

MINUTES OF THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING JUNE 18, 2014

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on June 18, 2014. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Bill Hammer, Ken Green, Paul Heineman, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus --- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker (arrived at 7:45 p.m.) --- Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles (left at 9:00 p.m.) Fire Chief Bill Andrews & Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller (both left at 8:15 p.m.) and Township Resident Bob Schroeder (left at 9 p.m.).

Chairman Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Minutes from the June 4, 2014 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

EMS – No report.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles presented two approved zoning permits for: Anthony & Samantha Schroeder, 7555 SR 582, Woodville, for new construction of a single family dwelling 64' x 36'. The \$100 permit fee was paid; and Kokosing Materials (Area Aggregates) 659 Anderson Road, Woodville, for a portable asphalt plant. The \$150 permit fee was paid.

Mr. Rowles stated he will be on vacation from June 24 to July 1.

Kepus reported that a noxious weed letter was not sent to the Serrano Investment Group as the weeds have been cut at 1440 Pemberville Road. The Trustees unanimously authorized Kepus to send a noxious weed letter by certified mail to Geraldine (c/o) Doug Greifendorf, 1314 SR 20, Woodville. Discussion was also held regarding weeds rapidly growing on a property owned by Martin Marietta, and Trustee Green will speak with them before a letter is sent.

CEMETERY – The Township repurchased two lots at Westwood Cemetery owned by Dale & Lois Grove of Woodville. The lots were purchased at their original 1996 selling price of \$110 each.

ROADS – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported on the following:

- Road mowing is complete for the first round.
- There has been quite a bit of interest in the boom mower for sale. Sealed bids will be received until July 2.
- Discussion was held regarding how Kokosing will exit from their new portable asphalt plant. Jim will find out what the load limits are on the surrounding roads.
- Kokosing also asked if the Township required a permit to bore under a township road. The Trustees unanimously stated that no permit was required for this use, but if any damage were done, they would be required to make the repairs. They are working on TR 40.
- Candelario & Eva Longorio are enclosing the ditch in front of their residence on the corner of TR 151 & TR 62. Busdiecker told them that if they do this, the property owners will be responsible to take care of the area, not the Township. He also gave them a driveway permit and now this project will be permanently recorded.

The Trustees discussed the deteriorating conditions of the damaged barns on Fort Findlay Road owned by Virginia Swartz. The Trustees have had numerous talks with Ms. Swartz regarding removing these structures, but they still remain. The Trustees unanimously agreed to begin the nuisance abatement process for removal and will ask the Fire Chief to officially inspect the structure and make a recommendation.

The Trustees identified a number of nuisance properties in the Township that need to be addressed: Keith Alwert (TR 107) barn fell down, ambulance in the front yard; Virginia Swartz, Fort Findlay Road, three barns falling down; the former Atlas building, East Main Street; an environmental concern; the Miller property at the corner of US 20 and TR 56. One of the identified properties - the Rodriguez fire damaged house on TR 165 was recently removed through the Sandusky County Health Department's *Moving Ohio Forward* program.

Township Resident Bob Schroeder stated that he feels cracksealing is desperately needed to preserve the roads, especially on newly repaved roads. He has observed cracks on many roads mostly due to heavy farm traffic. Discussion was also held regarding placing a road levy before voters for the purpose of road maintenance. The Township is not able to pave roads on a regular schedule as Issue II money is now received only every 3-5 years vs. every other year as it had been many years ago, the cost per mile of road is increasing dramatically, and revenues are never increasing, only falling.

JEDD – The official signed Sugar Creek JEDD (SR 51, Elmore) contract agreement between the Village of Elmore, Harris Township, and Woodville Township was sent by the Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation. The agreement will be enforce following the required action steps: the Ohio Development Service Agency is required to review the agreement and issue any necessary change orders before July 23. Following the DSA review, the village and townships are required to form the JEDD board within 60-days and hold their first organizational meeting.

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

- The department and X-5 will participate in the annual firemen's convention and parade in Northwood June 20-21.
- The department will participate in the Woodville parade and carnival on July 5 and fireworks will shoot off that evening.
- Members will meet with Chris Stone on July 5 to inspect the mud run grounds. Stone has personally insured the July 12 & 13 event and the department will provide basic stand by only.
- Elmore's fireworks were postponed until August 31. The department will provide backup mutual aid.
- Chief found that the exhaust system in the truck bay was hanging improperly and installed capacitors purchased from Grainger to fix the problem.
- Chief showed the Trustees a picture of an FH Barcoding system from ACS Firehouse Software that includes a Motorola scanner and barcode stickers for \$1,950. The durable scanner is built for harsh environments, and the department feels it will make tracking equipment easier and more efficient. It easily records and updates repairs made, scheduled maintenance, events, and changes and could also be used to mark all equipment in the Township. The Trustees wanted more information about who may be using the system and how it works for them.
- Chief would like to update the 2011 Fire Code books to the current version.
- Hose testing started last Monday. Chief reminded the Trustees that the new fire standards require that any hose purchased before 1986 must be replaced. Chief applied for an AFG grant and received \$10,000 and part of this grant was earmarked for 30 lengths of hose. The department will still need to replace 52 lengths of hose over the next few years.
- P&R Radio Communications reprogrammed the UHF portable radios to the MARCS radios.
- Benders is looking for the appropriate software to complete the narrow banding that they originally told us was done. The Township will not be charged for this due to a lack of communication on Bender's part.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2014-04** declaring the necessity to levy outside the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Township for the purpose of Fire Department Operations and New Equipment Purchase at a rate of renewal of three (3) mill for each one dollar of valuation for a period of five (5) tax years, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 commencing in the tax year 2015. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Kepus will ask the County Auditor to prepare the appropriate certification needed to place the issue on the November 4 ballot.

FISCAL OFFICER – Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus reported that the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation will be moving to a prospective billing system in 2016. Currently the township pays their annual premium after the wages have been earned. To help prevent "double billing" the BWC will provide a one-year premium credit to help ease the transition. They are making this change to improve their ability to detect non-compliance and fraud, which they in turn feel will provide employers more savings.

Trustee Green made a motion to renew the agreement with the Frank Gates Company as the Township's representative in the BWC's group rating program in the amount of \$1,053. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the transfer of \$200 from the Fire Levy Fund – Machinery & Equipment Account to the Fire Levy Fund – Workers Compensation Account to appropriately allocate funds. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 9:30 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Heineman seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.