

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – November 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Woodville Township Trustees was held on November 17, 2021. Those in attendance: Trustees: Chairman Ken Green, Paul Runion, Bill Hammer, Fiscal Officer Lori Kepus, Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker (arrived at 7:43 pm), Fire Chief Bill Andrews (left at 8 pm), Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis, Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson (left at 7:15 pm), Township Resident Tom Linke, and Sandusky County Commissioner Scott Miller (left at 8:20 pm).

Trustee Chairman Ken Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held observing the COVID-19 pandemic precautions including social distancing.

Sandusky County Commissioner Scott Miller gave an update on happenings at the commissioner's office. He said they have been able to offer financial assistance to many throughout the county with this latest round of ARP money. Things are good. The county is in very good financial shape. Pursuing the idea of granting residential building permits is out. We are not pursuing this. There is too much misinformation out on this topic and the public is totally against us talking about this. This may be discussed again years down the road. We are pursuing a company called "Safe Build" to possibly offer industrial / commercial permits. They have been researched thoroughly, and we've only heard good things about them.

On November 16, 2021, the Sandusky County Commissioners signed a resolution of intent to subgrant an estimated cost of \$23,000.00 from their \$11.2 million share of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding to Woodville Township for a water and sewer infrastructure project for well replacement and septic system upgrade at the township's road maintenance garage. The Trustees thanked the Commissioners for their contribution to the upcoming well/septic system project. It is greatly appreciated!

EMS – Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson reported that LS19 is in service and operating good so far. LS19 had 36 calls in October with 16 transports to area hospitals. 11 advanced life support transports and 5 basic life support transports. Call volume remains high. He said we are starting to see delays in getting squads back in service after a transport due to the ERs being full. Local hospitals are now going on EMS bypass on a regular basis meaning the ambulance can't transport to their facility and must proceed on to the next closest ER that is open. Most closures are due to staffing issues at the hospitals. We were only experiencing delays when transporting to Toledo hospitals, but are now experiencing delays in transports to Fremont and Bellevue also.

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

- We served 450 meals at the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday.
- The WVFD, Inc. bought a pop-up tent for the Pancake Breakfasts, and it can be used for other fire department events if needed.
- One firefighter tested positive Monday for COVID-19. The department cancelled their equipment practice Monday night. 5 firefighters were tested Monday night for COVID-19. All were negative. We picked up more test kits from the Sandusky County EMA to test more firefighters in the future if necessary.
- MSA SCBA's to be demoed Monday night
- WVFD, Inc. is looking to upgrade the motor on the rescue boat. It currently has a long shaft and should have a short shaft so the boat can operate better in shallow water. The current motor is also designed for a 2-person boat, but if a rescue is needed, there would usually be up to 4-5 people in the boat so the motor would need to be more powerful.
- Haven't heard back from Global Solutions on new LED lights for the station.

After months of waiting, CSX has begun the repairs to the railroad tracks that cross Route 20 going to Fremont. The area is completely shut down and expected to reopen November 19.

Kepus reported the advertisement for the infrastructure drainage project at the fire station was in the Suburban Press November 1 and November 8 and is on Poggemeyer's website www.poggemeyer.com and Becker Impressions at www.pdgplanroom.com with a sealed bid opening on December 1 at 7 pm at a trustee meeting.

Trustee Runion stated that Becker Impressions sent a paper copy of the drawings and specs for the project and they are in the fiscal office for anyone that wishes to inspect them. He will also hold a bidder's conference at 2pm November 18 at the fire station for anyone who wishes to inspect the layout of the project. Poggemeyer's will also be there.

ROAD DEPARTMENT- Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that Columbia Gas tore up a small section of our newly paved road at the corner of TR 48 and Borcharding Road when they were repairing a section of the ground they had to tear up for their gas line project. He also said that someone thinks we have a vegetation site at the road garage. Workers continually find loads of brush dumped on a concrete pad near the newly acquired property next door. The Trustees are exploring options to stop this as dumping vegetation at this site is not allowed.

