

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE’S REGULAR MEETING – March 17, 2021

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held March 17, 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, Fire Chief Bill Andrews, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller, Woodmore Superintendent Tim Rettig and Levy Chairman Andy Knepper, and Sandusky County Commissioner Scott Miller (left at 8:38 pm). Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis was absent.

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.

STATE OF OUR ECONOMY

Governor DeWine announced that Ohio's statewide case rate stands at 143.8 cases per 100,000 people over the past two weeks. When Ohio reaches 50 cases per 100,000 people for two weeks, all health orders will be lifted.

Sandusky County remains in the RED alert category due to a high rate of reportable cases and has confirmed 3,151 cases of COVID-19 positive persons and 1,726 probable cases, 332 of these required hospitalization, and there have been 115 deaths in Sandusky County. 4,641 persons are presumed recovered after a COVID+ test.

GUESTS – Tim Rettig, Superintendent of Woodmore Schools and Andy Knepper, Chairman of the Levy Committee, were present to give an overview of the 10-year substitute levy on the May ballot. They explained that the school district is trying to combine two current 4-year General Fund levies (\$829,000 and \$600,000). It's called a "substitute" levy" but it is a renewal only. No new monies are involved, they are just attempting to streamline two levies into one. Thee school district currently has 3 renewals every 5 years. This is an effort to reduce the number of renewals to 3 every 10 years. We will not have to come back to the voters every 4 years now. Residents will continue to benefit from the 12-1/2% rollback that is paid by the state. It's not for a new performing arts center. The word "substitute" means that you can capitalize on any new real estate growth or "new construction" in the community.

Mr. Rettig also thanked the Township for helping with snow removal this past season. You really got us out of a bind. Both gentlemen left at 7:16 pm.

Sandusky County Commissioner Scott Miller was present to give an update on activity throughout the county.

- The commissioners sub-granted to every school district in the county \$100,000 from their CARES ACT funding. \$11 million was given to us.
- The county sales tax went through the roof during the pandemic. We were anticipating it was going to go down substantially and were surprised, but very pleased that it went up.
- Better Building Project.....we are currently renovating the courthouses and would like to help out the Woodville Court.
- The Sandusky County Jail has had zero COVID cases.
- He reminded everyone that all are welcome to attend the commissioner's meetings from 10 am to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the courthouse.

The Trustees discussed the Area Aggregates antidegradation permit application for the increase of discharge of water from the plant which flows down Township Road 40 to Sugar Creek. Mr. Miller stated that the cleaning of the Sugar Creek ditch is on their agenda.

EMS – Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson presented the 2020 EMS Year-end in Review. The county in total responded to 6,703 calls. The county employed 27 EMS employees who hold various certifications including pre-hospital trauma life support, pediatric advanced life support, advanced cardiac life support, and crisis intervention training. In 2020, the system obtained another Gold Plus rating in Mission Lifeline STEMI recognition from the American Heart Association. They continue to work through the COVID-19 pandemic observing all precautions.

Chief Jackson stated that things are starting to wind back down to normalcy after the large increase in calls over the winter. In the month of February, LS19 responded to 30 calls.

New Pediatric Advanced Life Support bags have been placed in all of the squads. These bags are weight and age based, and work with an app on any tablet or phone. Chief Jackson left at 7:31 pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Bill Andrews reported on the following:

- He received an email from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal that the \$10,000 grant he applied for to help offset the cost of a new Breathing Air Compressor has been approved. The unit will cost approximately \$52,500. Chief will get a firm quote on the unit and the township will bid it out if the purchase will be over \$50,000.
- He filed a reimbursement claim for Hazmat Recovery Funds through the Sandusky County EMA for equipment and manpower used at a recent diesel spill on SR 20.18 manpower hours were needed to clean-up the 50-100 gallons of diesel fuel that was dumped.
- The FF1 class is using Martin Marietta's vacant house on Lime Street for practice along with X-2.
- The department's truck committee and two trustees met with a rep from Sutphen last night and worked on the specs for the new truck.
- The last drive through pancake breakfast will be held April 11. They served 387 meals at the last breakfast.
- The American Red Cross Bloodmobile on March 9 collected 18 pints and one was a first time donor. The next Bloodmobile at the station is April 22.

CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported that spring cleanup at both cemeteries is upon us. All arrangements must be removed by March 30. Kepus will put notices in the Suburban Press over a two week period.

