

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE’S REGULAR MEETING – May 5, 2021

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held May 5, 2021. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Paul Runion and Bill Hammer, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker, Fire Chief Bill Andrews, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Miller, Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis, Township Resident Mike Young.

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.

At 7 p.m. bids were opened for the Issue II Township Roads Repaving Project between Jackson, Madison, Rice, Scott, Washington, and Woodville Township (Lead). The engineer’s estimate for the project was \$795,000.

Gerken Paving, Napoleon	\$792,525.50
Henry W. Bergman, Genoa	\$831,145.00
Kokosing Construction Company, Elyria	\$832,193.50
M&B Asphalt, Tiffin	\$769,880.00

Tara Shanahan from the Sandusky County Engineer’s Office was present to collect the bids and will take them back to their office in Fremont to be reviewed by County Engineer Carlos Baez. Tara left at 7:05 pm.

EMS – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Bill Andrews reported on the following:

- Received an inflatable LED flashlight from the Sandusky County EMA.
- I will be on vacation from May 15 to May 22. Assistant Chiefs Mark Grove and Dave Miller will in charge.
- At the last bloodmobile, the American Red Cross had 36 donors present and were able to collect 31 pints.

Chief Andrews said he would like to begin replacing the fluorescent tubes in the fire station with LED tubes at a cost of approximately \$5 a tube. He would like to complete this project in phases. The tubes would be purchased at Lowe’s and the project will cost approximately \$1,590 as 318 tubes will need to be replaced throughout the truck bay, meeting room, EMS quarters, restrooms, fiscal office, etc. Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the replacement of the fluorescent tubes with LED tubes at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Chief updated the Trustees regarding a disciplinary issue with one of the firefighters that is at the end of a three-month suspension from the fire department issued by the Fire Chief. The Trustees asked the Chief and his officers to have another meeting with the firefighter and Trustee Runion to discuss the firefighter’s future with the fire department. The Trustees suggested the Chief send him a certified letter requesting the meeting.

Trustee Runion made a motion to begin the advertisement for bids for a new Pumper Truck for the Fire Department. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. As soon as the fire department prepares the bid package, the advertisement will be sent to the area newspapers and will be put on the township’s website.

CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported that workers are busy mowing and will soon pour foundations for new monuments at Westwood Cemetery.

Trustee Runion said that he and Busdiecker investigated how many plots were still available to the Joe Elder family at the Woodville Cemetery on Lime Road. Evidence was found that there were still four plots open in the family site of eight plots. Trustee Runion made a motion to again mark those four plots behind the Elder family’s current plots. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees thanked the voters for passing the renewal of the 5-year .5 mill Cemetery Maintenance Levy that was on the May 4 ballot. The levy passed by 70% or 369 for the levy and 157 against.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that they got the paver at Genoa running and now they just have to get a trailer to haul it to our road garage. The last time it had been run was 1999. Genoa has agreed to donate it to the township.

Workers trimmed grown out branches on TR 62 so a mobile home could be moved down the road for Chris Street.

They will soon get the headache rack mounted on the new pickup truck.

The Trustees discussed the roads for cleanup by the Woodville Buckeyes 4-H. The road ditches that have collected the most trash are TR 28, TR 121, TR 40, and TR 93.

Workers have finished hauling stone from Martin Marietta to increase our stockpile for upcoming road and cemetery projects. It is being stored at the road maintenance building, Westwood Cemetery, and Woodville Cemetery on Lime Road. In total, they have stockpiled 928 ton of #411s and 512 ton of #310s.

Busdiecker reported that our V-plow blade has not been used since the Blizzard of 1978. The Trustees suggested that it could be used as a yard ornament in remembrance of that historical, catastrophic, monster storm with hurricane-force winds also known as the Storm of the Century that caused \$100 million in damage in Ohio. Temps were near zero with wind chills reaching 60 degrees below zero. The storm dropped over a foot of snow and 50 mph wind created up to 25-foot drifts.

OHIO EPA ISSUE

Regarding Area Aggregates/Olen Corp application 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 gallons discharge) to the TR 40 ditch. The EPA is stating that some of the statements made by Area Aggregates appear to be inconsistent with actions and experiences by the Township and its residents who live in the affected area. Trustee Runion stated again that this is why the Ohio EPA needs to have a public hearing regarding this matter before any permit is issued or denied. The EPA continues to investigate.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported on the following:

- Will be meeting with Assistant County Prosecutor Dmitry Tatarko next week to discuss how to handle junk car and inoperable equipment issues in the township.
- Will be setting up a meeting with Martin Marietta to discuss industrial permits.
- Will soon have two permits completed for new home construction from Drew Baden and Chantel Cox.

The Woodville Township Zoning Commission's next meeting is at 7pm on May 12 at the fire station.

The Township received an anonymous letter about the condition of two properties on Fostoria Road. The Zoning Inspector was asked to investigate for any possible zoning violations and send a letter to the owner on record. One of the issues addressed is most likely a health department issue. The Trustees also stated that one of the properties the letter referred to is located in Troy Township, and they have no authority over that parcel.

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

Below is the April financial report.

April Revenue Received	\$	69,508.06
April Expenses Paid	\$	56,181.26
Balance of all Funds as of 4/30/2021	\$	2,855,470.98

A notice was sent by the Department of Commerce that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in our political subdivision expire on July 1. In order to maintain permit privileges, every permit holder must file a renewal application. Per ORC, the legislative authority has the right to object to the renewal of a permit and request a hearing. Hidden Hills Golf Course is the only liquor license holder in the township. The Trustees stated they have no objections to the renewal of their permit.

Kepus sent in the 2021 Boundary Validation and Boundary and Annexation Annual Response form to the U.S. Census Bureau stating the township does not have any boundary changes to report.

Trustee Green made a motion to renew the township's membership in the Sandusky County Township Association in the amount of \$250. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Hammer is serving his last year as president of the association and Kepus is the secretary/treasurer.

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 April 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:50 pm, with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Runion seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.