

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – February 15, 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, Paul Runion, and Ken Green
Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus
Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker
Sandusky County EMS Chief: Jeff Jackson (left at 7:15 pm)
Assistant Fire Chief: Mark Grove (left at 7:27 pm)
Others: Andrew Lewis, AT&T (FirstNet) (left at 7:42 pm)

EMS – Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson reported the county's new squads being built by Horton are scheduled to be at the midway construction point the last week of March. Woodville's new squad will hit the midpoint at the end of March.

The county will be applying for the Bureau of Worker's Compensation Safety Grant for the purchase of stair chairs. Would Woodville also be willing to submit an application? The Trustees agreed that Woodville Township will also apply for this grant. Stair chairs are an extremely useful piece of equipment for the EMS. It is an ambulance stretcher that folds into a chair position and are used to safely transport patients up/down stairs, through confined spaces such as narrow hallways.

LS19 had 33 runs in January with 16 transports to area hospitals. There were 8 advanced life support transports and 8 basic life support transports.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker was not able to make the meeting, but submitted the following report on activities of the fire department:

1. An air leak was fixed and harness for water level gauge installed on the X3 Tanker.
2. X6 had its annual maintenance at Portage Automotive in Elmore. I took one of the Amkus Power units over to Portage for a tune up. It wasn't running without the choke on.
3. The UHF Radios were programmed with our current channels as well as the schools.
4. F&M Mechanical looked at the exhaust fan in the truck bay. It is making a noise and blowing the breaker. The Exhaust System will be out of service for a while. F&M said the motor/fan is tied up. He is going to take it down and see if they can fix it, or if it will need to be taken back to their shop to fix it. They hope to be able to come out next week.
5. EMS will be installing a Station Alerting Device which will put their page out over speakers in the bays and their area. I cleared the old radios off the top of the radio cabinet in the Communications Room. If they end up needing to put up the outside antenna, I will make arrangements with them to move it over closer to the wall if needed. Eventually we can add our paging channel to it if we want.
6. Cabinets to be installed in the kitchen Thursday.
7. Firefighter Dave Miller requested to use the meeting room March 26th from noon to 4 pm for a family function.
8. In January, the department had 7 calls. One was a mutual aid call with Troy Township for an accident. In 2022, the department had 95 calls.

Andrew Lewis from AT&T was present to talk about the FirstNet program which is a special cell phone coverage for 1st Responders. Some members of the department have switched to this program to see how the coverage works in our surrounding area.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported on the following activities of the zoning department:

- Went to GIS office to discuss maps with Keith Kruse, their new Geographic Information Specialist with the county's tax map office. He was not sure of the process to update maps. This was discussed in Regional Planning. There are several current issues with updating maps.
- Millerschones – St Rt 582 – I stopped to discuss dog kennels and water runoff issues they are experiencing.
- The meeting last Wednesday with the Assistant Prosecutor regarding zoning issues that have risen to the legal level was cancelled and rescheduled for February 16.
- I had an inquiry about property use on CR 107. Someone is looking into buying a property and building a twinplex in Woodville Township. We discussed allowed uses depending on the zoning district. A twinplex is not allowed use by our zoning rules.
- Regional Planning – I attended their meeting last Monday and we reviewed proposed solar regulations for Ballville Township's zoning rules.

Trustee Hammer stated that the next county-wide meeting regarding adopting new zoning rules for solar fields will be held on February 16. The Ohio Township Association is also writing up some rules/regulations that can be used as a guideline. Regional Planning is also discussing a proposal from Ballville Township regarding solar array zoning. The Sandusky County Township Association will hold their quarterly meeting on April 20 at Terra State College in Fremont to discuss this suggested zoning plan.

Solar energy was discussed. According to what we just went through when updating the zoning rules on windmills, it was written into the zoning rules that it was determined that if it's not currently an allowed use in our zoning rules and regulations, it's not allowed in any district.

CEMETERY – No report.

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

- They have only used approximately 10 ton of salt this year. That is not a lot. We've had a very mild winter.
- I'm still exploring different options for a new plow truck.
- I attended a pesticide conference in Findlay today to keep my pesticide license current. It was the Ohio Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification conference sponsored by the Ohio State University.

The Township received an engineer's estimate for **paving TR 42** (Bair Road) from the Township Line to TR 93 in the amount of **\$62,000**. **The Trustees have agreed to proceed with this project** in conjunction with road projects in Madison Township (their portion of TR 42) and Washington Township. The bid opening is currently planned for April 5 in Woodville. The bid opening for the 2023 Township Roads Resurfacing Project will take place at this time also. Woodville Township is planning to pave TR 14 if the Issue II grant is approved.

The Trustees signed the **2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification form**. ODOT re-measured all the road segments in Sandusky County using GIS and GPS technology due to their Statewide Location Based Response System (LBRS) project. Woodville Township is responsible for maintaining 37.229 miles of public roads. After the new measurements, this represents a decrease of 0.506 miles.

FISCAL OFFICER – Lori Kepus reported that the NEXUS lawsuit filed by Lorain County has been dismissed. The settlement that was reached between the NEXUS and the Ohio Tax Commission to decrease the original assessed value of the NEXUS pipeline by one-third stands. The new valuation will be approximately 68% of the original amount. Underpayments plus interest made by NEXUS through this appeal process are now due. Lorain County retains the 30-day right to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court, or the Ohio Court of Appeals. The pipeline was completed and became operational in 2018. The Sandusky County townships affected by the decision include Rice, Riley, Sandusky, Townsend, Washington, Woodville and also the Woodmore school district.

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 February 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees approved the use of the hall for Firefighter Dave Miller on March 26 for a family function.

At 9:05 pm, with no further business, Trustee Runion moved for adjournment. Trustee Green seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.