

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – January 4, 2023

A regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on January 4, 2023.

Attendance:

Trustees: Bill Hammer, and Paul Runion

Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus

Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis

Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker

Others: Township Resident Gary Thomasson (left at 7:25 pm)

Chairman Bill Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary Thomasson addressed the township on things he has done for the township with the best interest of the township in mind and stated he has never asked for compensation for these services. These included mowing of the right of way, removal of trimmed tree branches thrown in the ditch by outside contractors, and repairing of ruts in the right of way.

Gary and the neighbors of Township Road 14 took it upon themselves to have the ditch cleaned by a private company. Issues arose from this ditch cleaning which caused Gary financial overruns. There was no signed agreement between the residents which may have been the cause of these issues. The Township Trustees have also learned from this neighborhood dispute and will be developing a suggested guideline with helpful tips they have learned from their experiences with projects for future private cleaning of the ditches. This will hopefully assist township residents to help address potential issues before they arise when they are privately contracting out a project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker was not able to be present, but sent an email to report on the following activities of the fire department:

1. Instead of an age limit, the Fire Dept Association recommends we tighten our Physical Requirement and possibly develop an Agility Test. Recruiting is tough enough and if we get some older, but healthy people interested that can serve in support roles, it is tough to assign an age cut off that would make sense under the current manpower issues. We were reminded that we have had people join in their late 40s or early 50s that were able to serve us well.
2. In December, the department only had 5 runs, but 2 of them were rather extensive including the 46 car-truck pile up on the Ohio Turnpike on December 23 in blizzard conditions. Six firefighters were actually on scene for 11 hours while a second crew stayed at the station to cover our area.
3. R-1 at Williams. Brake repairs were needed after it froze on the turnpike run and there are still outstanding items that were identified during its last annual inspection and the compartment heater isn't working.
4. The 4.5 sets of gear we sent out to be cleaned following the turnpike accident were inspected at Phoenix and determined they could not clean them so to save the expense of them trying, they are sending them directly to a CO2 cleaning company. This will cost approximately \$150 dollars per item. We sent 5 pants and 4 coats each with a liner. This will be 18 items. This is our best chance to salvage the almost brand new and in a couple cases, brand new gear.
5. Benders came out to reprogram the Kenwood UHF radios to add the school frequency. They did not have the proper equipment so they could not accomplish the task as requested. They did however get the frequencies added to our 2 Martin Marietta radios so we have a least 1 radio for LS19 and 1 for Fire if needed. I will be working with Benders to ensure we do not get over charged for that visit as it was not our fault they did not bring the equipment they needed.
6. I am working hard at getting our 2023 Training Schedule organized. Getting the office more efficient for the way I work and the Inventory updated with current prices and equipment. Once R-1 gets back we need to get a good look at the reorganization of the trucks and make sure we have current inventory and placement on them as well.
7. I spoke to Ben Brien, and he is stepping down as Lieutenant. I will be advertising his spot and filling it soon.
8. On January 23, the State Fire Marshal will be here to go over filling out the NFIRS reports (the National Fire Incident Reporting System) fire run reports that we send to the state. We have invited area departments to attend.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis presented three approved zoning permits – Shane Baumert, 2476 CR 42, to record a conservation area he will have on his property for state and federal permits for a wildlife area, no charge; Jim Miller, 3277 CR 56, Woodville, for a one-year extension to permit #20-18 for his greenhouse which will actually expire next September, 2023, no charge, agriculture; and Jaime and Rachel Sanson, 5647 CR 167, Woodville, for a 30' x 40' storage building, the \$50 permit fee was paid.

Trustee Hammer is arranging a Zoom Meeting and/or In-person meeting at the Woodville Township Fire Station on January 11 with a representative from the Ohio Farm Bureau who is very knowledgeable on solar field regulations. The Woodville Township Zoning Commission will hold their regular meeting following. Sandusky County Regional Planning Director John Willey, Sandusky County Prosecutor Beth Tischler, and area Township Trustees have been invited to attend to discuss implementing county-wide zoning rules and regulations regarding solar fields.

CEMETERY – No report.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that the area behind the salt shed would be a good site for the proposed brush dump. Trustee Hammer made a motion to purchase block for the transfer station and have Matt Tille haul it in up to \$2,000. Trustee Runion seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

FISCAL OFFICER – Lori Kepus presented the Trustees with the Township's **balanced bank reconciliation** for the month of December, and the updated Fund, Revenue, and Appropriation Status reports.

Below is the December financial report.

December Revenue Received	\$ 24,765.71
December Expenses Paid	\$ 216,407.67
Balance of all Funds as of 12/31/2022	\$ 2,480,993.68

Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Runion seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the December 21, 2022 meeting minutes and the December 21, 2022 reorganizational minutes for 2023. Trustee Hammer seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 7:55 pm, with no further business, Trustee Runion moved for adjournment. Trustee Hammer seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.