

## THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – August 18, 2021

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on August 18, 2021. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Paul Runion, and Bill Hammer, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker, Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis (arrived at 7:17 pm, left at 8:30 pm), Fire Chief Bill Andrews, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller (left at 7:37 pm), Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson (left at 7:10 pm), and Township Resident Tom Linke.

Trustee Chairman Ken Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held observing the COVID-19 pandemic precautions including social distancing.

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

- LS19 responded to 41 calls in July resulting in 25 transports to area hospitals – 20 Advanced Life Support runs and 5 Basic Life Support Runs. Most hospital's like everyone other business are experiencing shortages in workers and are on bypass on a regular basis making it necessary to visit the closest hospital ER that is open at the time.
- LS19 finally made its way back to Woodville. Once all the engine items were completed we lost the ability to raise and lower the back end. The difficult part was determining whose problem it was either the chassis manufacturer or the ambulance builder. It ended up being an ambulance provider problem.
- The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) site visit went very well. Official results will be after their board meeting on August 30th.
- The county did purchase one of Sandusky Township's ambulances that was auctioned off on the GovDeals site. It has very low miles, and it's close to the same set up as our current squads.
- We still do not have a date for the building of the new squads.
- Sandusky County EMS is preparing for Budget Time with the county auditor.
- We will be at the Sandusky County Fair all next week.

The exhaust fan in the EMS restroom broke and Township workers tore it apart, cleaned out a wasp nest, and put it back together. Busdiecker stated that it will need a new motor. This could be done when the station undergoes its plumbing work and a commercial fan could be installed.

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

The Fire Truck Committee has reviewed all truck bids that were opened at the Trustee's last meeting for a new 1,500 GPM, 1,000 gallon pumper truck, and the committee proposes to the Trustees that the Township purchase the Sutphen truck in the amount of \$637,795. After discussion, Trustee Hammer stated he will have the county prosecutor review the contract, and the Trustees will act upon the contract at a future meeting.

- Pump Tests were conducted by Atlantic Emergency Solutions (Finley Fire) in Gibsonburg on August 6. X-4 passed, but X-2 failed the vacuum test. It is at W.W. Williams for repairs and a follow-up pump test.
- Hose Testing was held here August 13 by National Hose Testing. All hoses passed.
- All SCBA bottles are back from Hydro testing by Municipal Emergency Services, and all SCBA packs and bottles are in service.
- Ladder Testing will be done here August 31 by TUV Rheinland / Non Destructive Testing.
- X-5 needs to be serviced yet. All other trucks that have been serviced will begin to get the necessary repair work done.
- The Village of Woodville submitted an estimate of costs to put a Storz fitting on all the hydrants that do not have one. We would like to see a couple done now especially by the water tower. The fittings are for truck fill/mutual aid work. There are eventually 76 hydrants in the village that need this fitting. They cost \$159.25 each. The total cost would be \$12,103.
- We will provide standby at the Sandusky County Fair on August 25. Two people will be there with a truck during the day and two people during the evening.
- The Pemberville Free Fair Parade is Saturday. Rescue-1 will be going for stand-by again as usual.
- We ran the rescue boat and practiced with ice water rescue suits at Silver Lake in Gibsonburg last Monday. This gave people a chance to see what it is like to have the suits on.
- ODOT's Ohio Traffic Incident Management training (formerly Quick Clear) was held last night at the Maumee Fire Department. Dave and I went. This training deals with how to get everyone out of the way safely at a scene.
- We received an application for membership from Chelsea Blue, a graduate of the Penta Vocational School's Firefighter Program who has already earned her Basic Fire Card. Chelsea has been observing activities at our fire department during the school year. The application will be acted on at the department's next business meeting.
- The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here Saturday, August 21 from 9 am to 2 pm.

**CEMETERY** – Jim Busdiecker reported that workers are busy mowing.

There is a lady who does not appear to live in Woodville who takes her two large dogs to the Woodville Cemetery at least twice a day and lets them run loose. Her dogs continually chase down township workers when they are mowing at the cemetery. Discussion was held on how to rectify this situation. More information will be gathered.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported on the following:

- Workers trimmed the trees on Township Roads 163, 165, 93, and behind the fire station.
- Reported that it is in the Issue II contract for M&B to repair an area on TR 121 when they pave. The cost is \$5,400. Township workers are going to attempt to get this done to save money as long as the weather does not prevent them from getting it done before M&B arrives.
- At the end of August or beginning of September, Bergmans will be in to pave TR 139.
- The county said that Bergmans will also pave CR 44 on the same contract which is actually their road, but located in Woodville Township.

The Trustees discussed participating in **ODOT's Township Stimulus Program**. The program offers a grant that will pay 100% of the eligible costs up to the funding limit of \$250,000 for roadway and culvert projects (less than 10 feet). The grant application is very similar to the requirements for an Issue II project. Trustee Hammer spoke with County Engineer Carlos Baez regarding the possible projects the township may pursue for this grant, and asked for the county engineer's assistance in gathering an estimate for the cost for the paving, traffic count, measurement, and a recommendation letter from their office. The Trustees discussed paving TR 14 and possibly TR 165. The county engineer's department did complete the traffic count on TR 14 from CR 117 (Fort Findlay Road) to CR 107 which was 220 ADT. Kepus will write the application.

