

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 16, 2016

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on March 16, 2016. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Bill Hammer, Paul Heineman, Ken Green --- Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus --- Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis -- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker --- Fire Chief Bill Andrews, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller Sandusky County Engineer – Jim Moyer (left at 7:50 p.m.), and Tom Haar from the Shelly Company (left at 7:10 p.m.).

Chairman Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The evening began with the bid opening for the **2016 Township Roads Resurfacing Project**. Five townships are participating in the project: Woodville Township, Lead, Jackson, Madison, Riley, and Washington Townships. Four bids were received. The bids were as follows:

Gerken Paving, Gibsonburg, Ohio	\$644,445.50
M&B Asphalt, Old Fort, Ohio	\$644,972.00
Erie Blacktop, Sandusky, Ohio	\$645,246.40
The Shelly Company, Findlay, Ohio	\$715,154.50

The project cannot be awarded until the final project approval is received in July from the Ohio Public Work's Commission (OPWC).

Mr. Moyer stated that the engineer's office has scheduled the ditch relocation on TR 93 to begin after the completion of a previously scheduled bridge project. The county will also be cleaning up brush on Anderson Road (TR 32) and along county bridges in the near future.

Engineer Moyer stated that one of the topics that will be discussed at the county meeting for townships at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12 will be the road use permits for the NEXUS pipeline project and the adoption of a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) in Sandusky County. The Woodville Township Trustees stated that they will not be making any final decisions on these two items until after the county meeting.

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2016 regular meeting. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Virginia Swartz Nuisance Barns – Trustee Green stated that Ms. Swartz has contracted with someone for the removal of the demolished barns. They have started cleaning up the debris, and the Trustees will monitor the progress.

EMS – LS91 had its annual maintenance check at WW Williams. They also replaced the backup camera that was not working properly.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported that an application was received to place a utility pole on the right of way of a township road. Mr. Michaelis spoke with John Willey from the Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission regarding this application, and Mr. Willey stated he was even unsure of this issue. Engineer Moyer also stated that he believes that it is a little more than a "utility pole".

Michaelis also reported that the Regional Planning Commission also stated that cell towers can only be regulated in residential areas. The Commission wrote a letter of support for the Sandusky County Park District in their attempt to obtain a grant to enlarge the bike trail through the county.

CEMETERY – Spring clean-up at the cemeteries is in progress. New arrangements can be placed after April 1.

ROADS – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker said that Miller Line-x, Stony Ridge, Ohio (the company that is installing an 8' bed liner on the new pickup truck) will add undercoating to the truck for an additional \$400. Trustee Green made a motion to have the undercoating added to the order. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees agreed to sell a set of tractor tires and old culvert pipe that has little value and is of no use to the township at the Baker Bonnington Consignment Auction at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds April 2 and April 3. Trustee Green authorized that a township representative could spend up to \$1,000 at the auction for the purchase of a bermer. Trustee Hammer seconded. Roll call: Green, yes, Hammer, yes, Heineman, no. Motion passed 2-1.

Sandra Krytus on TR 62 had called today and was not happy with the road mowing near her property. She stated that they like the high grass as it keeps their horses away from the road. Busdiecker contacted her and told her he would be able to not cut the grass in that area. She was very pleased with this arrangement.

Busdiecker presented an inventory of the township signs. The Township has 79 signs (arrows, turns, stop ahead, railroad crossing) and all were installed between January, 2013 and December, 2015 and meet the current federal road sign reflectivity requirements.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Bill Andrews told the Trustees that they could not obtain a letter stating that if the fuel tank was moved back to its original location it would be grandfathered in and not have to meet the Ohio Department of Commerce's safety standards. The tank was moved to the west side of the station when the parking lot was being resurfaced last year, and the Trustees were happy with that new location, but Life Flight had sent a letter of concern regarding the safety of landing Life Flight with the fuel tank nearby. Chief Andrews stated that the Trustees could put the tank in any location they wish. The Trustees will continue to work with the fire department to find a suitable location on the east side of the station.

Chief Andrews is working on an inventory of all fire equipment.

Probationary member Craig Picklesimer had received a training grant that Owens Community College obtained from the state in conjunction with the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Comp for the costs of his Fire Fighter I class, and Picklesimer asked the department if the township would be able to pay for his Fire Fighter II class also. The Trustees stated that they have a policy for the payment of training and the classes include Basic Firefighting (36 hour), First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and continuing education.

Two SCBA units failed their bench test. One unit is in for repair, and the other unit will be exchanged on a recall by the manufacturer, and we will probably do an upgrade to the latest version with a cost to us.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED - Chief Andrews reported that he is still having difficulty hearing calls on the Minitor pagers they purchased last year. He said the majority of calls are scratchy and inaudible. Since the county is still working on their new radio frequency, the department will try to hold out until that is completed before deciding what new pagers to purchase.

There were 314 breakfasts served at the last pancake and sausage breakfast of the season.

The Gibsonburg Fire Department will be on standby for the Woodville department on Saturday, March 19 during their fund-raising gun raffle.

The department's request for MARCS radios and user fees could not be fulfilled by the Ohio Department of Commerce's 2016 MARCS grant due to a very heavy demand and the actual amount of available grant funding. The department currently has 2 MARCS radios from a county grant and 20 MARCS radios from a FEMA grant. The user fees for the 20 radios had been covered by a grant that ran out last year. Beginning this year, the user fees were lowered by the state to \$10 per radio or \$2,400 per year.

Fiscal Officer Kepus stated that she contacted a representative from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to get an explanation of the user fees on the other two of our MARCS radios. DAS stated that the state was charging \$20 per month for user fees, but reduced that fee to \$10 per month beginning in July, 2015 through July, 2017. The Township will now pay \$60 per quarter for user fees for those two radios, or \$240 per year.

Trustee Heineman made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to make expenditures up to \$800 without first having to get Trustee's approval. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Upcoming departmental events: March 18 – all departments in Sandusky County will participate in a food challenge cook off sponsored by the American Red Cross; March 19 – the department fund-raising gun raffle at Ole Zims; March 21 – Dodgeball tournament in turn-out gear with the Gibsonburg department.

FISCAL OFFICER – Kepus reported that the township received their 1st Half, 2015 real estate tax settlement from the county. The increased valuation of CAUV land has resulted in a 10% increase in our general fund revenue and an 18% increase in our road and bridge fund revenue. The Cemetery, EMS, and Fire Department funds are fully supported by levy money and there was no change in this revenue.

At 9:51 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Heineman moved for adjournment. Trustee Green seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.