

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING - January 4, 2017

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on January 4, 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, Fire Captain Joe Kopp --- Sandusky County Commissioner Scott Miller --- Township Zoning Commission Member Bob Schroeder --- and Ron Zakrzewski, owner of some property in Woodville Township.

Those present strictly for the truck bid opening - Elbert Bolen, Jeff Andrews, Dean Silva, Enriqu Villgas, Jeff Venier, Larry Wilt, Tyler Hoffman, Alton Beeker, Tom Dearth, Tom Nader, Jay Thatcher, Gary Boehler, Nick Rife, Tim Coon. The bidders left at 7:15 pm.

Trustee Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The evening began with the opening of sealed bids for the township's 1998 Chevy 3500 4x4 pickup truck with 8' Meyers snow plow. The unit will be sold as is. A total of 18 bids were received:

Jeff Andrews	\$1,000.00
William Jimison	\$2,750.00
Tom Dearth	\$5,800.00
Jay Thatcher	\$ 751.00
Brett Patti	\$ 808.00
Mark Hemminger	\$3,551.51
Gary Boehler	\$1,267.42
Elbert Bolen	\$6,500.00
Tim Coon	\$1,000.00
Enriqu Villegas	\$1,200.00
Jeff Venier	\$1,000.00
Larry Wilt	\$1,361.00
Tyler Hoffman	\$1,600.00
Dean Silva	\$1,800.00
Alton Beeker	\$ 850.00
Nick Rife	\$2,500.00
Tom Nader	\$1,200.00
Fred Gerwin	\$1,087.00

After the bids were opened and read by Chairman Hammer, it was noted that the high bid was from Elbert Bolen for \$6,500.00. A bidding war began between Tom Dearth, Elbert Bolen, and Gary Boehler. Elbert Bolen submitted the final bid of \$6,771.00. Mr. Hammer called three times for anyone to raise their bid, after hearing nothing, he then announced that the bids were closed.

Trustee Green made a motion to accept the bid of \$6,771.00 from Elbert Bolen, Bellevue, Ohio. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. The truck will be released to Mr. Bolen as soon as the check clears the bank.

Trustee Heineman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2016 regular meeting and the December 21, 2016 organizational meeting for 2017. Trustee Green seconded. Motion passed. Trustee Heineman made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Green seconded. Motion passed.

Ron Zakrzewski, who owns property in Woodville Township, was present to inform the Trustees that he met with Jim Busdiecker and Rob Rosell (Area Aggregates) to see what can be done about the ditch on TR 123. Mr. Rosell agreed to dig the swale a little deeper for better drainage on the north side of the road.

After the ditch is dug out by Area Aggregates, the Township will lower the crossover to the elevation of the ditch. The Trustees agreed that this matter will then be closed. Mr. Zakrzewski left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

EMS – No report.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis presented an approved zoning permit for Jason and Michelle Smola who are building a 62' x 55' single family dwelling at 3693 TR 62, Woodville. The \$400 permit fee was paid - \$100 for the new construction permit, \$300 for the driveway access / road cut fee.

CEMETERY – Trustee Green stated that he received a phone call from Woodville resident Ann Mickey asking why the township was talking about cutting down trees at Westwood Cemetery as she did not want to see them go. The Trustees further discussed removing the trees restating that they only wish to see every other tree cut down, the stump removed, and then replaced with another pine tree. Jim Busdiecker stated that the trees have overgrown their intended use as a wind break, and have grown so tall that they are no longer serving their purpose, and it is time to start over and create a new wind break. Township workers will begin this project as soon as the cold weather breaks.

Chris Detray and Louie Damschroder from Crosser Monument Company repaired 88 stones at the Woodville Cemetery on Lime Road this past summer (28 stones were dug up and reset and 60 stones were put together and epoxied). The Trustees signed a check tonight for \$4,920. All stones were in the Catholic section of the Cemetery and were badly hindering mowing.

ROADS – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker stated that the Sandusky County Engineer's Office is cutting trees on Fort Findlay Road, TR 32, and TR 62. They are cutting the trees along their roads and bridges, not the Townships. The county does plan to return at a later date to clean up the areas.

Kepus stated the township received a letter from the Sandusky County Commissioners stating that a petition was filed to clean the Sugar Creek Joint County Ditch #162 to make it adequate to serve its watershed. The watershed includes ditches located in Sandusky, Ottawa, and Wood County. The proposed project commences at the bridge on TR 115 in Woodville Township, crosses at the intersection of TR 93 and TR 115, crosses SR 20, crosses TR 56, crosses TR 62, enters Harris Township crossing various roads, and terminates into the Portage River. The total distance is approximately 9.96 miles.

The Joint Board of County Commissioners of Sandusky, Wood, and Ottawa Counties will have a view of the project at 1 p.m. on January 24 and the first hearing at 1 p.m. on February 14. Both meetings will be held at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds in Fremont.

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

- The next pancake breakfast is January 8.
- The department's annual fund-raising gun raffle will be held March 18. Tickets are now available for purchase.
- Last Monday, Mark Grove spent 5 hours blowing stone away from the building. The Trustees explained that the township mixes salt and stone and does not have any truck with just straight salt on it. The Township also has only one snow plow running at this time making it impractical to dump straight salt. The Trustees suggested that perhaps the village can be asked to come through with a load of just straight salt.
- The department's snow machine is also not working, and they will take it to Bay Tractor for repairs.
- The department is still waiting on estimates to come in from Wonderly collision regarding the repair of Rescue I, but the truck is still in service.
- The department will hold their annual appreciation dinner at the Woodville Community Center on February 18.
- Chief Andrews presented the Trustees with a list of 18 fire-related trainings and activities that the department may attend in January. He stated that these types of activities are available each month.
- Chief Andrews, Dave Miller, and Joe Kopp will attend a leadership skills class on January 18, January 25, and February 1 at the Lindsey Fire Department.
- There will be a refresher class on hazmat materials sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Hazmat Conference on January 21 at the University of Findlay. It is a great place to update skills and there is no cost to attend.
- The department elected officers for 2017: President – Joe Kopp, Vice President – Mike Brzeczek, Secretary – Bill Andrews, and Treasurer – Matt Reardon.

President of the Fire Department Joe Kopp stated that the officers would like to work on contacting inactive members and find out why they are not showing up for trainings or runs. He stated that very few people show up for fire calls both day and night. The time doesn't seem to have any impact. He explained that most of their fire cards are about to expire for inactivity and upkeep of CEU's. The department understands that there is just not enough time in the day for extra activities as both parents work and today's children are very involved in activities that seem to start at a very early age. Chief Andrews stated that "auto-aid" with area departments in the county will become a reality after the county has their new 911 system up and running and this may help, but this concept is still being worked on. Pay for fire runs was briefly discussed. The Trustees stated that maybe this could be an incentive to bring in more volunteer fire-fighters.

FISCAL OFFICER – The Trustees approved the following transfers to appropriately allocate funds: \$100 from the General Fund – Zoning Salaries Account to the General Fund – Zoning Travel Account; and \$250 from the Gasoline Tax Fund – Workers Comp Account to the Gasoline Tax Fund – Salaries Account.

After further discussion regarding the potential sale of the rental house at 329 East Main Street, it was stated that the township needs to establish the lot size first and then the village planning commission will have to rezone the house to a residential district and the remaining lot to a "special" district.

The Trustees approved of the use of the hall for Sandusky County Treasurer Irma Celestino on January 24 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to collect real estate property taxes.

At 8:57 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Heineman seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.