

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE’S REGULAR MEETING – January 6, 2021

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held January 6, 2021. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Paul Runion and Bill Hammer, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis, Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker, Fire Chief Bill Andrews, and Township Residents Gage and Shawn Might.

Trustee Chairman Ken Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held observing the COVID-19 pandemic precautions including social distancing.

GUESTS - Gage and Shawn Might of Woodville were present. Gage is a senior at Eastwood High School and is applying for the Ohio Township Association scholarship. Gage has a 4.2 GPA and is in the ROTC program through Bowling Green. He was all state in football and will be attending the University of Findlay in the fall majoring in nursing and will be a member of the football team. He was a lifeguard at the Woodville Pool for the past three years.

STATE OF OUR ECONOMY

Currently in Ohio, there are 753,068 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 and 9,462 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 40,469 people have been hospitalized, including 6,092 admissions to intensive care units.

Sandusky County remains in the RED alert category due to a high rate of reportable cases and has confirmed 2,582 cases of COVID-19 positive persons and 1,328 probable cases, 271 of these required hospitalization, and there have been 59 deaths in Sandusky County.

EMS – LS 19 is at Selking/Nollenbergers since last Wednesday as the crew said it was not starting correctly. It was found to be wiring rubbing. The county EMS will pay for the repairs and has provided a backup squad while LS 19 is in the shop.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Bill Andrews reported on the following:

- The garage door for X-5 was sticking when closing. Northwood Door came out and stated that the circuit board in the opener was going bad. It is 20+ years old so a new one was ordered. They also adjusted the door for R-1 as it was not closing all the way.
- The January Pancake Breakfast has been cancelled.
- The 2021 gun raffle has been cancelled. Hopefully we will have one in 2022.
- Warren Fire serviced and inspected all of our SCBA's. They all passed inspection.
- I am registered for a Paradigm Pipeline virtual training January 27 & 28.
- Still looking into replacing the breathing air compressor system. The cost is around \$25,000. I may apply for an AFG grant that might be available for \$15,000.
- We found Red Cross blankets in mezzanine. We don't know if we ever used them. The Red Cross doesn't want them, so we will give them to the Woodville Food Pantry or Sandusky County EMA.
- Members are looking into building a gear dryer for us. It would cost \$6000 to \$8000 to buy a new one, but they think they can build one for approximately \$2000. Seth Parkhurst is designing one to build.
- The fire department had 107 runs for 2021. There were 44 rescue/first responder runs and 63 miscellaneous fire runs.
- I had 792.5 hours in the office in 2020, included paperwork and work in the bays, above run sheets.

A Woodville resident who is also a student at Penta Career Center and majoring in fire-fighting would like to shadow members of the fire department. Due to the pandemic, the students are not able to get all of the training that is usually provided, so their instructor suggested they contact their local fire departments to see if this was possible. The Trustees think this is a great idea, but will first have to contact our insurance company to ensure the proper liability coverage is in place.

The Trustees discussed moving ahead with an infrastructure project at the fire station beginning with replacing the drains and running the sanitary main outside the building. The Trustees are going to put together a scope of the work needed.

CEMETERY – The Trustees signed a deed for one plot for Robin Busdiecker, Woodville. The \$200 fee was paid.

After discussion, Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2021-02** declaring the necessity to levy outside the ten mill limitation for the purpose of putting a cemetery maintenance renewal levy on the ballot and requesting that the county auditor certify the total current tax valuation of Woodville Township and the dollar amount that would be generated by .5 mills. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Kepus explained that the township has run into a few instances of an urn being buried within the spouse's casket, but the cemetery rules do not address this type of situation. Trustee Hammer made a motion to charge a recording fee of \$100 for these burials that require no additional open and closing. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- Jim Busdiecker reported that the road mower needs new front tires. It will cost approximately \$300 per tire.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to have the new RAM truck Rhino lined in Fremont. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

NEXUS sent a letter stating that the pipeline is in the process of being transferred to NEXUS' pipeline operations group who will be responsible for operating and maintaining the pipeline and related facilities in the future. For general operations questions about your property, please call 1-888-217-9110. NEXUS' land representatives will continue to work with affected landowners to discuss construction-related restoration or repair issues. The construction hotline is 1-844-589-3655.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis presented one approved zoning permit for Allan Huss – US 20, for a grain bin. There was no fee for this ag permit.

In other zoning news:

- Sandusky County Regional Planning stated that Griffin-Sorg on CR 167 has applied for a lot split.
- Ryan Moser – TR 24 – junk on property - drove by after the first of the year, numerous vehicles are still on site. Moser had stated it would all be cleared up last year. I will follow up.
- Nate Liskai – US 20 – grain bin – I have requested a meeting to write a permit.
- Bill Wagner – TR 93 - looking at filing for a variance for an accessory building in February or March.
- I have received phone calls asking for zoning information and requirements on quarry expansion and the purchase of land on CR 44. Some residents inquired about quarry expansion. Discussion followed and more investigation needs to be done regarding this matter.

The Trustees discussed the meaning of the Industrial Permit. It is not known if Woodville Township has ever issued one, but it is listed in our zoning regulations. More investigation will be done. The Trustees would like to see this spelled out more clearly in the zoning rules.

The Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 13 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

FISCAL OFFICER – Lori Kepus presented the Trustees with the Township’s balanced bank reconciliation for the month of December, and the year-end Fund, Revenue, and Appropriation Status reports.

Below is the December financial report.

December Revenue Received	\$	48,695.30
December Expenses Paid	\$	92,635.82
Balance of all Funds as of 12/31/2020	\$	2,398,537.88

- The township applied for the \$500 MORE grant from OTARMA for safety shirts for the Road Department.
- The final report for the CARES ACT was filed with the Ohio Office of Budget Management / Ohio Grants Partnership on January 5.
- The Township received a third dividend distribution from the Bureau of Workers Comp in the amount of \$16,352.59.
- The Ohio Township Association’s winter conference will be virtual this year from February 1-5, 2021. Kepus has sent in her registration.

The American Red Cross collected 34 pints of blood and had 2 first time donors at their December bloodmobile.

Sandusky County Treasurer Kimberley Foreman will be at the fire station on Tuesday, January 26 from 10 am to 11:30 am to collect 1st Half, 2020 property taxes. Taxpayers are asked to pay with check or money order only. No cash and no debit/credit cards will be accepted. The tax bill must be presented at the time of payment or payment cannot be accepted. Real estate taxes are due by 4:30 pm Friday, February 12, 2021.

Trustee Green made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2021-01 - NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO CONDUCT AN INTERNET AUCTION FOR THE SALE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE, OR UNFIT PROPERTY OF WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021** as Woodville Township wishes to contract with GovDeals to serve as a representative of the Township to conduct auctions on behalf of the Township at **www.GovDeals.com**. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the Trustee’s December 16, 2020 regular meeting and 2021 organizational meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 9:06 pm, 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.