Trustee Runion made a motion to purchase 200' of 4" pipe from Core & Main at \$2.10 a foot for a culvert project at the road maintenance garage. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

After review of the 2021 township garbage program, Trustee Green made a motion **to keep the cost of a garbage ticket at \$80 for 2022**. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Kepus reported that she filed two grants to the ODOT Township Stimulus Program for the repaving of TR 14 and the remaining half of TR 165. If awarded, the township would receive 100% of the funding needed to complete these projects. The grant awards will not be announced by the state until February, 2022.

CEMETERY – There is a burial this week in the Veteran's Section. The Trustees signed a cemetery deed for James Johnson (2 plots) in the veteran's section. Kepus reported that the last of the double spots in the original veteran's section have been used and now the 28 lots in the veteran's section that the Trustees reserved back in 2016 need to be plotted out.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis reported there will be a public hearing by the Zoning Board of Appeals on an application for variance from **Troy and Jennifer Bankey** – SR 582 & CR 16, Woodville Township, at 7 pm November 23 at the fire station. The Bankeys have requested a variance from requirements of the Township Zoning Resolution to allow building a pole barn in their front yard (as defined by the resolution since they are on a corner lot). They would also like a variance from the required 10' setback from the back property line to align with other buildings on the lot.

- Issued a permit to **Troy Thorbahn** – 3400 CR 62, Woodville – for a 15' x 20' storage shed. The \$50 permit fee was paid.

Sent certified letters regarding zoning violations on the following properties:

- **Jackie Skaggs** – 3669 TR 93 Woodville – there is a second residence on this property that must be vacated immediately and the living space removed by December 5.
- **Mary Rupke** – 3800 TR 93, Woodville – regarding the storage of junk, unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles, specifically a camper stored on the property must be removed by December 1.
- **William & Kaye Linke** – 22131 CR 2, Woodville – regarding the storage of junk, unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles, and other trash/debris must be removed by December 1.
- **Kathleen & Patrick Wiese** – 1450 Lime Road, Woodville – Multiple boats/vehicles being stored on the property. Need to be moved indoors or from the property by December 1.
- **Ronald Wagner** – 6880 CR 107, Gibsonburg – storage of junk, unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles, unoperable/junk farm equipment, trailers, and other trash/debris must be removed by December 15.

Tom Linke – Mr. Michaelis stated that the time for Mr. Linke to have his properties cleaned up of junk and unlicensed vehicles has expired. Mr. Linke was present and brought up matters from the 1950s and issues about the solar field in the village, but the Trustees continued to bring him back to his current outstanding issue – the cleanup of his properties. Mr. Linke stated he has complied some and done work on his TR 165 property and he is getting titles for some of his vehicles. The Trustees stated they have given him 3 plus months to comply and their current option is to send this matter to the prosecutor and let the judge decide what needs to be removed. The Trustees asked Zoning Inspector Michaelis to take pictures of the progress and report back in two weeks at the next trustee meeting.

The Woodville Township Zoning Commission held a public hearing on November 16 to discuss changes and additions to the zoning resolution with the public. Quite a few people from the public were in attendance. Slight revisions were made and then the final product was unanimously approved by the Zoning Commission following the hearing and their recommendations were presented to the Trustees tonight.

The Woodville Township Trustees will hold a second public hearing on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodville Township Fire Station, 321 East Main Street, Woodville, Ohio to discuss proposed additions and changes to the Township Zoning Resolution. By law, two public hearings must be held regarding any changes to the zoning resolution. The Township Trustees will discuss with the public recommendations made by the Township Zoning Commission after their public hearing.

Trustee Runion stated that Jason Ohms did speak with Beth Hannam from the Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation regarding how he may be able to obtain some Brownfield money from the government for the cleanup of his property on East Main Street.

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Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the Trustee's November 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed

Trustee Hammer made a motion to renew the healthcare insurance premium with Medical Mutual. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. This year's premium increased 23%.

At 8:31 pm, with no further business, Trustee Runion moved for adjournment. Trustee Green seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.