

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2021

Chad Ashbaugh, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustee Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to American Flag

Roll Call: Chad: Present Lisa: Present Tim: Present
Nancy: Present Will: Present

Chad asked that all cell phones be muted except for the Chief's.

VISITORS
David Myers

Dave Myers was present and wanted to personally thank Chief Duvall and the crew that responded and provided excellent services to his family recently. He also thanked all the residents of the village and township who sent cards and called and offered support.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the January 6, 2021 Organizational/Regular Meeting have been printed and distributed for review prior to the meeting, and are being presented for approval.

With no revisions to the minutes, Tim made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lisa seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Chad; Yea Lisa; Yea Tim; Yea

Chad reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website www.rushcreektwp.org.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA
None

FINANCIAL SECTION

The Fiscal Officer recommends that the Board of Trustees take action on the following financial items:

EFT's #28-2021 to 55-2021 and Warrants #42178-42193 in the amount of \$29,994.71 were presented for approval:

Presented Purchase Order 10-2021 – Allied Benefits Systems (National General) \$33,000.00

Moved by Chad, seconded by Tim to approve the Financial Section as presented.

Roll Call: Chad; Yea Lisa; Yea Tim; Yea

Moved by Lisa, seconded by Chad to approved Resolution #2021-03 which states that Rushcreek Township will continue to operate the township on a cash basis.

Roll Call: Chad; Yea Lisa; Yea Tim; Yea

Resolution #2021-01 regarding 50% Weight Reduction Limit signs being placed on roads (updated list of roads attached to Resolution) by the Township that was tabled at the 1/6/21 meeting was re-visited. The Trustees are still undecided as to what they want to do with this resolution. The weight limits are hard to enforce and even if they can be enforced, the county gets the fine money, but the Township is still required to fix the damaged roads. After much discussion of this matter, Chad made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-01 regarding posting 50% Weight Reduction Limit Signs. Tim seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Chad; Yea Lisa; No Tim; Yea

REPORTS

Fire Department

Bremen Rushcreek Township Fire Department. Fire and Ems Runs for the period January 1 through January 15, 2021.

24 EMS 12 Transports 6 Fire 1 MVA
Mutual Aid Received 5 Mutual Aid Given 8

Three fire personnel participated in pump training on January 17 at Richland Township Fire Department.

Chief Duvall has been checking prices on a second PPV fan and replacement of battery operated tools. He indicated that they will not be getting a battery operated fan as earlier discussed because they are too expensive at \$6,000.00.

Chief Duvall reported that EMTs Jeremi Hedges and Pete Hines got kudos from Fairfield Medical Center Stemi Team for getting a patient from home to the heart cath unit in excellent time.

Zoning

There are 2 new zoning permits issued since last meeting:

Jason & Nikole Meadows Richard Estep
1558 Pumpkin Vine Road 8025 Oak Hill Road
Lancaster OH Bremen OH
New residential build Accessory Bldg.

Two positions terms expired at the end of 2020 and will need to be addressed at the 1/20/2021 meeting:

Zoning Commission Jim Downard
Zoning Board of Appeals Loren Young

Tim Thomas contacted the two zoning board members and they agreed to continue to be on the zoning boards. Resolutions will be presented at the February 3, 2021 meeting to approve these appointments.

Lisa indicated that we will be receiving a request for a Conditional Use Permit in the near future from Perry Coblentz for a business they wish to start on 312 – Bremen Metal Sales.

Road

The road crew has checked roads and treated as needed.

They have been patching holes on gravel roads with 304 stone and re-stoning with 57 stone and cutting brush on various roads.

The road name signs from Westpoint and Borah Hill Roads have been stolen again.

The estimate to fix the arm mower has gone up since the last meeting to \$1,347.11 and that is to repair the swing cylinder and spool valve. This is the second time for spool valve. Chad reported that they are still waiting on an oil analysis to determine other problems. Lisa has spoken with Brent Barrett at Ag Pro to see what the options are for this tractor/mower. They are not interested in just the mower arm, they would want the tractor and arm unit. Copies of the original purchase invoice and additional expenditures up to this point were distributed to the Trustees for review. Current out of pocket expenses for repairs up to this point has been over \$7,000.00. Chad indicated that flushing the hydraulic system could add an additional \$2,000.00 to the current expenses. The Trustees will wait on the oil analysis to determine next steps.

Gray Freightliner was sent to Mid West due to the engine light being on and had the EGR pressure sensor replaced.

Fiscal Officer

The 2021 Equipment Standard Rates for 1/1/21-12/31/21 were received from Cheryl Downour in the event that we do any projects this year. Since she mentioned forced account monies, I emailed her back on January 15 and asked if she knew when we would receive the rest of our money. To date, she has not responded.

CD Rates – while working with Vinton County Bank to get the new CD's processed, Nicole Scot realized that the rate that we are getting for our checking account is actually higher than what we would get if we put the funds into CD's. For that reason, we decided to delay placing the funds into CD's until such time that the rates improve. Nicole indicated that she will keep an eye on the rates and will notify us should they change.

Contacted Gus from PERSO again to see if there was an update on the Frontier Communication/Thomas Road damage. He responded and indicated that he offered to pay for the damages minus the administrative fee that they are not entitled to and that he hopes to hear back from them soon and get the claim resolved.

The 2020 Year End close has been completed. The following notice was sent to the website and to the Towne Crier for publication.

The 2020 Annual Financial Report of Rushcreek Township was filed with the Auditor of State of Ohio. This report is available online www.rushcreektwp.org or for public viewing by contacting the Township office for an appointment at 740-569-7181, Ext 10. Rushcreek Township Trustees hold regular monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 213 Marietta Street, Bremen.

The 1st Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources was received from the Fairfield County Auditor this week in the amount of \$4,753,184.51.

Per Will's request, the Konica Minolta maintenance agreement has been cancelled.

At this time, we do not intend to schedule a special work session to work on the 2021 Appropriations. The Fiscal Officer gave spreadsheets to each department head to review and update what will be needed for 2021 Permanent Appropriations. This will be discussed and reviewed at the February 3, 2021 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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| 2020 Allocation: | \$18,765.00 | |
| Carryover: | <u>\$16,239.32</u> | |
| Grand Total | \$35,004.32 | |
| Received a portion of allocation | <u>- 13,811.52</u> | Check #5317448 |
| Balance Due | \$21,192.80 | |

Lisa reported that Amy Brown Thompson responded to her question regarding the Amish cemetery issues. She is checking with the Natural Burial Cemetery to see if this cemetery can qualify. The Amish community will still need to get it surveyed. If it does qualify, they would not be able to sell it, only transfer it. William Hershberger is now representing the Amish community in this matter and David Foltz of the Zoning Commission is assisting.

Tim is still working with the residents on the West Point Road fence issue.

All required paperwork has been turned in to our representative Gene Eusanio for the new health insurance. Once our official Group Number is received, the fiscal officer will send an official termination letter for Medical Mutual.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lisa, seconded by Chad to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Chad; Yea Lisa; Yea Tim; Yea
