

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING - August 3, 2016

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on August 3, 2016. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Bill Hammer, Paul Heineman, Ken Green --- Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus --- Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis --- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker --- Fire Chief Bill Andrews, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller and President Joe Kopp.

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

Trustee Heineman made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2016 regular meeting. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

EMS – No report.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis presented one approved zoning permit for Andrew & Kelly Maynard, 3775 CR 62, Woodville, for a 60' x 40' storage building / workshop. The \$50 permit fee was paid.

Mr. Michaelis stated he mailed eight letters to home-based business owners in the township explaining the township's home-based business permit process.

He presented the Trustees with a "Notice of Inspection" that can be left at houses when the owner is not at home. In case you receive a letter it reads: "The township has been advised that your _____ may be in violation of the Woodville Township Zoning Resolution. I would like to meet with you to inspect your property and determine whether or not this violates the zoning provisions." Steve also made some business cards listing his contact information.

Steve stated he had a meeting with the old Atlas building's current owner Jason Ohms of Gibsonburg to see how things were progressing on the cleanup of his property. Mr. Ohms stated that he is working on the roof of the building he can salvage, and has plans to tear down some of the other buildings soon. Steve asked him to keep the township apprised of what is going on.

Steve would like to attend a planning and zoning workshop on November 18 in Toledo sponsored by the American Planning Association. The Trustees unanimously approved this request.

At their last meeting, the Trustees made an offer of \$25,000 to purchase 2.53 acres of land belonging to Jim Johnson located at 755 East Main Street in Woodville. Trustee Heineman stated that he gave the letter to Jim Johnson and is awaiting his answer.

CEMETERY – Sexton Jim Busdiecker reported that the grass has finally started to grow and workers have started mowing again!

ROADS – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker stated that workers have blacktopped all of the crossovers and TR 93 and have been helping with the road mowing. He also said the air-conditioning unit went out in the boom mower. Haven Krauss, Fremont, is working on it.

Trustee Hammer and Road Supervisor Busdiecker attended a pre-construction meeting for the Issue II Township Roads Repaving Project among Woodville, Washington, Riley, Madison, and Jackson Townships that was held at the county engineer's office in Fremont on July 29. The contractor Gerken Paving was also in attendance. Our contact at Gerken is Zack Smith.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Bill Andrews reported on the following:

- Craig Picklesimer is going to attend a Search & Rescue class at Owens Community College. This class is part of the one-time \$500 consortium fee that was paid last month.
- Spencer Linke would like to register for an EMT class that will begin September 22 at Vanguard. The tuition is \$900. The Trustees unanimously approved this request. Mr. Linke will sign the standard department repayment contract stating the re-payment terms if he does not fill his membership requirements with the department for a 3-year period.
- There will be a Fire-Fighter I class offered through Four County and/or the Allen-Clay Fire Department in the near future.
- Chief Andrews removed a step on the back bumper of X-2 to install a bracket to hold road cones. Chief will be ordering a portable step for the truck. Road cones are now on X-2, X-4, and Rescue-I.
- The department will hold a CPR refresher class at the department on August 8.
- The department will serve as a stop for the Gibsonburg Fire Department's motorcycle poker run on August 13.
- Some members of the department will attend the Bowling Green Tractor Pull with X-6 and either X-2 or X-4 for mutual aid duty on August 18 and August 19.
- The department will participate in the Pemberville Parade on August 20.
- The department will participate in the ALS fund-raiser at Hidden Hills Golf Club on August 21. There will be an ice-bucket challenge and LifeFlight will be on site.
- The department will provide mutual aid at the Sandusky County Fair on August 26.
- Some members of the department will participate in the annual LifeFlight golf outing on August 27.
- There will be a confined space rescue class at Martin Marietta on September 26.

Trustee Hammer will speak with Gerken Paving about the marks in the parking lot that were potentially caused by a truck tire. The fire department feels that there are more spots appearing and would like to know what is going on. The department is concerned that it may be faulty blacktop and is not convinced that putting a sealant down is the best decision.

FISCAL OFFICER – Fiscal Officer 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.

The American Red Cross collected 22 pints of blood at their July 28 bloodmobile.

PIPELINE PROJECT - Trustee Hammer attended a Township Road Committee meeting on June 28 and gave the Trustees the following overview of various meetings held by the committee. Representatives from NEXUS were present to discuss road crossing permits and the importance of getting them finalized. The permits are needed by NEXUS as soon as possible and will stand alone from any RUMA agreement approved by Sandusky County. The method of crossing on every township road affected has already been given the "go-ahead" by NEXUS, and they have begun engineering the pipeline project. Roads affected in Woodville Township that NEXUS plans to bore cut are TR 62, SR 300, TR 32, TR 138, and the corner of SR 105 and Fort Findlay Road, and the roads they plan to open cut are TR 38, TR 24, TR 48, TR 93 and TR 139.

At the meeting, Sandusky County Engineer Jim Moyer stated that he attended a meeting with 14 county engineer's that have a pipeline company crossing their counties, and the RUMA agreement was the main topic of discussion. He has been able to gather much needed information from this meeting, and believes that by November the engineer's office will have a final document prepared. Mr. Moyer would like all Township Trustees to review these sample RUMA agreements and offer their comments. The townships, by resolution, will be invited to be included under this agreement.

The Township Road Committee's right-of-way subcommittee has held three meetings (June 22, June 30, and July 11) to discuss various issues including: a pre-construction review of the roads, open cut or bore cut road crossings, the purchase of portable scales for the Sheriff Department to use during construction, receiving copies of the project's engineering plans from NEXUS, what road improvements need to be done before construction begins, possibly hiring a private consultant for pre-construction surveys of roads and inspection during construction, and identification of haul roads to be used. The subcommittee also recommended that the County Engineer and Township act as one entity and all contracts go through the County Commissioner's office after being reviewed by the county engineer.

Townships that will be affected by the Utopia pipeline include: Ballville, Green Creek, Jackson, Madison, and Washington. Construction of the Utopia pipeline will begin in May or June, 2017 and will be completed in January, 2018.

Townships that will be affected by the NEXUS pipeline include: Rice, Riley, Sandusky, Townsend, Washington, and Woodville. NEXUS would like to begin digging in February-March, 2017 with a completion date in November, 2017.

It was explained that natural gas pipelines are subject to a tax based on the assessed value of real estate in Ohio based on ORC 5727.06. The tax is largely based on the value of pipeline in each taxing district.

According to the Ohio Department of Taxation website, property taxes are levied on the tangible personal property of public utilities. Public utilities subject to taxation on their tangible personal property include electric, rural electric, energy, natural gas, pipeline, water works, water transportation, heating, and telegraph companies. Railroads and telephone companies used to pay the tax, but were phased out of that plan. Over time, the tax decreases.

The revenue is distributed by the county auditor who will first deduct an administrative fee. These numbers are only preliminary estimates made by NEXUS based on the current scope of the project and are subject to change. The numbers are only an initial estimate of the tax revenue that might likely be provided by the NEXUS pipeline and these numbers should be used with discretion.

A list of the projected revenue that each township affected will receive from the project was handed out. It is projected that Woodville Township (having 16 miles of roads affected) could potentially receive approximately \$1,480,063 over a 5-year period, and Woodmore Schools could potentially receive \$5,309,712. These numbers should be used with the utmost discretion as they are preliminary figures. No revenue would be received until after gas is flowing through the pipelines which is still years away.

The Township Road Committee will hold their next meeting at 6:30 p.m. September 8 at the Sandusky Township Building in Fremont.

At 8:27 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Heineman moved for adjournment. Trustee Green seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.