

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE’S REGULAR MEETING – June 7, 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, Ken Green, and Paul Runion
 Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus
 Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker
 Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker
 Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis
 Guests: Joyce Bower from the Zoning Commission and Township Resident Steve Shimatzki

The meeting began with the Public Hearing on the proposed addition to the Zoning Regulations regarding Solar Arrays as presented by the Woodville Township Zoning Commission. The Trustees discussed adding a few clarifying sentences. There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Runion made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-07 to amend the Woodville Township Zoning Resolution to add rules and regulations for small, medium, and large solar arrays.** Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 7:20 pm, the Trustees discussed the 2024 Budget proposal as presented by the Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus.

The township’s budget process generates the township’s 1st official certificate of estimated resources and that is what limits the amount of appropriations that the Trustees can set for the coming year. Overall, we’re a very financially sound township. The township purchased a new ambulance and fire truck this year so no major expenditures are anticipated in the coming year.

Kepus said revenue will remain steady with a slight increase in Local Government funding if a proposed law passes and interest rates are rebounding. The township has a balance of \$130,100 in funding from the federal government from the American Recovery Act which needs to be spent by the end of 2024.

The State of Ohio Department of Taxation has settled an appeal from the NEXUS pipeline, but it was again appealed so the amount of revenue from the NEXUS pipeline is still unknown at this time. NEXUS had asked for a decrease in valuation of their pipeline. They did settle at 68% of the original valuation, but the decision was appealed by the Lorain County Auditor who is challenging the valuation amount.

The cost for the basic necessities like natural gas, electric, garbage disposal, gasoline and diesel fuel remain high due to the present economic climate. The contract with Sandusky County EMS will remain at \$250,000.00. The expansion of Westwood Cemetery will most likely continue next year. The township owns the property behind the cemetery to the woods.

Listed below are the final projections for 2024:

| 2024 BUDGET | Estimated | Projected | Projected | Unencumbered |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Carryover Balance | Revenue | Expenses | Balance |
| General Fund | 382,939.11 | 152,730.00 | 148,970.00 | 386,699.11 |
| Motor Vehicle License Tax | 17,932.68 | 19,200.00 | 3,000.00 | 34,132.68 |
| Gasoline Tax | 117,801.20 | 146,000.00 | 132,200.00 | 131,601.20 |
| Road & Bridge Fund | 242,758.74 | 204,000.00 | 197,170.00 | 249,588.74 |
| Cemetery Fund | 223,393.80 | 62,800.00 | 66,600.00 | 219,593.80 |
| EMS Fund | 507,130.08 | 421,000.00 | 296,000.00 | 632,130.08 |
| Fire Levy Fund | 294,561.61 | 284,000.00 | 247,950.00 | 330,611.61 |
| Permissive License Tax | 17,665.24 | 17,000.00 | - | 34,665.24 |
| Coronavirus Local Recovery (ARP) | 0.22 | - | - | 0.22 |
| TOTALS | 1,804,182.68 | 1,306,730.00 | 1,091,890.00 | 2,019,022.68 |

Trustee Green made a motion to **adopt the 2024 budget for Woodville Township.** Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Kepus will file the budget with the County Auditor.

The budget hearing was over at 7:26 p.m.

EMS – After receiving the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the County Auditor, Trustee Runion made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-06 to place a 5-year, 5.7 mill EMS Renewal Levy** on the November 7 ballot. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Kepus will file the resolutions with the County Board of Elections.

Trustee Green went down to Horton with the County EMS to pick up the new squad on May 31. The new LS19 visited Safety Town at Woodmore Elementary tonight and then the Trustees got to see the final product before their meeting tonight. The squad will now go back to Fremont to have the final equipment check and will then be put in service. Final cost of the squad was \$264,996.00.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to spend up to \$2,500 to change the exhaust system to be compatible to the new squad. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Sandusky County EMS received the EMS Star of Life Award from the Ohio Department of Public Safety for bravery and dedication working under extreme conditions shown when responding to a horrific pileup on the Ohio Turnpike last December. A whiteout under blizzard conditions caused zero visibility. Temperatures were negative 4 with 54 mile per hour winds and a wind chill of minus 34. Drivers were blinded by the conditions causing a 51-vehicle pileup. 73 people were injured and 4 lost their lives.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker reported on the following:

1. R-1 has an Air Conditioner Leak and is going to WW Williams on June 13.
2. First estimate for tires is \$2,556 for X-5, \$6,360 for X-3 and \$4,106 for R-1 for a total of \$13,022. That was from L&K Tire who would donate tires for the X-6 trailer with this quote. I will call Specks tomorrow and if we have not done something before next Tuesday I will ask Williams what they would charge to put them on.
3. Madison Motors Towing in Fremont is bringing a Semi Tractor next Monday out to Ag-Pro for us to train on, and they are going to be assisting with the training. This is unheard of in all the time I have been on the department so I am excited or the guys. Unfortunately, I will be at work so Mark will be running the drill.
4. The meeting/breakfast on May 15 with the state officials went well. Officials in attendance were Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) State Representative Gary Click (R-Vickery) and State Representative Elgin Rogers (D-Toledo). The meeting was to show state legislators the impact state funding has had on public education. They didn't really have anything for us, but we were basically there to show how our school works with the fire department and the police.
5. We are on the calendar to take trucks to the carnival grounds and water the grass again this year. We are going to try to make a recruiting event out of it as well.
6. The EMS and Fire Departments are at Safety Town at Woodmore Elementary tonight.
7. The new truck must be getting close. Dave Miller has received some calls about finalizing some equipment issues.
8. A Forced Entry Policy will be added to our Standard Operating Procedures. It has been approved by the County Prosecutor.
9. 911 CAD Update – it will be tested in the next few weeks.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported on the following:

- The Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on June 1, 2023 to hear a variance request from Jeremy Wiswell, 3660 CR 62, Woodville, who would like to build a pole barn in his front yard versus the required back yard. Mr. Wiswell stated he does not have room in the back or side yard for this building. The Zoning Board of Appeals denied his application.
- Demolition of the former Atlas building on US 20 in conjunction with the State Building Demolition & Site Revitalization program is almost done. The Trustees stated that the area looks very nice.
- The windmill project at Martin Marietta has begun.

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

- It would be beneficial for the township to own their own garbage dumpster. Trustee Green made a motion to purchase a dumpster not to exceed \$5,000. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.
- The ditch bank on TR 42 needs repaired with riprap and cleaned out as there is a lot of algae accumulating since there has been no rain.
- ODOT awarded the 2024 Salt Contract to Cargill at \$49.94 a ton. 22 tons were ordered for Woodville Township.
- The Sandusky County Engineer's Paint Stripe Contract was awarded to the low bidder, Griffin Pavement Striping, Fremont. The township's portion of the contract is \$1,235 to stripe the centerline only on TR 139, TR 48, and TR 121, approximately 3 miles.

CEMETERY – Dean Silva from the county engineer's office is trying to find the original survey to Westwood Cemetery. The cemetery land was purchased in 1957 from Emil Konesky. The minute books from that period are missing from the township's records. There is no survey on record at the county either. Dean has located survey pins and found a survey rock in the woods. The survey of the area continues.

The Trustees signed a deed for one cemetery plot at Westwood Cemetery for Roger Weber, Woodville. The \$200 charge was paid.

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

Below is the May financial report.

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| May Revenue Received | \$ 26,240.81 |
| May Expenses Paid | \$ 3 07,027.26 |
| Balance of all Funds as of 5/31/2023 | \$ 2,668,500.14 |

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 May 17, 2023 meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 9:12 pm, with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Runion seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.