Trustee Hammer stated that all townships and M&B Asphalt have signed the Issue II contract, and he will soon set up a preconstruction meeting with M&B Asphalt to get these paving projects on their schedule.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to purchase a new welder, helmet, and accessories up to \$2,500. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Township received the \$1,000 fee from Emch Brothers for the requested road cut at TR 165/16 so they could install new field tile. The Township workers will repair the area when they are finished.

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

Jacky Skaggs, TR 93, was sick this week, so they will schedule a meeting for next week.

Louise Linke, CR 2, is on vacation through August 22, so we will meet after that.

CR 165 fence issue. Tina Perez-Mims is upset where her neighbors put up their fence as it is too close to her property and she can't get to her backyard. Our zoning does not specify where to place a fence. This is a legal property dispute between the neighbors.

Tom Linke was in attendance at the meeting. He said the post office never delivered his certified letter. He said he won't pick up the letter at the post office because the Township paid to have it delivered to his house. The mail process was explained to him. After several delivery attempts, the post office returns the mail to the post office and leaves a note for the property owner to sign for their mail at the post office and it becomes his legal responsibility to pick up the letter. The letter from the Zoning Inspector stated: A recent inspection of your property located at the various addresses listed (6280 County Road 165, 4632 County Road 16, and 1970 Main Street) has revealed that you are in violation of the Woodville Township Zoning Resolution and/or the Ohio Revised Code regarding the storage of junk, unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles, appliances, trailer(s), boats and other trash/debris. These items are expected to be removed from the property by August 17.

Steve told Mr. Linke that he would rather work with him than to take this to court. Mr. Linke said he did remove some appliances. After many attempts by all of the Trustees and the Zoning Inspector politely asking Mr. Linke various times "what are we going to do to move these cars?" and Mr. Linke continually trying to change the subject, and the Trustees continually having to bring him back on point, Mr. Linke stated he would work on it. The Trustees asked for a timeline. Mr. Linke stated he has no idea, 3 months? The Trustees stated that if the vehicles remain outside on any of his various properties in the township, they are going to file this matter with the county prosecutor. The Trustees asked Steve to take pictures of all of the infractions to do a photo comparison in 3 months which is November 17.

**Greifendorf property** at 1314 SR 20, Woodville, is on the court's docket. Sandusky County Prosecutor Beth Tischler sent an email stating that this stagnant foreclosure is on the Judge's docket for August 17 to urge Tax Ease to get the sale date moving.

The Trustees discussed the poor conditions at the **former Atlas building property** now owned by Jason Ohms, Gibsonburg. The Trustees asked Kepus to send out a certified noxious weed letter and a letter requesting Mr. Ohms give the Trustees a timeline on how and when he is going to clean-up the dilapidated property.

**FISCAL OFFICER** – Lori Kepus reported that the 2019-2020 state audit will begin shortly. The state auditor said that the changes to the Ohio Revised Code as a result of COVID-19 allows entities to receive three Agreed Upon Procedure engagements in a row instead of two if the township approves. These audits are lower cost. Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve that the township have the AUP audit as they have no concerns in regard to the township's financial bookkeeping. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the Trustee's August 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Kepus stated she completed a 17 page Cybersecurity Questionnaire for our insurance carriers, OTARMA. This is a current hot topic and insurance companies are researching how to best insure for a cybersecurity breach.

The Trustees approved a hall use request from Firefighter Dave Miller for November 20 from 10 am to 4 pm for a baby shower and February 17, 2022 from 5 to 10 pm for a meeting of the Northwest Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association.

#### **Ohio EPA Public Hearing - Area Aggregates Application to Renew their Wastewater Discharge Permit**

All three Trustees attended a public meeting conducted by the Ohio EPA at Woodmore High School in Elmore on August 16. The hearing was to hear input from the public regarding Area Aggregates/Olen Corp. application for a permit requesting an increase in the discharge flow rate up to 1.5 million gallons per day from the quarry which is located at 659 County Road 32 in Woodville. Specifically, the increase would apply to an outfall that discharges quarry dewatering water. The discharge consists of stormwater and ground water collected in the south sedimentation pond. The pond discharges to Nuhfer Ditch, then to Sugar Creek.

If the renewal is approved, the discharge may result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality standards that protect human health and the environment. Two other outfalls from the quarry discharge to an unnamed tributary of the Portage River. No increase is being requested from these outfalls.

Trustee Runion stated that hearing was well attended. There was a question and answer session before the hearing even began. He put a statement on the record asking the EPA to hold off on making a decision while Area Aggregates is still not making a decision about how they can rectify the amount of discharge going into one ditch.

Runion stated that the EPA does not care about the volume of water discharging, only the quality of the water that is being discharged. The county engineer's letter explains that concern to the EPA, but they have no legal authority to rectify this situation.

Paraphrasing the county engineer's letter. The current channel that Area Aggregates is using to discharge their excess water was never intended to receive this much water all of the time. The farmers downstream have been making complaints to his office for 6-8 years. The excess water doesn't allow their field tiles to drain properly and since the ditch is always full of water, their farm tiles can't drain for most of the year. Our office has also experienced issues with the amount of discharged water to this small ditch while attempting to work on road projects around the quarry. Farmers have also noticed on several occasions white milky water flowing through the ditch. I believe the solution is to make the quarry drain to the original tile on CR 32 (Anderson Road) that

drains into the Portage River, or the quarry needs to improve the entire length of the existing ditch before they create more damage to farm fields.

The Trustees had previously also submitted a statement online to the EPA, as well as the county engineer, Harris Township Trustees, and other area officials and residents.

At 9:11 pm, with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Runion seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.