

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – December 20, 2023

Chairman Bill Hammer 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
Assistant Fire Chief: Mark Grove
Assistant EMS Chief: Mike McGinnis
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker
Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis

EMS – LS19 had 47 runs in November with 26 transports to area hospitals. November was another historically high transport month for the entire county system.

There is still one remaining issue with the new squad. It will be fixed under warranty by Horton.

The MARCS radio was serviced and the template updated as well.

One of the recliners in the crew quarters is flaking. Trustee Green made a motion to replace the recliner after first consulting with the manufacturer, DreamSeat. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Hammer stated that Kleinfelders (formerly Poggemeyers) made him aware of a \$700 million state grant that is available for building projects, but the application period closed on December 18. Hammer and Kepus wrote the grant for the township's \$1.6 million EMS/Township Office building asking for \$1.2 million in state assistance with a contribution of \$400,000 from the township. Hammer sent the grant in on the final day and also sent a copy to our State Representative Gary Click.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker presented the following update from the fire department:

- The MARCS radios have been reprogrammed with the new template. Benders sent the information to Cleveland Communications so they can add the Ottawa County channels to our code plug. Benders will then come back and reprogram them again.
- I sent in a pager today for warranty work and the Fire Association is buying desk top chargers so we don't have this issue again. The damage was due to a known problem with their side plug charging option.
- Brandon Westerman, Conor Emch, and Matt Depner started training on the new truck today so they can become trainers. Mike Brzeczek will also be helping with training.
- We are planning an open house on January 21 to showcase the new truck, air packs, and all the new tools and equipment.
- I am taking X-4 to Atlantic in Findlay next Wednesday for new brakes.
- We had an issue with a county dispatcher saying some inappropriate things on the radio. I contacted the TAC committee. It turned out it was an Open Mic issue and the dispatcher has been counselled and advised to ensure she is not the problem when there is a communications issue going on.
- I would like to look into a Bi-directional Antenna for the Fire Station. It will help our radios and pagers work inside the building for both us and the EMS. I would like you to consider splitting the cost between us and the EMS Fund.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis presented the following:

- Nick Avers needs a permit for a building he's building on CR 44. We have communicated back and forth trying to set a time to meet and several dates/times have been postponed.
- Rob Haar, CR 14, inquired about a permit.
- Meaghan Morris, CR 24, sent in a permit, but what she would like to do does not meet our zoning code, and she will need to apply for a variance.
- Conversation with John Willey – he will be attending the January Zoning Commission meeting and will have the new zoning map with him. He wants the group to review the map at that time and see if there need to be any changes made.
- Letters are prepared for Wiese (Lime Road) and Schaffner (US23) for zoning violations. Both will be sent on January 1, 2024 after the holidays.
- The Escobar property on CR 165 has seen some clean-up. I will continue to work with them to meet regulations and code.
- We will discuss the Bowen's Airbnb at the January Zoning Commission meeting January 20.
- I tried to deliver some Zoning Permits to the County Auditor, but they closed for the afternoon for a Christmas party. I went back another day.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Jim Busdiecker stated the county measured TR 165 from Fostoria Road to TR 16. It is .9 miles long and will cost approximately \$85,000. This will be an extra road project that will be completed next year.

The Trustees would also like to add TR 165 from the Turnpike Plaza entrance to Lime Road measured last year to this project as well.

Busdiecker traded in 2 Motorola XPR 4350 portable radios for 2 Motorola UHF, 32 channels GPS at Futronics in Fremont. The cost is \$200 each month.

The Trustees unanimously agreed to purchase a 72" Greatbear QA Rock Grapple Bucket for the Skid Steer from James Busdiecker in the amount of \$1,155 for the Township Road Department.

There is a 2013 International Snow Plow Truck with wing plow on GovDeals with very low miles, 21,400. The auction closes December 22. We will soon be in need of a new truck. A new truck would cost over \$210,000. We could bid on this truck and then sell the 2000 Sterling plow truck. Trustee Green made a motion to allow Jim Busdiecker to bid on this truck up to \$55,000. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Green made a motion to accept the increased quote from Schockman Lumber in the amount of \$21,700 for the lean-to at the Road Maintenance Building. The change resulted from an increase in costs in having to meet government specifications. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Schockman plans to start construction in mid-February.

CEMETERY – No report.

FISCAL OFFICER

- The Sandusky County Township Association annual dinner at Ole Zims is January 18, 2024.
- The OTA Winter Conference in Columbus is February 7-9.
- The Trustees changed their February 7 meeting to Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Trustee Green 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 December 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:01 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.