

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – June 16, 2021

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on June 16, 2021. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Paul Runion, and Bill Hammer, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker, Fire Chief Bill Andrews, Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson (left at 8:23 pm), Sandusky County Commissioner Russ Zimmerman, and Township Resident Bruce Stone (left at 7:34 pm). Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis was absent.

Also present from Olen Corporation / Area Aggregates: Scott Shaver (Northern Area Manager), Bryan Bartsch (Mine Planning Specialist), Tim Bischoff (Woodville Plant Manager) (all left at 7:34 pm).

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.

The following is part of the EPA's notice that appeared in the newspaper:

AREA AGGREGATES - Application for Antidegradation Project Area Aggregates/Olen Corp Woodville Plant, 659 Anderson Rd, Woodville, OH 43469.

The following matter is the subject of this public notice by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The complete public notice, including any additional instructions for submitting comments, requesting information, a public hearing, or filing an appeal may be obtained at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/actions.aspx> or Hearing Clerk, Ohio EPA, 50 W. Town St. P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Ph: 614-644-3037 or email: HCLerk@epa.ohio.gov.

Antidegradation project as defined by OAC 3745-1-05 - an exclusion or waiver is not applicable. Public meeting of Application for NPDES permit **6 p.m. July 20, 2021. Attendees must preregister at:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6676753988147077388>.

Area Aggregates heard there were concerns from the Trustees and attended the Trustee's meeting to answer any questions regarding this application before the EPA holds their public hearing. Area Aggregates/Olen Corp has applied for an antidegradation permit from the Ohio EPA for the increase of discharge wastewater to Sugar Creek from 0.57 MGD to 1.5 MGD (million gallons discharge) to the TR 40 ditch.

Brian Bartsch from Area Aggregates stated that they would not be pumping more than they already are, but they wanted to have a limit of 1.2 million permit so they would comply with EPA. Brian stated their old permit allowed that much discharge. The Trustees questioned if the old permit was for other discharge sites besides the TR 40 ditch. Scott Shaver from Area Aggregates questioned whether the ditch along TR 40 should have been the last to be cleaned instead of the first ditch cleaned. The Trustees stated that that ditch had to be cleaned at that time to stop the erosion of the road. Scott also mentioned that they were already working on the discharge rate and are dumping multiple times in a 24-hour period. They acknowledged that they were discharging only to TR 40 and not to CR 32.

Further discussion with the Trustees, County Engineer, residents and area representatives will take place for information on the progress of this situation. Trustee Runion volunteered to meet with Brian and the county to share LIDAR and elevations and any other possible resolutions.

Bruce Stone stated that the US 20 to TR 93 ditch has to be cleaned and pulled back some. The CR 32 ditch is not going to handle all the water that is going to be discharged into that ditch. It's going to take a combination of things to make this work. We want to resolve this, not just make progress. It would make more sense to just use both the TR 40 and the CR 32 ditch.

The Trustees said they need to resume communications with property owners along TR 93 & Sugar Creek and take care of that issue. The Township and the County were going to pay to have that section cleaned, but one of the property owners has not yet given us permission to do this. We have been attempting to contact a neighboring property owner to get permission and do it from his side, but he has not been in the area lately.

Russ Zimmerman noted that the county records indicate that there is a 24" tile in that ditch by the quarry that was put in in 1946-1947 by Ohio Hydrated Lime. That line was abandoned...Area Aggregates requested a LIDAR of the area and any information regarding what the elevations were, and Jenna at the County Engineer's is the contact for obtaining the LIDAR (laser scanning for light detection and ranging).

Trustee Runion reiterated information from a meeting he attended recently among county officials and Area Aggregates and himself to discuss issues and concerns and would like to have the following suggestions/conclusions from that meeting on public record.

1. Area Aggregates will need to clean and dip TR 40 ditch from north of Route 20 to the Sugar Creek.
2. It would be most helpful if Area Aggregates should agree to reduce the volume of the discharge and pump water multiple times a day to avoid pumping a large amount at one time.
3. Area Aggregates needs to explore the option of pumping to two different sites. One along CR 32 to the Portage River and one from TR 40 to Sugar Creek.
4. Olen Corporation will provide a flow chart to the political subdivisions of who to contact at Area Aggregates/Olen for any concerns/comments.
5. The Olen representatives committed to having a bigger presence in the community. They want to be good neighbors.

Trustee Runion said when Woodville Township first got involved with Area Aggregates over a year ago it had less to do with the flow of the water and more to do with the erosion of the road and that's why we asked them to fix that ditch on TR 42 and put the rip-rap in. Woodville Township originally got involved just to protect the township roads. This had nothing to do with the current situation, but conversations were started. We had many discussions with Area Aggregates about solutions, but that's when talks between us broke down.

From the Trustees April, 2020 minutes - Trustee Runion stated that regarding the clean-out of the TR 40 ditch – the Olen environmental agency (parent company to Area Aggregates which is a subordinate of Kokosing) today agreed to pay the quote of \$5,000 from Ron Hovis Construction to dip out the ditch on TR 40 from where Area Aggregates discharges quarry water to US 20. Runion also stated that the Sandusky County Engineer also committed to taking care of some of the issues with the flow of the water North of US 20 to Sugar Creek.

From the Trustees May, 2020 minutes - Ron Hovis Construction removed the rock from the ditch on TR 40. The Township hydroseeded the field side of the ditch bank on TR 40 The county engineer's office spread the material.

Trustee Ken Green summed up tonight's discussion.

