

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – October 4, 2023

Chairman Bill Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Trustees: Bill Hammer, Ken Green, and Paul Runion.
Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus
Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker was excused.
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker (arrived at 7:15 pm)
Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis

GUESTS

Mircea Handru, the Director of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties was present to inform the audience that the board has a .65 mill renewal levy of the current tax on the November ballot to continue to fund mental health and addiction services for Sandusky County residents. A little-known service they currently offer to the counties is a Mobile Crisis unit. The service is a first for Ohio. It can be deployed to offer assistance for first responders handling crisis situations in the community. He also explained that the building on Main Street in Woodville (Rigel Recovery) is currently not occupied, but they hope to have a new mental health provider in place early next year. (He left at 7:10 pm).

The Trustees are considering hiring an outside law firm for occasional legal representation. Attorneys Jim Barney & Gabby Toscano of Kocher & Barney, LLC, Port Clinton were present to talk about services they could offer to the township. They are currently legal counsel for Ballville, Sandusky, and Green Creek Townships and six villages. (They left at 7:25 pm).

EMS – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker gave an update on activities of the fire department:

- 1) The Fire Department Association is purchasing another screen for the 360-camera system on the new truck. They will be pitching in approximately \$15,000 as prices have gone up.
- 2) On October 2, a few members of the department went down to Sutphen in Amlin, Ohio for the final truck inspection for the new X-2. Everything looks good and Sutphen will take the truck to FMI in a few weeks.
- 3) FMI Compartment Management Solutions in Springfield is the company that is building the compartment system and mounting all of the tools. I am trying to finish up the inventory of equipment purchased for the new truck and hope to have that completed tomorrow.
- 4) The first pancake breakfast of the season is October 8.
- 5) On October 9th, the department will be going to Madison Motors in Fremont for School Bus Training. Because we will be so far out, I have contacted Chief Martin in Pemberville and asked him to be First Call during that time. We invited Elmore, Gibsonburg, and Pemberville to attend as well.
- 6) A large number of bees were found in the fire station's exhaust motor and were swarming throughout the station. An exterminator, Delving Pest Control in Elmore, was called.

ZONING – Zoning Inspector Steve Michaelis presented one approved zoning permit for Susan Tipton, 7138 SR 582, Woodville, for a 10' x 16' shed. The \$50 permit fee was paid.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that the Issue II project has started. M&B has started blacktopping. TR 42 was done yesterday. They are now working on TR 14. Busdiecker is berming the newly paved roads as blacktopping progresses.

After discussion, **Trustee Green made a motion to purchase two Motorola UHF radios up to \$3,500 (\$1,453 each and minimal user fees) from Futronics in Fremont.** Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees received communication from the Sandusky county Engineer Carlos Baez that CSX railroad plans to begin the reconstruction of the CSX railroad crossing on CR 30 (Lime Road). Work will begin approximately during the week of October 16. He thinks the repair will be similar to what CSX installed at their crossing on US 20.

SKAGGS CULVERT ISSUE - It was reported that a culvert had collapsed on the Skaggs property, 3669 CR 93, Woodville, and water is not draining properly and flooding the neighbor's property. A certified letter was sent on September 18 to Jacky and June Skaggs, 3669 CR 93, Woodville, to repair their culvert as it is impeding the natural flow of the water. Jacky Skaggs Jr. reported to Trustee Runion that the culvert had been fixed. Upon inspection by Road Supervisor, Jim Busdiecker, it was evident that it had not yet been repaired correctly. Mr. Skaggs told Trustee Runion he had only started fixing it. He was not yet done. Trustee Runion stated that during the telephone call Mr. Skaggs Jr. used threatening language all throughout the conversation.

CEMETERY – Fall cleanup at the cemeteries will be October 20. All arrangements must be removed by October 20. New arrangements can be placed October 22.

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

Below is the September financial report.

September Revenue Received	\$ 65,214.45
September Expenses Paid	\$ 211,301.73
Balance of all Funds as of 9/30/2023	\$ 2,594,720.55

The Medical Mutual Healthcare renewal was presented. The increase was less than 1% or \$29 a month for a total of \$3,210 a month. Trustee Green made a motion to renew the healthcare plan with Medical Mutual. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At the Township Association Meeting last month, the Trustees became aware of FEMA awards that are currently available to build a Safe Shelter (safe room) in conjunction with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Safe Haven program. The rebate program pays 75% of the project up to \$4,875. Trustee Green will explore what is available to us.

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Runion seconded. Roll call: All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Runion made a motion to approve the September 20, 2023 meeting minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. Roll call: Hammer, yes, Runion, yes, Green, abstain as he was absent. Motion passed.

At 8:13 pm, Trustee Hammer made a motion to enter Executive Session per ORC 121.22(G)1 to consider the employment of a public employee or to investigate complaints against a public employee. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Present in Executive Session: Trustees Hammer, Green, Runion, and Fiscal Officer Kepus.

At 8:25 pm, the Trustees returned to regular session. No action was taken.

At 8:25 pm, with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Hammer seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.