

MINUTES OF THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2014

This regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on November 19, 2014. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Bill Hammer, Ken Green, Paul Heineman, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles (left at 8:12 p.m.) --- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker (left at 8:12 p.m.) Fire Chief Bill Andrews (left at 8:12 p.m.).

Chairman Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes from the November 5, 2014 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.

EMS – No report.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Bill Rowles stated that he met today with Hunter Haar who recently purchased property at 4685 SR 20. Mr. Haar does not live in the house, but has set up a “farm machinery sales” lot next to the house. Mr. Rowles explained to Mr. Haar that the land is zoned agriculture and a sales lot is not a permitted use for this area. Mr. Haar has decided to make application for a zoning amendment change to have the property rezoned commercial. He has not formally submitted his application, or paid the \$250 fee.

The Zoning Inspector has received three applications for a conditional use permit for the home based businesses of Jeff Andrews, Jim Reed Jr, and William Busdiecker Jr. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the public hearings regarding these three applications on Tuesday, December 2 at 7 p.m., 7:15 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. respectively at the fire station.

Mr. Rowles stated he will be on vacation December 3 – 9.

CEMETERY – Kepus prepared an indigent burial procedure for the Trustees to review. Trustee Green made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2014-11** Establishing an Indigent Burial Policy for Woodville Township. Trustee Heineman seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Resolution states that as Woodville Township realizes that everyone deserves a dignified ending to their lives and respectable burial the Board wishes to adopt a policy that develops an objective process for burying deceased indigent residents. The federal poverty threshold criterion states that an "indigent person" means a person whose income does not exceed one hundred fifty per cent (150%) of the federal poverty line for the family size equal to the size of the person's family.

In Ohio, family members are not obligated by law to pay for the disposition of a relative except in the case of a spouse or a parent with a deceased minor child. If the spouse or parent is indigent, then the obligation would pass to the township or municipality.

Ohio Revised Code 9.15 mandates that a township or municipal corporation must bury or cremate a body at the township's expense where a "dead person had been a legal resident at the time of death". Ohio Attorney General Opinion 1996-026, states that if there is within the township an incorporated village with a population of 5,000 or less, the village would be required to bear the expense of the indigent burial.

When the body of a dead person is found in a township, and such person was not an inmate of a correctional, benevolent, or charitable institution of this state, and the body is not claimed by any person for private interment or cremation at the person's own expense, or delivered for the purpose of medical or surgical study or dissection in accordance with Section 1713.34 of the Revised Code, and if the person was a legal resident of the county, the proper officers of the township or municipal corporation in which the person's body was found shall cause it to be buried or cremated at the expense of the township or municipal corporation in which the person had a legal residence at the time of death.

The policy will provide guidelines when determining indigency status of a deceased person who resided within the township. The established guidelines adhere to Ohio's indigency determination as set for in ORC 9.15.

ROADS – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported on the following:

- The check engine light came on in the new truck and it was inspected by Allan from Burt's Diesel, and he stated that the truck is running well and found no reason for the light to come on.
- The township had 3" of snow Sunday, November 16 and another inch on Monday taking everyone in the county by surprise. Workers plowed and salted for four days. The road mowing and cracksealing got put on hold again.
- Weather permitting workers will start road mowing and crack sealing next week.
- The tarp on the salt shed it not rolling up easily so as soon as the weather gets better, workers will get it working correctly.

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ROADS CONTINUED - There is a township in southern Ohio that is interested in purchasing the 1996 Ford L8000 truck. Trustee Hammer made a motion to offer an asking price of \$15,000. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. The Ford L8000 truck had brand new tires installed just last winter. The Trustees agreed to have the tires switched out by Specks with the newly purchased 2007 International truck. The cost is \$100 for each tire.

The Trustees approved a "*Work in Right-of-Way*" permit for Buckeye Cablevision Inc. to install an aerial cable on existing poles from Dr. Sander's medical office on SR 20 to the intersection of SR 20 and TR 28.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Bill Andrews reported on the following:

- The department will be conducting pump certification on X-4 in the pond at the Village of Woodville Administration Building on Sunday, November 23, weather permitting.
- The brow lights on Rescue-1 stopped working, so the truck was taken to WW Williams for repairs because Horton does not have their mobile emergency unit any longer, and stated that we would have to take the truck to Mechanicsburg to have it serviced.
- There were 345 breakfasts served at the November pancake and sausage breakfast.
- He ordered 20 lengths of 3" hose from Warren Fire in the amount of \$4,140. The Township will donate some of the out-dated hose to the Village of Woodville and/or Martin Marietta. The Trustees unanimously approved of the donation of this obsolete Township item.
- Upcoming departmental events: December 1 – car inspection at Rouen to look at the new car airbags, batteries, etc.; December 8 – Woodmore will provide a school bus for members to inspect to prepare for any emergencies they may encounter in a bus accident; December 14 – pancake and sausage breakfast; December 15 – departmental fun night; December 17 – the department will host the Sandusky County Firemen's Association Meeting at 7 p.m.; December 22 – the department will hold their monthly meeting one week earlier due to the holidays.
- The Sandusky County Election Board sent the certified election results from the November election. The 3.0 mill Fire Renewal Levy official results were: 882 for, 372 against, for a total of 1,254 ballots.

FISCAL OFFICER – Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus stated that the Sandusky County Prosecutor has located former renter Lisa Pauley and she is still residing in Williston, Ohio. Trustee Hammer made a motion to file an Affidavit for Debtor's Examination in the amount of \$75 which will be served by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department in an attempt to collect \$10,829 she still owes the Township from past due rent and damages done to the Township's rental house located at 329 East Main Street back in 2012. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Mr. Hammer spoke with Virginia Swartz, 1047 Fort Findlay Road, regarding the removal of the barn structures located at 868 Fort Findlay Road that were declared structurally defective, insecure, and unsafe last August. Ms. Swartz stated that she has removed the gasoline and oil from the underground tanks and has proof of this. Ms. Swartz stated that it would cost \$6,000 to contract with a company to remove the structures and she does not have that. Mr. Hammer told her to contact our fire chief and get the open burn permit process started. Chief Andrews confirmed that she did contact him to start the process.

Trustee Green made a motion to renew the Township's vision insurance policy with Vision Service Plan in the amount of \$36.92 per month (up from \$33.72 per month). Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:12 p.m. Trustee Hammer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employee evaluations. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Present in executive session: Trustees Hammer, Green, Heineman, Fiscal Officer Kepus. At 8:47 p.m. Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker was asked to attend. At 9 p.m. Fire Chief Andrews was asked to attend. At 9:14 p.m. Trustee Green made a motion to enter regular session. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. No further action was taken.

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