1. An issue to be resolved is where are you going with the discharge from the pumps?
2. How fast are the pumps? Intermittent or continually all at once?
3. Cleaning of the ditch so it can handle the larger amounts.
4. Improving the ditch so it can handle more water.
5. Exploring how much water is pumped down TR 40 from US 20 to the Sugar Creek.
6. Can that water be spread out over a longer period of time vs a lot over a short period of time.
7. Clean the TR 93 ditch and remove trees.
8. Divert water down CR 32 if possible.
9. Area Aggregates may get Adkins to camera the tile on CR 32 to see where it goes? Is it plugged? Is that a viable option?

The Trustees encouraged Area Aggregates to keep the lines of communication open so the best solution can be reached, and thanked them for coming and discussing the issue.

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

- For the month of May, LS19 had 52 calls dispatched with 28 transports to area hospitals. 23 Advanced life-support transports and 5 basic life-support transports.
- The township squad was recently in again for service at Madison Motors. The truck would start then stall. They ended up doing work on the injectors as they found the O rings were bad not allowing fuel to pass by. Essentially the truck was being flooded. Maintenance costs are being paid by the Sandusky County EMS.
- We are at the point of needing to order squad chassis' for the new trucks. Sandusky County will be purchasing the gas powered F550. Chassis' need to get ordered so we can get on the list and beat the July 1 price increase.
- EMS19 will be on the grounds for Woodville's 4th of July celebration and will have the county's special ops trailer down there.

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

- Congratulations to Matt Depner and Spencer Linke for receiving their Firefighter I certifications.
- Congratulations to Seth Parkhurst for receiving his Fire Inspector's Certification.
- Assistant Chief Dave Miller is on medical leave.
- There will be no Sandusky County Firefighter Association meetings in June or July.
- The Breathing Air Compressor has been installed and is now functional.
- Going to start getting the trucks in for their annual service.
- Gibsonburg will have its Homecoming Celebration June 16-19 with a parade and fireworks on June 19. We will provide a truck (X-5), the gator, and manpower.
- We will provide Fair Duty at the Sandusky County Fair on August 25 with X-5 and several people.
- Woodville will be having their annual 4th of July Celebration July 1-3. We will help at the 5K Run on July 2 and the parade and fireworks on July 3.
- An American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here June 17.

Kepus reported that the advertisement for bid for a 1,500 GPM, 1,000 gallon pumper truck has been placed in the Suburban Press and News Messenger on two different weeks, and the details are also advertised on the township's website at www.woodvilletownship.org. Bids will be opened at the trustee's meeting on August 4.

Sandusky County Treasurer Kimberley Foreman will be at the fire station on June 22 from 10 am to 11:30 am to collect 2nd 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, July 9, 2021.

CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported that he has installed a solar light to shine on the American flag at night at the Westwood Cemetery.

Lori Kepus said that the new normal is for some families to plan their own funeral services at the cemetery and she has received numerous requests for a tent. The Township does not provide this service, only opening and closings of a grave. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously decided that tents will only be permitted to be put up by a certified vault company.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that one-third of the second round of road mowing is done.

Busdiecker has noticed that there is a very, very large weed growing in the TR 42 ditch that will soon be stopping the flow of water to Gibsonburg. The county's ditch maintenance person will identify the weed. The County Engineer's Office had found records that Madison Township is responsible for that ditch's maintenance as this ditch empties the village's water.

A resident asked that the brush be trimmed back on the curve on TR 93 and also some on TR 24.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis had to attend to a work matter, but sent a list of what he has been working on.

- I drafted letter for nuisance properties/clean-ups and sent to the Assistant County Prosecutor to look over and critique. I've called and left voice mails, but have had no response. First few on the list are Tom Linke (clean up), various township properties, William Linke, Fostoria Road (clean-up), and Jacky Skaggs, CR 93 (clean-up and possible double residence). These are the properties I have had current complaints on.
- Chase Rewoldt – I looked at a possible zoning permit for a residence that he would like to build by the cemetery. We discussed various options, concerns, and suggestions. He needs to obtain a lot split before a permit will be issued.
- Discussed river bank cleaning with James Gregg. I told him our zoning resolution has no regulations, but he may want to contact John Willey at Regional Planning for EPA and US Army Corp of Engineers' requirements.
- Discussed variance request with Bill Wagner, TR 93, again. He is going to wait due to the price of lumber.
- I will be on vacation from June 24 through July 2.

Diana Zapata-Eva has not yet removed the weeds and tall grass on her property at 6217 CR 165, Genoa. Per ORC, the Township can mow the property and bill the costs to her property tax duplicate. Ms. Zapata-Eva has contacted Trustee Runion, but did not say she would mow, and Runion told her that if she does not mow it soon, the township will mow and bill her taxes.

FISCAL OFFICER – Lori Kepus reported that the Township will hold their 2022 Public Budget Hearing on July 7 at the Trustee's regularly scheduled meeting.

The Ohio Public Works Commission has a new format to apply for and administrate Issue II loans. The management tool for OPWC funding is known as WorksWise. Trustee Runion made a motion to authorize Lori Kepus, Fiscal Officer, to perform any and all of the necessary tasks in the name of Woodville Township to complete and submit applications for funds, modify and submit the applications, submit project disbursements, and close out funded projects. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Ohio General Assembly recently enacted HB 500 updating the law governing certification of questions and issues to the ballot. It is now legal to email a certified question or issue to the board of elections for placement on the ballot. This change does not allow petitions of candidates for elected offices to be filed electronically. Those must still be filed in paper form. Each entity must designate an individual whom can send the filings.

Trustee Runion made a motion to designate Lori Kepus, Fiscal Officer, to serve as the contact for filings to the board of elections and send her contact information via email as requested by the board of elections. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Hammer announced that the Sandusky County Township Association will be meeting once again for the first time since January, 2020 due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, 2020 that stopped everything. The picnic will be held on July 15 at Conner Park in Ballville Township, Fremont.

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 June 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 9:15 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.