

## THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 2, 2016

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on March 2, 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 --- Township Resident Bob Schroeder --- Village Resident Jimmy Johnson (left at 7:55 p.m.) --- Township Resident Dave Busdiecker (left at 8 p.m.) --- representing NEXUS Kim Redfern, Peter Worth, Mark Moore, and Andrew Black, Permit Supervisor (left at 7:50 p.m.).

Chairman Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Heineman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2016 regular meeting. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Representatives from the NEXUS pipeline company were present to discuss their future plans for installing a pipeline through the township. A lively and spirited discussion of questions and answers followed. NEXUS presented permits to open cut the following roads (TR 24, TR 48, TR 38, and TR 93) and to bore under the following roads (TR 62 and TR 139) to install a 36" diameter natural gas pipeline.

The project is 256 miles long with a life span of the pipeline at approximately 50-75 years. Tentative construction dates are March 1, 2017 through November or December, 2017. NEXUS proposes to keep a continuous stream of traffic during construction, and operators will be on site during the entire project.

NEXUS stated that they want to install the pipeline with the least amount of disturbance to the landowner. They stated that each road will be different and we respect that these are your roads and you have to live with the decisions made here. NEXUS stated that open cut is the preferred method of installation of the pipe as it is easier to control the variables, but it is ultimately up to the township. NEXUS would like to receive their final permits by the end of this year.

Trustee Hammer stated the Sandusky County Road Use Maintenance Agreement is still awaiting review at the county prosecutor's office, but all townships in the county plan to have the same agreement.

Village Resident Jimmy Johnson who currently owns property at 755 East Main Street, and lives in the village stated that he would like to offer his land for sale to the township at a fair price. If that arrangement does not work, he stated he would like to tear down the houses and ask permission to put a mobile home on the property to live out his final days.

**Virginia Swartz Nuisance Barns** – The Trustees asked Fiscal Officer Kepus to send a letter to Ms. Swartz reminding her that the piles of demolished barn at 868 CR 117, must be removed from the property by the end of March. The Trustees appreciate the fact that Ms. Swartz contracted with The Real Antique Wood Company from Irvington, New Jersey, to have the barns dismantled on February 6, 2016, but huge piles of wood and metal debris remain. The Trustees stated that if this debris is not removed by the end of March, the Trustees will enter into contract with a company for the final removal of the debris and have the costs placed on her tax duplicate as a lien upon the property. The Trustees reminded Ms. Swartz that it has been almost 19 months since the Board of Trustees began the process to have the structures removed, and they feel that they have been more than patient in the cooperation of reaching an acceptable agreement.

**EMS** – No report.

**ZONING** – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported that he had been contacted by the Ohio Department of Transportation about concrete being dumped near the river on SR 105 that needs to be removed from the right-of-way. He spoke with the landowner and the situation has been resolved.

The next meeting of the Township Zoning Commission will be at 7 p.m. Monday, March 7 at the fire station.

**CEMETERY** – The Trustees discussed grave lots in the Veteran's Section at Westwood Cemetery. Trustee Hammer made a motion to rescind Resolution #2012-04 and replace it with Resolution #2016-02 reserving graves 9-20 for the veteran's and numbering the remaining spaces on the far west side of the veteran's section from #255-288 for a total of 46 additional veteran's plots. Trustee Green seconded. Roll call: Hammer, yes, Green, yes, Heineman, no. Motion passed 2-1.

Kepus reported that she was contacted by Joy Walker, Grand Blanc, Michigan, who is Dorothy Mitchell's daughter. Ms. Walker stated that her mother owns two plots at Westwood Cemetery. She was buried in Lot 404 in 1977, but her husband was buried elsewhere, and Ms. Walker would like to sell the plot back to the township. She cannot find the original deed. The Trustees unanimously decided that since she has no original deed, the township cannot purchase the lot back.

**ROADS** – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker stated that a seal on the hydraulic motor on the boom mower was leaking, but Certified Power will repair it at no charge as the seal was just fixed by them last October.

Busdiecker stated that the wing plow has finally been installed on the plow truck, but will probably not be able to be tried out this winter season due to the lack of snow. He also brought the new pickup truck to the meeting for the Trustees to look at.

Busdiecker continues to work on the road sign inventory.

The Trustees spoke with Township Resident Dave Busdiecker and asked if he was interested in mowing this summer and possibly helping out with culvert work. He is a retired electrician.

