

## THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING - February 15, 2017

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on February 15, 2017. 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, Township Zoning Commission member Bob Schroeder, Township Residents Abel Castillo and Joanne Slaughter.

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

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2017 regular meeting. Trustee Heineman seconded. Motion passed. Trustee Heineman made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Green seconded. Motion passed.

**Guests** – Residents Abel Castillo and Joanne Slaughter were present to ask the Trustees if they knew of any way to contact someone to maintain their private road --- TR 900 (Penn Lane) and wondered who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the lane. They stated they understood that it was a private road and the residents have to maintain it, but many other people use this road, especially when road construction or railroad projects are being done, and semi-trucks have parked on the road. They said heavy equipment is stored on the road and leaves huge ruts and the road is also used when workers need to maintain a cell tower that is on that road, and they have seen tree trimmers back there.

The Trustees explained it is a private road and was only assigned a road name and number as an identifier for emergency vehicles, and the township can only plow that drive in a snow emergency. Abel and Joanne said four residents live back there, but there are abandoned houses that are not maintained and that is bringing down the valuation of their home. Trustee Hammer stated that someone is still paying taxes on those abandoned houses so unfortunately the houses can't be put in the county land bank for removal as there is an owner.

Abel said that many years ago there was a lifetime agreement made with Luckey Farmers to care for the property as they owned part of it, and wondered what became of that agreement. Joanne stated that they would be happy if Luckey Farmers cleared their part of the property, and stated they would clear out their own property. She said if Luckey Farmer could bring some stone in, we will fill in the pot holes. Trustee Green said he will speak with Luckey Farmers and see what may possibly be done to care for this property. They also asked if it was possible to get a street sign back there again as the Perez Lane sign (TR 901) is missing. They left at 7:30 p.m.

**EMS** – No report.

**ZONING** – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported that he attended a Sandusky County Regional Planning meeting on February 13 and plans are moving forward on the county bike trail. The current focus of the trail is connecting parts of Terra Community College with Fremont and then on to Gibsonburg then through Woodville and ending in Elmore. Steve said he will be out of town for the Trustee's March 1 meeting, and he will need to reschedule the Zoning Commission's March 8 meeting.

**CEMETERY** – Martin Marietta closed the road to the cemetery for a few days this week to make repairs to the conveyor belt that crosses over the entrance road. Martin Marietta stated that they did not want to risk having anything fall onto a car that was riding up the road.

**ROADS** – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that he has been busy servicing and repairing equipment. He put a new hose on the fuel tank at the fire station as it was leaking.

Trustee Green made a motion to purchase two Titan radial tires from Speck Tires for the John Deere tractor the Township purchased from an ODOT auction in an amount up to \$1,000. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Busdiecker asked the Trustees what they wanted to do with the leftover parts from the tractors that were pieced together to make one good road tractor with a cab. They decided that Busdiecker will take pictures of the pieces and send them to Anderson Tractor Supply in Bluffton, Ohio to see what they may be worth. The cost of the parts should be able to cover the costs of installing the cab on this tractor.

Trustee Hammer attended the February 13 meeting of the Village Council to inquire if they would allow township residents to use their vegetation site on Port Clinton Road for a small permit fee. The Council suggested that a survey be prepared to see how much interest is there among township residents. Trustee Hammer prepared the survey, and it will be handed out on garbage days at the township garage.

The Trustees signed the township highway system mileage certification from the Ohio Department of Transportation for year 2016 certifying that Woodville Township maintains 37.735 miles of road in accordance with ORC, Section 4501.04. This amount is down .01 mile.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017- 04** accepting and authorizing Woodville Township to enter into a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with NEXUS Gas Transmission. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

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

- Chief found that the relay on the fire siren uptown appeared to be stuck, but it is now working correctly.
- Wonderly Collision said that the parts to fix Rescue I have arrived, but Horton can't find any side marker lights. He stated that the fire department has a few in storage and will get those over to Wonderly to be installed.
- Firefighter Shannyn Miller filed a grant with Firehouse Subs for a CPR auto pulse machine valued at approximately \$15,000.
- It was noted that Joe Kopp took the sweeper to Randolphs. Randolphs found that a part was clogged and they fixed the roller so a new machine is not needed at this time.
- Chief Andrews applied for a federal grant for four sets of turnout gear.
- Chief would like a new iPhone. He was told by a Verizon representative that the township is due for a free phone.
- The fire department's officers held a special meeting to approve the probationary membership of Eric Mason's wife, Roxanne Mason, into the fire department. A basic firefighter class begins February 22 in Pemberville and she would like to attend.

- Two background checks on new members have been requested from the Elmore Police Department at a cost of \$30 each. The department has to use the Elmore department as the Woodville Police Department no longer offers this service.
- The department served 334 meals at the February 12 pancake breakfast.
- Chief Bill will be on vacation February 16 through February 28.
- The department's annual fund-raising gun raffle will be held March 18 at Ole Zims.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to purchase five new masks each year over the next few years for the SCBA bottles at a yearly cost not to exceed \$2,500. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

**FISCAL OFFICER** – The Trustees signed the Township's balanced January, 2017 Bank Reconciliation.

Kepus stated that the township received the certificate from the county auditor stating that the 2017 permanent appropriates adopted by the Trustees at their last meeting did not exceed available resources according to the latest amended certificate.

Trustee Hammer presented a fully signed copy of an agreement between all twelve townships in the county through the Sandusky County Township Association for mutual aid for additional township assistance for a three-year period, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. The Trustees unanimously agreed to the renewal of this agreement.

Trustee Green made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017 – 03** recognizing and honoring Noah William Cable for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Noah is a member of Boy Scout Troop #329. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Green will attend his Court of Honor ceremony at Solomon Lutheran Church in Woodville on March 12.

At 9:38 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.