

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – March 3, 2021

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held March 3, 2021. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Paul Runion and Bill Hammer, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis, Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker, Fire Chief Bill Andrews, and Harris Township Trustee Carol Baker (left at 8:34 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.

STATE OF OUR ECONOMY

The United States has met a grim milestone in this COVID-19 pandemic which began a year ago. More than 500,000 Americans have died from COVID-19 as at least 28,174,133 million have suffered infections, thousands have lost jobs, and all have had the pandemic touch multiple aspects of everyday life.

Currently in Ohio, there are 968,874 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 and 17,346 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 50,382 people have been hospitalized, including 7,148 admissions to intensive care units.

Phase 1C and Phase 2 of Ohio's vaccination plan goes into effect tomorrow. These phases include those with medical conditions including Type 1 diabetes, pregnant women, bone marrow transplant recipients, those with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), workers in childcare services, funeral services, law enforcement, and all Ohioans age 60 and older.

Sandusky County remains in the RED alert category due to a high rate of reportable cases and has confirmed 3,098 cases of COVID-19 positive persons and 1,687 probable cases, 326 of these required hospitalization, and there have been 108 deaths in Sandusky County. 4,526 persons are presumed recovered after a COVID+ test.

EMS – Trustee Hammer reported that he has received word from Sandusky County Prosecutor Beth Tischler that after her legal review of ballot language, she stated that the EMS levy money could be used for a new building or addition if the Trustees wish to pursue that idea.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Bill Andrews reported on the following:

- Breathing Air Compressor serviced our air bottles. The fill bottles are due for hydrostatic testing, The department will wait to see if they buy a new compressor, etc. as new bottles should be included. The process is proceeding on an equipment grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal (SFM) for the year 2021 toward the purchase of this system.
- SCBA's - some are 25 years old and starting to fail. The masks are becoming not interchangeable and the new masks do not fit the old gear. The department would like to look at replacing them. We currently have 46 Survivair or Honeywell bottles, and we would like to change brands. It would cost approximately \$200,000 to start over with all new packs, masks, and bottles.
- The department will be going over and writing truck specs on 3-16-21 with a Sutphen representative.
- Two firefighters (Dave Miller and Seth Parkhurst) went to an Ice Rescue Class last Saturday at Ballville Township.
- A Leadership class is coming up. It is \$25/person and we would like to send up to six people.
- Seth Parkhurst would like to take the Inspectors Class at the BG Fire School. It is \$565. The Trustees were ok with this, but requested more information about the time needed for this class.
- The FF1 class will be doing driver training at Vanguard this Saturday. Spencer Linke and Matt Depner will be taking X-2 to Vanguard for the day. Both are trained and capable of operating it.
- Target Solutions has an online training and tracking system for training that cost \$3,000/year for all members. We are just looking into this at this time and getting a feeling on where the Trustees might be on the expenditure. There are also 24/7 online courses from another institution available at \$20/member/year which is a lot cheaper.
- The drive through Pancake Breakfasts are scheduled for March and April since Easter Sunday is early this year.
- The American Red Cross Bloodmobile on 2-19-21 collected 32 pints and one was a first time donor. The next Bloodmobile is 3-9-21 from 12-5 pm.

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 for the next two weeks.

The Trustees signed one cemetery deed for Jennifer Fischer Wend, Woodville.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker stated that the steering gear box on the 505 International truck is leaking. He has ordered a new one, and it will be installed by Gary Hoodlebrink.

He will be busy putting cold mix in a few pot holes that have popped up on township roads after the winter storms. He has also cleaned up a salt pile that spilled on TR 115 after an accident with the snow plow during the storm.

The Trustees discussed selling an old trailer that is no longer used by the township. Trustee Hammer made a motion to sell this trailer in the next Baker & Bonnigson Consignment Sale at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds in Fremont on March 27. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Runion made a motion to sell an old sweeper to a nearby township for \$500. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees reviewed and updated the Township's 5-year road plan.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported that he has received zoning permit inquiries from Drew Baden, TR 16 who has had a septic system installed and plans to build a house; Chris Stone, US 20, who would like to put up a building for ag use; Fred and Tammy Gerwin, SR 300, who would like to put up a building for ag use; and Roy Whitehead is considering building a new residence on Water Street.

Michaelis said he has sent letters to Wielands (structure already built) Linke (cleanup), Brickner (pool permit), John Huss (pool and deck permit), Ryan Moser (cleanup of his property) Rupke for a camper on the property, and Kevin and Debra Kirk and Fred and Tammy Gerwin for a home based business permit. He noted that nothing in our zoning regulations states that you cannot park a camper on your property, but it has to be licensed.

The Zoning Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 pm on March 10 at the fire station.

The Trustees have learned that Area Aggregates/Olen Corp has applied for an antidegradation permit from the Ohio EPA for the increase of discharge water to Sugar Creek from 0.57 MGD to 1.5 MGD (million gallon discharge). The public comment period opens up on March 5 for 30 days. All comments must be submitted to HClerk@epa.ohio.gov. A public hearing may be held if enough comments/concerns are emailed to the Ohio EPA.

The Trustees discussed putting a letter together and contacting those along the watershed that will be affected by this, along with the Sandusky County Engineer, the Sugar Creek Protection Society, and Harris Township Trustee Carol Baker has agreed to contact the Ottawa County Engineer and the Harris Township Trustees and Elmore Village Council to ensure the public’s comments have been heard regarding this issue.

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

Below is the February financial report.

February Revenue Received	\$	22,686.22
February Expenses Paid	\$	25,189.62
Balance of all Funds as of 2/28/2021	\$	2,389,470.81

Kepus reported that one of the Township’s \$300,000 CDARS has matured and the funds were transferred into the Township’s Money Market Account (MMAX) until the interest rates become more favorable.

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 February 17, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:46 pm, with no further business, Trustee Runion moved for adjournment. Trustee Hammer seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code’s Sunshine Law.