

## **MINUTES OF THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING MARCH 18, 2015**

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on March 18, 2015. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Bill Hammer, Paul Heineman, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus --- Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles --- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker --- Fire Chief Bill Andrews --- Ron Zakrzewski (left at 7:30 p.m.) Hunter Haar --- Township Residents Mark and Diane Buck (left at 7:45 p.m.) --- Township Resident and Zoning Commission Member Bob Schroeder.

Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes from the March 4, 2015 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote. Trustee Heineman made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

**TRUCK BID OPENING** - At 7 p.m., Trustee Green announced that the Township received no sealed bids for the 1996 Ford L8000 truck, so the truck will remain in the Township's possession.

**GUESTS** - Ron Zakrzewski was present and stated that he still does not think his property on TR 38 is draining well. Jim Busdiecker stated that there are spots in his field that are low and water is lying in the field, but this is not a township issue. Ron stated that he would meet with his neighboring property owner, Area Aggregates, and try to figure out a solution to the drainage problem.

**EMS** - LS91 stalled for no apparent reason on March 12 and was towed to W.W. Williams, but nothing major was found. A minor few parts were ordered and the unit will return when they come in. The air-conditioning unit will also be serviced at that time.

**ZONING** - No report.

**CEMETERY** - Jim Busdiecker stated that it came to his attention that while digging a grave for Elmer Emch, the backhoe inadvertently ran over the flat stone of Brenda Davison. At the time of the dig, the stone was under a foot of snow and was not seen. Davison's family contacted the Township, and Trustee Hammer spoke with the daughter, Nikki Lopez. He apologized and told her that the Township would pay for any damages. Busdiecker also spoke with Davison's mother, Colleen Thomasson, and apologized. The Thompsons were satisfied with the apology. Busdiecker has looked at the stone many times since, and it appears that no damage has occurred.

Trustee Green made a motion to purchase three packets of ten American Arborvitae trees (8"-15") in the amount of \$12 for each packet for a total of \$36 from the Ottawa County Soil & Water Conservation District's annual tree sale. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Kepus reported that the Sandusky County Sheriff's Community Work Program is under the new management of Ken Buchele. For a short period of time, due to a loss in grant funding, the county commissioners were considering reducing the amount of hours worked by the program. Somewhere in the switch, invoices for their services of summer weed cutting at the Woodville cemeteries were never sent. Tonight the Trustees signed a \$1,000 check for their 2014 services. Mr. Buchele will invoice the Township for services rendered in 2015 at the end of the summer.

At 7:30 p.m. Trustee Hammer made a motion to suspend the meeting and open up the Public Hearing on a zoning change request from Hunter Haar. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

### **PUBLIC MEETING HAAR ZONING CHANGE REQUEST**

At 7:30 p.m., Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles began the Trustee's public hearing stating that the Township's Zoning Commission held a public hearing on February 11, 2015 on a request from Hunter Haar to rezone a five acre parcel located at 4685 US 20, Woodville Township, from agriculture to general commercial. The Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission previously reviewed the application, found no objections to the zoning change on the land, and is recommending that this request for a zoning change is consistent with future plans for development in the area. The Zoning Commission took public comments and discussed each person's statements. At their regular meeting on March 11, the Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Trustees that their recommendation is that the zoning change request is consistent with the plans for future development in the area, and a zoning change from agriculture to general commercial is appropriate.

Contiguous property owners Mark and Diane Buck were present. Mr. Buck stated that he feels this change will lead to depreciation in the value of his adjoining property, the unsightliness of the equipment is an eyesore, and the potential of what will come in the future makes them uneasy. After further discussion, the Trustees thanked the Bucks for offering their feedback.

Trustee Green stated that since it is the recommendation of the Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission and the Township Zoning Commission that this area is targeted for potential commercial growth down the road, he moved that the requested zoning change from agriculture to general commercial on a five acre parcel of land at 4685 US 20 owned by Hunter Haar be approved. Trustee Heineman seconded. Roll call - Green, yes, Hammer, yes, Heineman, yes. Motion passed 3-0. This zoning change will become effective in 30 days unless petitioned by township residents.

