

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – June 19, 2024

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

Attendance:

Trustees: Ken Green, Paul Runion, and Bill Hammer
Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus
Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker

EMS – LS 19 had 50 runs in May with 26 transports to area hospitals.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker gave the following report:

X-4 is supposed to be back Wednesday, June 19, but WW Williams said they received the wrong parts for a filter and supposedly will have it done late tomorrow morning.

New member Noah Robleski will be registered at the Fire Academy soon.

P&R Communications quoted \$31,900.24 for a new siren. Their repair quote was \$8,984.71 for 3 speakers that are out. Sentry quoted \$22,334.00 for a mechanical siren. The Bender Communications quote was \$28,500.00 for a refurbished mechanical siren with a 1-year warranty. I went to the Woodville Village Council and explained to them what was going on with the siren and the prices I was getting. We talked about the fact that they have a vested interest in relocating the siren and now would be the opportune time. I explained to them that there is no requirement for a Fire Siren or a Tornado Siren other than our tax payers might have something to say if it just goes away.

They expressed interest in keeping the tornado siren but seemed ok with not having a Fire Siren and even though it would be capable of both a couple of them said they would be ok with not using it for that. Mayor Ty Tracy was going to talk to the County Commissioners to see if there was any funding available through them since there are no grants that I have been able to find. He was going to get back to me and asked that I let him know how the Trustees are leaning as well. If we relocate it, it will probably reach out into the township as well. We did talk about Trailmarker Park as a possible location.

The Trustees discussed this matter and since three of the six speakers are working, it's really at half strength, but the sound is still heard well in the village, the tornado siren, noon whistle, and the fire whistle. The Trustees all agreed that the siren could be moved elsewhere in the village due to the condition of the roof at the police station, but the Village would have to be responsible for this. The village is willing to put up a new pole by the building behind the police station and it could be relocated there, but the Trustees do not wish to purchase a brand new siren at this time due to the costs involved.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis was excused.

Casey's General Stores, Inc., a proposed new convenience store and fuel station in town, has applied for a zoning permit from the township. The Trustees will ask our zoning inspector to speak with the county prosecutor, regional planning commission, the township's zoning commission, and the Village of Woodville's administrator Tom Brickley and Zoning Inspector Jason Tindall as soon as possible to make sure this project goes smoothly.

Trustee Runion made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-06, a general policy for the removal of junk motor vehicles in Woodville Township** pursuant to ORC 505.871. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-07, a general policy for the removal of Vegetation and Debris in Woodville Township** pursuant to ORC 505.87. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

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

- M&B Asphalt tentatively plans to begin the road repaving projects on May 22
- Workers have been painting yellow Xs on the township roads for the county GIS map office
- We are also putting up lights in the new lean-to building.

Lori Kepus will write an **OSS Joint Solid Waste District Community Funding Grant** for a security camera system for the recycling area after a quote from Kuns Northcoast Security in Fremont in the amount of \$4,085 was obtained. Trustee Green made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-08** to apply for the OSS Community Funding Grant. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. If awarded, the grant will pay 75% (\$3,063.75) of the camera system and the township will be responsible for 25% (\$1,024.25).

The Trustees signed a work in the right of way permit for Amplex to bury fiber optic cable on three township roads. Trustee Runion made a motion to take a video of the existing road conditions for Emch (TR 16), Rife (TR 163), and Trapp (TR 165) Roads so any damage that may be caused by their heavy equipment by the Amplex contractor, KG Myers, will be seen if it occurs so Amplex will be responsible for repairs. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

CEMETERY – No report.

FISCAL OFFICER – No report.

Trustees Green and Runion attended a meeting of the county commissioners and were told that the County Courthouse in Woodville will not be moving to Fremont as previously reported. The current judge, Judge Mary Beth Fiser, explained to them that legally a county court judge cannot be unseated during their term after they have been elected or appointed to a specific court. Cynthia Welty was appointed Judge of the Clyde County Court #1 in October, 2023 by Governor DeWine after the Clyde court judge, Judge Kolesar resigned. Judges serve a six-year term. Judge Welty, if elected this year, will also serve the Woodville County Court #2 next year as Judge Fiser is retiring. Whoever is elected in November will be elected to a specific court and cannot be unseated until the next term.

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 June 5, 2024 meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:24 p.m., 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.