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

- We have been installing the tile on TR 48 in preparation for the upcoming Issue II project.
- The county has the hydroseeding of the TR 40 ditch on their work agenda.
- We have been hauling stone from Martin Marietta every Wednesday to increase our stockpile for upcoming road and cemetery projects.
- We received our load of road salt from last winter's salt contract through ODOT. Approximately 35 ton of road salt was used this last winter season.

- I have been working on cleaning up the dirt piles next door and taking various scrap items to Elliott Scrapping and will be cleaning up the brush.
- The nearby township that was interested in purchasing the old sweeper is no longer interested.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to authorize the participation in the **ODOT Salt Contract** awarded in 2021 and to commit to the purchase of 50 ton of road salt. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Kepus will fill out all of the necessary paperwork to complete the participation agreements.

Trustee Green made a motion to participate in the county's annual **Pavement Marking Contract** for 2021. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. The following roads will be marked: **TR 139** centerline only (approximately 1 mile) and **TR 62 South** from US 20 to Madison Township Line centerline only (approximately 1 mile).

Toledo Edison sent an application to work in the township's right-of-way at East Main Street and CR 93, but Trustee Green had spoken to them stating the work they wish to do is not in the township's right-of-way and that portion of the road belongs to ODOT so they would need to speak with them.

AREA AGGREGATES EPA PERMIT

The Trustees submitted the following letter to the Ohio EPA regarding this permit application:

The Woodville Township Trustees have been notified of a request by Area Aggregates / Olen Corporation, plant ID #2IJ00028, for the increase of discharge of water from the plant from 0.57 MGD to 1.5 MGD which flows down Township Road 40 to Sugar Creek.

The Trustees have several concerns with the added degradation to the existing waterways. These concerns include the increase of water to the current flood plain, farmland drainage and tilling, stress on residential septic systems, and home resident wells.

The Trustees have witnessed several events of white water discharged from the quarry and are concerned about sediment build up in the water ways, and the quality of the water being discharged.

Through discussions with the county engineering staff, the county's soil and water administration, and Township residents, the Township has specific questions:

1. *What changed at Area Aggregates causing their request to increase the volume of discharge?*
2. *There are concerns regarding the discharging of white water and its contents.*
3. *Flow rate is being based on a 24 hour time frame. Will there be periods of time where the flow will be greater? It has been stated in the past, the quarry has exceeded their current permit.*
4. *Where are the existing and proposed flow paths from beginning to end?*
5. *Who allowed for the changing of discharges from the Portage River to the Sugar Creek watershed?*
6. *When was the change approved and by whom?*
7. *There are concerns over the capability of the existing ditches and crossovers to Sugar Creek. When the existing ditches and crossovers need to be upgraded, who will provide these improvements?*
8. *During heavy rain events, how will the discharge be affected?*
9. *Were the modifications to the existing ditch on Area Aggregates' property approved, and how will this affect the properties upstream draining into this waterway?*
10. *Environmental impacts to Sugar Creek?*

Based on the number of concerns by the Board of Trustees and concerns that the Trustees have heard from our residents, Woodville Township is requesting that a public hearing be scheduled by the EPA to answer these concerns.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis was not present, but did send an update on zoning issues.

- He is working on preparing applications for home-based business permits for Magsig, Kirk, Gerwin, Edwards, Heins, Hutchins, and Wieland for a possible hearing in April.
- He has hand-delivered second notice letters of zoning violations to Ryan Moser, TR 24, and Tom Linke, for junk issues on various properties.
- Will be meeting with Brickner/Screptok, TR 93, John Huss, SR 105, Chris Stone, US 20, and Fred Gerwin, SR 300, to write zoning permits.
- Met with a resident on US Route 20 concerning a semi-trailer possibly being used for storage. I will be sending him a letter regarding the violation, informing him that the trailer must be removed by April 30th.
- Received septic permit info from the health department for Ryan Moser, TR 24.
- The Reinecks on US 20 have cleaned up the entire vacant property that they recently purchased and removed the trailer and that situation is now resolved.

FISCAL OFFICER

Sandusky County will be holding a Bicentennial Birthday Bash from noon to 1 pm on the courthouse steps in Fremont to celebrate Sandusky County's Bicentennial + 1 year. Guest speakers will be Senator Bill Reineke and Representative Gary Click. The Bicentennial Traveling Museum and Jimmy G's food truck will also be there. Please remember to wear a face covering and to physically distance from others. Plans last year were cancelled.

due to the COVID19 pandemic, but the committee plans to continue on with their plans this year. For more celebration information, visit bicentennial2020.org.

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 March 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 9:04 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.