

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2015

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on November 18, 2015. Those in attendance: Trustees: Vice-Chairman Paul Heineman, Bill Hammer --- Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus ---Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles (left at 7:50 p.m.) --- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker. Trustee Ken Green was excused.

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

Virginia Swartz Nuisance Barns – Trustee Heineman stated that Ms. Swartz told him that she has been in contact with a man from southern Ohio to remove the barns, and the man stated that it was on his schedule of things to do and the cost of removal would be \$8,000. She said she can't afford that. Trustee Hammer also spoke with Ms. Swartz and asked her to stay in communication with the Trustees about the status of the removal of the barns. Ms. Swartz stated she is looking at other options on the removal.

EMS – LS91 returned to WW Williams last week because when the squad sat overnight the battery would go dead. Williams said the battery charger was shorted by the master shutoff switch allowing a voltage draw and the inverter was bad which probably was part of this issue. Trustee Heineman stated that he feels the township will soon need to consider purchasing a new squad, but suggested that the Township could just re-chassis the unit.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles reported that on Monday, November 16 he received an anonymous telephone call stating that Woodville Township resident Katie Swihart, 20240 US 23, Gibsonburg, had an addition built onto her new shed and now their building is within 2 feet of the property line and the Township Zoning Resolution states that all structures must be at a minimum of 10 feet from the property line.

Mr. Rowles stated that he originally wrote a zoning permit to the Swihart family (#2009-03) for the new shed. They are currently making changes. When he visited them to see if a new permit would be needed, Katie stated that they were going to build a new shed of the same size in the same location as the shed that was torn down, so Mr. Rowles said that no permit would be needed. When he went out to view the new shed yesterday, he told the carpenter to stop work as they were in violation of the 10 foot setback limit and left Katie a note to call him immediately. Upon her call, she stated that they were not building an addition, it was a lean-too.

Mr. Rowles stated that the township has a procedure for when a resident disagrees with the decision of the zoning inspector. It is called an administrative appeal before the Township Board of Zoning Appeals. After contacting all the parties involved, the Township Board of Zoning Appeals agreed to meet with Ms. Swihart on Thursday, November 19 at the fire station to listen to her concerns.

CEMETERY – Kepus reported that the official results of the .5 mill 5 year replacement of an existing tax levy for cemetery maintenance that was on the November 3 ballot were 820 votes in favor and 494 votes against the levy for a passage rate of 60%.

ROADS – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that five culverts on TR 93 have been replaced and they still have four more cross overs to do. He also stated that the overgrown weeds were cut back on TR 40.

Busdiecker stated that the transmission of the 1998 Chevy pickup with 145,000 miles is slipping. Jim will obtain quotes on rebuilding the transmission versus purchasing a new or used truck.

Trustee Hammer stated that the Sandusky County Engineer's office has repaired the bridge approach on TR 115.

Kepus reported that she spoke with Kay Reiter regarding the railroad crossing on TR 93 south between TR 38 and TR 42 regarding the poor condition of the wooden railroad ties. Reiter attended a meeting of the Sandusky-Seneca County Port Authority and according to that board the entire area is currently under a redesign and work should begin as the spring weather permits.

Due to the new OPERS healthcare requirements, part-time worker Jim Truman will be retiring December 31, 2015 after 15 years with the township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Trustee Heineman reported on the following:

- The Fire Chief and members of the department are absent tonight as they are attending the Sandusky County Fire Chief's meeting to discuss the 2016 implementation of the new 911 dispatching system.
- Firefighter Ben Brien bravely climbed the communications tower at the fire station to replace the burned out light.

FISCAL OFFICER – The Trustees unanimously approved of the following transfers to appropriately allocate funds: in October - \$3,000 from the Cemetery Fund Operating Supplies account and \$2,500 from the Cemetery Fund Improvement of Sites account (\$5,500 total) to the Cemetery Fund Salaries account and \$700 from the Cemetery Fund Workers Comp account and \$300 from the Cemetery Fund Machinery account (\$1,000 total) to the Cemetery Fund OPERS account – in November - \$25 from the General Fund Workers Comp account to the General Fund Life Insurance account, \$900 from the General Fund Other Expenses account to the General Fund Zoning Salaries account, and \$5000 from the Road & Bridge Fund Buildings account to the Road & Bridge Fund Repairs & Maintenance account.

At 8:22 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Hammer moved for adjournment. Trustee Heineman seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.