

MINUTES OF THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING MAY 6, 2015

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on May 6, 2015. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Bill Hammer, Paul Heineman, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus --- Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles (arrived at 7:25 p.m., left at 9 p.m.) Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker --- Fire Chief Bill Andrews (left at 9 p.m.) Assistant Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis (left at 9 p.m.) --- Township Resident Virginia Swartz (left at 7:07 p.m.) Township Resident Tom Miller (left at 7:15 p.m.).

Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes from the April 15, 2015 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

GUESTS – Virginia Swartz was in attendance to notify the Trustees that she does have a plan for removal of the barns and asked for reconsideration of the Township's "Request to Proceed" on the removal of her barns on Fort Findlay Road that were declared a nuisance by the Trustees on August 20. Ms. Swartz stated that since her public hearing on August 20, she discussed having a controlled burn with Chief Andrews and he gave her the open burn permit to send in to the Ohio EPA, but he stated the barn would need to be pulled into the field 700' and that is not conducive to her farmer as the nails would be spread throughout the farm field. Ms. Swartz stated that she contacted an Amish man who specializes in this type of work on December 2, and he said he is very interested in her barns and the tools inside, but just doesn't have time at the moment to come and view the structures. He told Ms. Swartz that he will definitely be in Woodville between June 15-30 to view the barn structures. The Trustees stated that since she has a firm schedule, they will not proceed with the removal at this time. Ms. Swartz was asked to attend the July 1st Trustee meeting and let them know what removal schedule she has worked out.

Tom Miller was present to ask the Trustees if the drain that workers had to remove when they replaced the culvert in front of his residence on TR 28 last fall would be replaced. He stated that he believed that the drain was alleviating a lot of his water problems. Busdiecker stated that the area is too currently too muddy, but as soon as the weather permits workers will landscape the area and they could install a basin at that time. The Trustees agreed with this plan.

EMS – Fire Chief Bill Andrews stated that a light was ordered for the front fender of LS91 and he will install it as soon as it arrives. The parts for the squad that were backordered by WW Williams are now in, and it will be taken to WW Williams on May 14 and 15. North Central EMS will provide a backup squad for those days. The Trustees approved of the purchase of a Haligan tool (pry bar) not to exceed \$200 as it would be a helpful tool in their tool kit.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles presented three approved zoning permits: Timothy Stoddard, 7170 CR 165, Woodville, for a 30' x 36' barn for personal storage (the \$50 permit fee was paid); Liskai Farms, corner of TR 93 and TR 123, replacing three migrant housing units with three new units in the same location (there was no fee for ag use); and Daniel and Laura Angel, 20390 SR 23, Woodville, for a 10' x 12' yard shed that currently does not have the correct rear setback, but Mr. Angel stated he would move it to comply with the Township's Zoning Regulations (the \$50 permit fee was paid).

Mr. Rowles told Mr. Angel that they need to have a discussion about the swamp (pond) on their property. Mr. Rowles stated that in September, 2006 the previous owner, Mr. James Wheeler, obtained a zoning permit for a proposed house, proposed pond, and proposed shed, but the pond was less than ¼ acre (the zoning resolution states all ponds must be a minimum of ½ acre) and have a 10' setback from the road. The pond does not meet these requirements. Mr. Rowles told Mr. Angel that he cannot permit the rear yard to remain the way it is, and he offered the following options to make this swamp legal: (1) fill it in and forget it, (2) replace it with a swimming pool. The ball is now in Mr. Angel's court, and he is discussing the situation with his family.

Mr. Rowles stated that he identified a pond under construction at the home of Anthony and Samantha Schroeder, SR 582, that had not yet been permitted. Upon visiting the property, he discovered that the pond did not meet the proper side setback on the east side. Mr. Schroeder stated that his contractor would move the pond over the correct distance. He also said that it is their plan to construct a ¼ acre pond, but Mr. Rowles told him that the zoning resolution states that ponds must be a minimum of ½ acre in size, so a zoning variance would be needed. An application for a permit was completed, and Mr. Schroeder stated that he will apply for a variance on the size.

Mr. Rowles stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on April 22 to hear public comments regarding an application filed by Ted Nitkiewicz for a zoning permit to construct a garage in his front yard. The construction of this accessory building is in violation of Woodville Township Zoning Resolution Section 7.2-1. There was no one from the public present. The Zoning Board of Appeals found no reason to deny his application and the request for variance was unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Rowles stated he received a proposed property split to create a residential building lot on CR 107 for Ronald Blevins, Pemberville, that was prepared by his attorney Mr. Thomas Teet of Luckey. Mr. Rowles advised Mr. Teet that there was no reason Mr. Blevins could not build a home on the proposed parcel, however, he should be made aware that the neighbors, Clarence and Sandra Turley, have a permit for an aircraft takeoff and landing strip.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to appoint Steve Michaelis, Assistant Zoning inspector, as a voting member on the Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees appointed Tom Roth, 505 Borcharding Road, Woodville, to the Zoning Commission to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Elmer Emch. Roth's five-year term will expire at the end of 2019.

CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported that four foundations have been poured. Workers are also busy laying mulch, and they will reseed some of last year's fresh graves and lay the new straw blanket product to try to get the grass more even.

The Trustees signed two cemetery deeds for Terry and Traci (Kincaid) DeRammelaere at Westwood Cemetery.

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ROADS – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that workers are busy berming various roads and fixing equipment.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to purchase 25 ton of salt on the Ohio Department of Transportation's winter salt contract. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. This will go out for bid on May 19.

Trustee Hammer stated that the County Engineer is looking into a Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) that could possibly be used by the townships in anticipation of the heavy road usage that may take place when the pipeline projects get started. A RUMA agreement allows a county to enter into an agreement with a private company to have the company improve and repair the county roads it uses at no cost to the county. The agreement would identify which roads a contractor can use and states that if the contractor damages the road in any way they will be responsible for repaving or rebuilding the road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Andrews reported on the following:

- To fill a vacancy on the department's officers roster, Tim Schnitker was appointed 4th Lieutenant and Shannyn Miller was moved up to 3rd Lieutenant.
- The large grassland burn on CR 107 did not happen, so the department will reapply for a burn permit next February.
- The department will participate in Bike Safety Week at Woodmore on May 11.
- He will be on vacation May 9-16.
- Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller and Joe Kopp are still on light duty.
- He will be working on a budget that will include a new gear replacement schedule as the new recruits are currently using old gear. The cost is approximately \$1,800-\$2,000 for each pair. He is currently researching what grants may be available for this purchase.
- The department is going to set up a truck committee to begin looking at replacing X-2 (the 1996 pumper).
- He is currently gathering bids for painting the truck bays.
- Presented the Trustees with a copy of the department's April monthly meeting minutes.
- The department will participate in Woodville's Memorial Day Parade and Service on May 25.
- Busdiecker stated that the county engineer would like some of their out dated hose if there is any left.

FISCAL OFFICER – Kepus presented the Trustees with the Township's balanced bank reconciliation for the month of April. The Auditor of State has completed her field work for the Township's 2013-2014 financial audit, and the final exit will be held after the necessary reviews are completed by the auditor's office.

At 9:15 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Heineman moved for adjournment. Trustee Hammer seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.