged during a wind storm last March and the Township received \$7,364 in the insurance settlement. The Trustees also decided to side the main maintenance building if Triple B honors their quote from last summer of \$6,800. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees discussed a potentially hazardous situation of a resident on TR 115 who has installed his mailbox almost directly on the road. The resident is also parking his vehicle just off the road in the Township's right-of-way. Trustee Hammer stated that he will talk to the County Prosecutor to get a legal opinion on their options.

The Trustees also investigated widening the intersection of SR 300 and TR 115. A farmer is finding it hard to make the turn and rutting up the right-of-way.

The Trustees investigated a tree on TR 93 that a resident stated is in the right-of-way and causing a hazardous situation. Trustee Hammer stated that the branches are definitely encroaching on the right-of-way and need to be trimmed back by the township workers.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt a resolution to participate in the 2017-2018 winter salt agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation and to commit to ordering 50 ton of salt. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. ODOT will not go out for bid on the salt agreement until May.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Fire Chief Bill Andrews reported on the following:

- The fire siren located at the town hall on Main Street is still only working intermittently. It is being looked into.
- The internet modem at the station died last week and a new one was ordered through Century Link at a cost of \$100.
- Wonderly Collision completed repairs on Rescue I from an accident last year, but found that they still need to order a piece of trim.
- He was invited to attend a meeting about upcoming construction on the Ohio Turnpike.
- He will attend the county EMA's functional exercise on April 22 to prepare for the 2018 mock disaster.
- The department recently had a fire at Martin Marietta that was contained to the building, but destroyed one of their huge compressors.
- Assistant Chief Dave Miller and Craig Picklesimer will attend the Northwest Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association 2017 pre-convention on April 22 in Hamler, Ohio.
- Dave and Shannyn Miller will attend the Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC) April 24-29 in Indianapolis, Indiana with expenses paid by the Terry Farrell Foundation.
- The department is going to begin preconstruction of the cart display project in front of the fire station.

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the attendance of Chief Andrews, Mark Grove, Joe Kopp, and Mike Brzeczek at a class at the Bowling Green State University State Fire School on May 11. The class is entitled the Enlightened Volunteer. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. The fee is \$20 each. One of the instructors is Woodville fire-fighter Brandon Westerman.

Damschroder Roofing was in recently to conduct an inspection of the roof. They found a small hold and repaired it. Kepus will call and ask for a written report to put in our files.

**FISCAL OFFICER** - The Sandusky County Township Association will hold their next quarterly meeting at the Ski Lodge Winery in Clyde on April 20. Hammer, Green, and Kepus will attend.

The American Red Cross will hold their next bloodmobile from noon to 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 11.

At 9:00 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Heineman seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.