The Trustees discussed the annual county paint striping contract. The Trustees decided to have the following roads striped: **Center line only** – TR 671 from TR 32 to TR 38 and TR 38 from TR 123 to TR 671; **Center and edge lines** – TR 28 from US 20 to the railroad tracks and TR 16 from US 20 to SR 582.

Busdiecker had two quotes for a truck liner from Rhino Linings of Fremont (\$565) and a Miller Line-x, Rocky Ridge, liner (\$545). He stated that the county has a Line-x liner and is happy with their purchase. Trustee Green made a motion to allow up to \$650 for the purchase of a truck liner from Miller Line-x. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

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**ROADS CONTINUED** - Busdiecker presented quotes for strobe lights for the new pickup from Kalida Truck Equipment and Whalen Company. Kalida offered the best price. Trustee Green made a motion to allow the purchase of strobe lights from Kalida Truck Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$700. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Busdiecker will install the lights.

The Sandusky County Engineer's Office will hold their annual meeting and bid opening on the paint striping contract at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Fire Chief Andrews stated that the Sandusky County EMA “Mass Casualty Incidence” will be held in Woodville next year.

On March 12, Chief Andrews will be a trainer at the Sandusky County EMA for table top emergency exercises.

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

Chief Andrews stated he is making up kits with various business cards of different companies to contact to give to victims who have just experienced a fire.

The department welcomed two new probationary members: Spencer Linke and Matt Depner.

Chief Andrews stated the air compressor was serviced last month and will cost approximately \$600 for parts.

The fire department's Executive Committee has still decided to not release their bylaws to the Trustees.

**Upcoming departmental events:** March 12-13 – some members of the fire department will attend Fire School in Bowling Green; March 13 – last pancake and sausage breakfast of the season; March 21 – Dodgeball tournament in turn-out gear in Gibsonburg; March 15 – CEUs at the station through ProMedica.

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

Kepus reported that last December, Ohio's Governor John Kasich signed House Bill 56, the Ohio Fair Hiring Act. The bill requires that the following language be codified into ORC: “no public employer shall include on any form for application for employment with the public employer any question concerning the criminal background of the applicant.” The bill came amidst growing national concern that the job application process asking about a person's criminal history on the application was deterring offenders from seeking jobs and causing employers to miss out on qualified workers. Public employers are still permitted to conduct background checks and are not prohibited from asking about felony convictions later in the application process. The “Ban the Box” legislation will become effective at the end of March.

Kepus reported that she recently met with Andrew Coutts from Josh Mandel Treasurer of Ohio's office to learn more about the ohiocheckbook.com program. It is a first-of-its-kind government transparency website launched by the Ohio Treasurer's office. The site is designed to empower citizens to see exactly how their tax money is being spent. There is no cost to local governments who wish to participate. Once the treasurer's office has built the Township's checkbook website, they will schedule a time to review the website and ask questions. No checkbook will be published online until the local government has submitted their approval. The site is easy to use and understand and allows for a far better understanding of the workings of our local government and provides a tool of accountability to our taxpayers. The program is endorsed by the Ohio Auditor, Ohio Township Association, and Ohio Municipal League.

The American Red Cross collected 23 pints of blood at their February 25 bloodmobile. Their next bloodmobile at the fire station will be on May 13.

Kepus read a letter from the OSS Solid Waste District who is aiming to improve their litter pickup program on county roadways. The District contracts with the Sandusky County Juvenile Court Youth Works Program for this service which operates as long as weather permits. They asked for a list of the top three roads in our township that the Trustees would like them to clean. The Trustees submitted the following roads: **TR 28** from US 20 to TR 169, **TR 62**, and **TR 56**.

Kepus read an email from Toledo Edison stating that they will be conducting aerial inspections of their transmission towers over the next month, weather permitting. The helicopters will fly at slow speeds along circuits and will often hover and/or circle for close up views of lines, equipment, and individual tower/pole structures.

The Sandusky County Health Department will hold their annual district advisory council meeting on Monday, March 14 at 1 p.m. Trustee Heineman will be in attendance.

At 9:45 p.m. Trustee Hammer made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss employment of a seasonal worker. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Present in executive session: Trustees Hammer, Green, Heineman, Fiscal Officer Kepus, and Road Supervisor Busdiecker.

At 10:02 p.m. Trustee Hammer moved to enter regular session.

Trustee Green made a motion to offer the **seasonal worker position to Dave Busdiecker at a rate of \$10 per hour.** Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 10:20 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.