

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – July 21, 2021

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on July 21, 2021. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Paul Runion, and Bill Hammer, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker, Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson (left at 7:27 pm), Fire Chief Bill Andrews, and Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis.

Trustee Chairman Ken Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held observing the COVID-19 pandemic precautions including social distancing.

EMS – Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson reported on the following:

- Since the last meeting the squad developed some more mechanical issues. It is currently back at Madison Motors getting all new injectors as only the rings were replaced in the prior service, a new injector pump and auxiliary fan. We are hopeful for its return later this week.
- Our accreditation site visit will be August 2-3 and will be all virtual by Zoom this year.
- One of the Medics stationed at 19 (Clay Finken) has had a change in careers, and today is his last shift.
- LS19 had 47 calls in June resulting in 30 transports to area hospitals - 19 advanced life support transports and 11 basic life support transports.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-06 authorizing the reduction of the 5.7 mill levy for EMS to only collect 3.9 mills for Tax Year 2021, payable in Tax Year 2022. The full rate of collection of the 5.7 mill levy is not necessary due to EMS services being contracted to the Sandusky County EMS. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

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

- The new Breathing Air Compressor system has a 2-year warranty. They also have available a maintenance contract. It is \$1,394.89 for semi-annual visits, and \$1,056.64 for an annual checkup. The contract would start in February, 2022. The Trustees stated the annual PM checkup would be fine for here.
- X-3 is at Williams for service. R-1 will go in next week.
- 2 adapters were purchased for X-2 and X-4 (6" to 4.5") for use on Gibsonburg's dry hydrants when we are called there for mutual aid.
- Purchased two battery backup units for the computer and "I Am Responding" system.
- 2 flat hoses and nozzles were purchased by us for decon/wash down for X-2 and X-4.
- Sprayers to spray white vinegar on lime burns were bought by us. The white vinegar neutralizes the lime dust.
- Ground ladder testing will be August 31st.
- I cleaned the kitchen carpets and those in the truck bay.
- Sandusky County EMS does not have any use for the old cot.
- Atlantic Emergency Services (Finley Fire) is sponsoring a two-day event in Columbus September 25 and 26 and offering free heavy rescue training. We are considering attending.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to authorize the payment of \$9,270 for the Fire-fighter's 2nd Quarter, 2021 compensation for runs and training. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported that the grass is really growing fast this year due to all the rain we have gotten this summer. Workers have put a lot of hours on the mowers compared to last year. We have also been very busy this summer with burials mostly due to the fact that funerals were put on hold last year due to the COVID pandemic.

The Sandusky County Jail Inmates in the Community Work Program have been at the cemetery to trim. There are not many inmates that qualify for this program this year, so the work is not getting done on a regular basis.

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

- Will most likely repair the bad spot on TR 121 next week.
- We have been busy working on the bermer and broom.
- Discovered that the tile at the culvert at TR 139 and SR 105 that goes under SR 105 at the edge of the pavement is not plastic it is corrugated. I called ODOT, and they will come and take a look at it.
- Sprayed the cattails in the TR 42 ditch and various other township ditches.
- I will be getting quotes on a new welder. Ours is 40 years old and needs replaced. The Trustees did not have any objections to this purchase.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05 to award the bid and enter into contract with M&B Asphalt in the amount of \$769,880 for the Issue II 2021 Township Roads Resurfacing Project with Woodville Township (Lead), Jackson, Madison, Rice, Scott, and Washington. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported on the following:

- The certified letters for nuisance properties/clean-ups were mailed July 14th to Tom Linke, various township properties, William Linke on Fostoria Road, and Jacky Skaggs on TR 93. Both Linke properties are for clean-up reasons and Skaggs is also a possible double residence, possible home-based business, and possible junk issue. All were given a deadline of August 17 to have their issues taken care of. I talked with Mr. Skaggs back in March, and he claimed none of these things were happening. Mr Skaggs called me after receiving his letter and invited me to inspect the property. I will schedule a date with a trustee also joining. I've had no response from the other two.
- Approved Permit 21-17 – Ron and Kendra Blevins – 6490 CR 107, Gibsonburg (Woodville Township) – New Construction – 58.4' x 45.8' single family home. The \$100 permit fee was paid.
- Approved Permit 21-18 – Jennifer and Kenneth Millerschone – 7593 SR 582, Woodville – New Construction – 50' x 70' single family home. The \$100 permit fee was paid.
- Representative s from Martin Marietta and Area Aggregates attended the Zoning Commission meeting on July 14th. The Commission asked questions to better understand the quarry's perspectives on the Industrial permit. After discussion, the commission decided to leave the permit requirements as they are and to not change anything at this time. If either quarry would like to see a change in the requirements, they were told they could file for a zoning amendment change.

Trustee Runion stated that Diana Zapata-Eva, TR 165, Genoa (Woodville Township) has mowed her grass, and she said she was going to come back and remove trees to further cleanup the property.

FISCAL OFFICER – Lori Kepus reported that the tax exemption from the state has been approved for the parcel of land purchased next to the road maintenance building last May. The state will mail the final determination letter at the end of the month.

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) was signed into law by President Biden. Included in the ARP Act was over \$350 billion for states and local governments to use to help emerge from the public health crisis. Of the total amount allocated, the State of Ohio received \$5.368 billion, counties received \$2.270 billion, and Metro Cities (those with a population over 50,000) received \$2.175 billion and non-entitlement units of local government (entities under 50,000 in population) received \$844 million.

Due to changes in the definition of local government as the Act made its way through the legislative process, the eligibility of Ohio townships with regard to this funding was in question. The Act that was signed into law used the Census Bureau's definition of local government, due to the fact that the state of Ohio has incorporated and unincorporated areas; this left Ohio's townships in flux as to whether they would be considered eligible units of local government.

Ultimately, three townships with a population greater than 50,000 in the unincorporated territory were classified by the US Treasury as a "Metro City" and received direct allocation of ARP funds. For the remaining 1,305 townships in Ohio, Treasury left the decision up to the State of Ohio as to whether they were to be considered non-entitlement units (NEUs) of local government for purposes of receiving ARP dollars.

After intensive lobbying by OTA staff and OTA members, on June 25, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 168, officially designating Ohio townships as eligible NEUs with regard to ARP funding. Governor DeWine signed this legislation on June 30, officially allowing townships to be eligible as non-entitlement units of local government giving them access to direct ARP funding. While this funding is similar to the CARES Act funding that was released last year, it is distinct and untied to previous federal funding during the pandemic.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to apply for the American Recovery Funds in the amount of \$130,100 and name Trustee Ken Green as the Authorized Representative and Lori Kepus as the Grant Contact and to establish a new revenue fund #2273 to receive a direct allotment of ARP funding to be used in accordance with Treasury guidelines. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Kepus will file the appropriate paperwork.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05 accepting the amounts and rates for Year 2022 as determined by the county budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Hammer 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 Trustee's July 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes and budget hearing minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

First Energy sent an email informing the public that the HeloAir Helicopter Co. will be the helicopter company assisting in the inspections of all Toledo Edison transmission lines, weather permitting, July 22 through July 28. The helicopter will be flying at a speed of about 35-40 mph above or alongside the lines and may circle around for a closer inspection. The helicopter is white with a blue tail.

At 8:55 pm, with no further business, Trustee Hammer moved for adjournment. Trustee Runion seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.