At 7:46 p.m., Trustee Green made a motion to end the public hearing and return to regular session. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

**ROADS** - Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported on the following:

- A large sink hole opened up today at the corner of TR 165 and Lime Road. Busdiecker immediately barricaded the corner and contacted the Sandusky County Engineer's office as the county maintains this road. The repair of the area is still in question as to who owns the sewer pipe that caused the problem, the county, Genoa, or the Ohio Turnpike.
- Busdiecker stated that truck drivers continue to use TR 40 and TR 123 as a route to get to the main roads, but have been repeatedly told that they must use the route of TR 671 and TR 38 when they enter or exit the Kokosing asphalt plant because TR 40 and TR 123 cannot handle the weight of the loaded trucks and heavy truck traffic. The Trustees discussed videotaping the area and Busdiecker will gather quotes.
- The berm on TR 28 washed out and Township workers rebermed the area and put stone around the tile.

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## ROADS CONTINUED –

Trustee Green made a motion to add the south end of TR 16 (approximately one mile) to the county engineer's paint striping contract which will cause all of TR 16 to be restriped at the same time. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Green made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2015-03** to participate in the summer ODOT contract for rock salt and order 25 ton of salt. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call Motion passed.

Trustee Green made a motion to purchase one new tire for the Boom Mower and four new tires for the Tiger Road Mower from Speck Tires in Bowling Green in the amount of \$2,997. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2015-04** authorizing the disposal of excess township property at the Baker Bonningston Auction at the county fairgrounds on March 28 including four trailer tires and rims and possibly the mower tires if Specks has installed the new ones before auction time. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the potential Nexus pipeline project that will result in many road cuts on Township roads. The Trustees discussed raising the \$300 road cut fee that was intended for residential building as the potential road cuts would be for larger pipe. Trustee Hammer stated that he will address this matter with other townships at the county's Township Association April meeting to obtain a general consensus of how others are going to deal with this issue.

Township Resident Brad Rife, TR 163, requested to rent the township's ditch bucket to clean the road ditch by his property. The Trustees agreed to allow Rife to use the bucket in lieu of the ten percent cost of the project that the township would have contributed to this ditch cleaning.

Kepus announced that the Issue II application for the townships of Ballville, Sandusky, Green Creek, York, Townsend, and Scott has been approved by the state. Woodville Township will again put together a joint application with Washington, Madison, and Jackson Townships later this summer.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Andrews reported on the following:

- Members of the department attended the Bowling Green fire school last weekend and heard a presentation about a way to recycle old fire hose to make straps for MARCS holsters and bags from old turnout gear.
- The department's Scott thermal camera is 20 years old and they would like to trade it in for a Ballard thermal camera at an approximate cost of \$5,400.
- The department responded to two house fires on Sunday, March 15. One was in the township and one was a mutual aid call with the Pemberville Fire Department.
- Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller and Joe Kopp are still on light duty.
- X-2 had the charging system looked at by WW Williams but it appears to still only charge 6 volts when it is set to 12 volts. The department will continue to watch it, but the truck seems to be working fine.
- Upcoming departmental events: March 21 – department's annual gun raffle fund raiser at Ole Zims, April 6, April 13, April 20 - possible live wild fire practice if the state burning permit arrives.

**FISCAL OFFICER** – Kepus presented a letter she drafted to House Representative Bill Reineke and Senator Dave Burke asking the General Assembly to continue to reimburse all township levies at the current rate, or to at least continue to hold township levies harmless. Kepus stated that language in House Bill 64 proposes to phase-out the tangible personal property tax reimbursements for townships, and this amounts to a loss of revenue of \$37,575 a year for Woodville Township. The letter states that for the past eight years, Woodville Township has continually lost revenue in many areas – Tangible Personal Property Tax Reimbursements and Settlements, Public Utility Tax Reimbursements, Estate Tax, and the Local Government Fund. Woodville Township has also lost all revenue from the EMS subsidy that was sent yearly from the county commissioners and approximately \$20,000 a year in interest due to the market crash in 2008. It was noted that the General Assembly has voted to give back some of the LGF cuts, but this only amounts to approximately \$8,300 and the Township's funding was already reduced by \$15,000 each year. The Trustees signed this letter and Kepus will forward it on our representatives.

The Trustees had discussion regarding the fire department obtaining their own liquor and other liability permits and policies for their fundraising events especially when liquor is being served. The fire department is a separate entity (their 501(c)3 organization) and that is the organization that sponsors these events and all proceeds are deposited into their organization's checking account, not the townships. Trustees Hammer and Green both stated that they do not wish to have the township liable for any alcoholic events. They will continue to look into this matter.

The Trustees approved the use of the fire hall for firefighter Ben Brien on May 17.

At 9:08 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.