

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – August 21, 2024

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

Attendance:

Trustees: Ken Green, Paul Runion, Bill Hammer
Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus
Sandusky County EMS Chief: Jeff Jackson (left at 7:30 pm)
Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker
Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker

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

- EMS Calls for service still remained high in July. Calls are 27% higher than 2020. LS19 had 57 runs in July with 28 transports to area hospitals.
- Our reaccreditation for CAAS is complete. We will know officially how we did at the end of August.
- LS-19 had all emergency lights replaced by the manufacturer.
- The circuit board on the squad was also replaced because the ambulance side of the truck did not function correctly.
- We are still waiting on an estimate to get the small scratch repaired of the rear of the truck.
- Parts are on order for the compartment door mishap.

The Trustees discussed the continuous and very lengthy blocking of the railroad tracks on US 20 on the east end of the village during the day causing huge safety concerns and huge inconveniences. Woodville Police Chief Steve Gilkerson posed on Facebook that Ohio laws prohibits this blocking, but in January, 2024, the US Supreme Court declined to hear Ohio's appeal of a 2022 Ohio Supreme Court ruling that struck down a state law that penalized railroads for blocking grade crossings for more than five (5) minutes without creating a break. This established a precedent that federal regulation of interstate commerce preempts local regulation. The Ohio law had also required that crossings remain clear for three (3) minutes after a train moved.

The Village has made calls to state representatives, and the police department does file a complaint with the CSX railroad every time this happens. The police department urges citizens to call every time this happens so documentation of all factors can be logged.

The Trustees stated that their only option at this time it to use the back drive to get around, but this back drive is to be utilized for emergency vehicles only!

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker reported the following:

- The new truck X-2 is leaking again. We found fuel on the floor in the bay and have called Sutphen.
- The Bidirectional Antenna parts are still on order.
- We sent in a radio for repair. It was not transmitting. It is one of the newest ones so hopefully it is covered under warranty.
- Thank you to Seth Parkhurst for fixing the generator. Very much appreciated.
- Mark Grove stated that trucks R-1, X-2, X-3, and X-4 were weight tested.

Calendar for the rest of the month:

- August 23 - The Fire Dept has been invited to attend the annual Kickball with the Cops. We will participate and will be taking our Fire Hydrant sprinkler, weather permitting.
- August 24 – Our mutual aid day at the Sandusky County Fair. We hope to be able to man a truck all day and support the Demolition Derby that evening.
- August 27 - We have Ladder Testing at 4:30 pm. If you want to see how they test our ladders, come on out.
- September 1 – Standby for Elmore Fireworks
- September 2 - Labor Day - No Scheduled Practice

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis presented the following:

- David Honaker – letter of zoning violations for having a storage container will be sent via certified mail.
- Allan Huss – sent a letter of violation – storage containers
- Scott Brough – sent letter of violation – structures on lot without a zoning permit
- Caseys filed a conditional use permit and I am working on setting a date for the public hearing

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

The OSS Recycling Grant was awarded for a security system for the recycling area at the road maintenance garage. The system will cost \$4,085. The grant will pay \$3,063.75 and the township's responsibility is \$1,021.25. Trustee Green made a motion to **purchase the security system from Kuns Northwest Security in the amount of \$4,085**. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The ODOT Salt contract was awarded to Cargill in the amount of \$49.94 a ton.

I'll be on vacation from August 26 – September 2.

CEMETERY – Work is progressing on the new roads in for the new addition.

FISCAL OFFICER - Fiscal Officer Kepus completed the newly enacted, mandatory Ohio Auditor of State's Fraud Reporting and Training on August 7. Arrangements have been made for every employee of the township to complete this training.

A representative from KLA Risk Consulting (the consulting firm for our OTARMA insurance) paid a visit to the township July 22 to provide recommendations on safety and operations of the township. Her final report of recommendations was discussed. The recommendations dealt with improving safety and updating policies to current standards.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the August 7, 2024 meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:18 pm, Trustee Hammer made a motion to enter Executive Session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of fire department personnel. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Those present in Executive Session: Trustees Green, Runion, Hammer, Fiscal Officer Kepus, and Fire Chief Schnitker.

At 8:42 pm, the Trustee returned to Regular Session. No action was taken.

At 8:42 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Hammer moved for adjournment. Trustee Green seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.