

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
04/18/2018

Dave Myers, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Dave were: Chad Ashbaugh, Trustee; Lisa Burnworth, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; Doug Hintz, Road Superintendent; and William Duvall, Fire Chief. Dave asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief and Road Superintendent.

Visitors

Laurie Withem, Tracy Shahan, Ray Stemen, Earl Lehman, Brian Irwin, Bill Myers, Mary Hoffman

Minutes

The minutes of the April 4th meeting were presented to the Trustees for approval. Chad made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes because the Trustees had reviewed them prior to the meeting and approve the minutes. Lisa seconded the motion. Roll Call: Chad, yes; Lisa, yes; Dave, aye. Dave reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website www.rushcreektwp.org.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #245-2018 - #289-2018 and Warrants #41016 - #41110 in the amounts of \$33,653.23 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. A stop payment was issued on an outstanding check dated in February with Bremen Bank waiving the service charge. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Chad seconded the motion. Roll Call: Chad, aye; Lisa, aye; Dave, aye.

Purchase Order #17-2018 and #50-2018 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. The Trustees and department heads were reminded that we have just finished the first quarter and several appropriations are close to 50%. Some are annual or semi-annual payments so that should be taken into consideration.

At the April 8th meeting the Trustees authorized the Certificate of Deposit to be invested at the Bremen Bank for a 24-month term at an interest rate of 1.75%. When Citizen's bank was notified they increased the rate to 1.80% for the 24-month term. Each Trustee was contacted and agreed to remain at the Citizens Bank with the 1.80% interest for 24 Months. Lisa asked why interest was paid monthly instead of compounded. Connie replied it is monthly income divided into four funds according to the statute. However, if the Trustees wish for the interest to be compounded that is their decision.

Chief Duvall presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$4,550.00. Chad made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Lisa seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with regards to the Training requests within the expenditure list. Neither Lisa nor Dave were aware of the requests ahead of time. Chad stated he had a copy since Monday that was on the table. With regard to the training request at Garrett College, Lisa felt that it was not necessary to send two people to the same class and if so, she would rather see younger personnel attending as an incentive to attract people to our fire department. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Chad, aye; Lisa, no.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$5,650.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Lisa seconded the motion. Lisa reminded the Board that Rushcreek Township may be eligible to apply for the sign grant and since we need to purchase for compliance then Doug should pursue. Dave also noted there was a separate grant he felt was for \$500 that Doug should pursue. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Lisa, aye; Chad, aye. Last week cold patch was needed and Cochran did not yet have material. She suggested an account be opened with Shelly in Zanesville as a back-up vendor rather than making a trip to Fisher Road in Columbus. Dave stated he found 2 options for hauling in the future as well.

Business

Chief William Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 20 EMS including 13 transports and 7 fire runs.

- Frederick North and Clayton Hutton have obtained the Paramedic certification level therefore both employees rate of pay increased to \$12.50 per hour.
- Claypool Electric completed the wiring for the compressor. Breathing Air Systems will be onsite April 19th to install the system.
- Still working with two companies to obtain generator bids.
- All of the body armor has arrived and placed in service.
- Submitted several requests for training.
- Thanked the Trustees for scheduling the work session.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- Culverts and ditches were cleaned out in several spots due to heavy rains with two signs stolen.
- Several roads were flooded over the past two weeks.
- A large tree was removed from the roadway on Rutter Hill Rd.
- The road department has been conducting traffic counts on various roads to help determine where new chip/seal will take place. Recent weather has delayed this process. The counter is currently on Heyd Road.
- Traffic counts are on a 48 hour-basis. Current results: Thomas, 98; Zion, 224; Holiday, 192; Heyd, 127. Holiday will be done again due to a malfunction.
- Thomas, Avalon, Young, Shaw, and Houck Rds. have been graded.
- Excess gravel has been swept from the roads. After recent rains, there some more areas that need attention and will be addressed as soon as possible.
- Potholes were patched on both gravel and chip sealed roads. There are more holes out there and they are being fixed as quickly as possible.
- Tree trimming continued on Bethel Rd. and loose brush was chipped up on several other roads.
- Purvis Road between Locust Grove and the Perry County line will be closed on Thursday, April 26th for culvert replacement.
- Thank you to all three Trustees for their help during recent storms.
- Fairview Road between Marietta & Lecrone Roads will be closed on Friday, April 27th for culvert replacement. Force Account documents will be sent to the County.
- The Hotsy power washer was delivered.

Connie reported the following:

- The appeal decision was rendered on unemployment benefits with regards to R. Lytle. According to ORC 4141.241(B)(1)(b), 4141.24, and 4141.25 Rushcreek Township is required to pay since we are a public employer. The amount determined is \$5,018.00.

Lisa advised that a letter was sent to the Director requesting Hocking and Pleasant to be included in the determination of benefits since Mr. Lytle was employed at all three Townships.

- Fairfield County Commissioners adopted to lift weight restrictions. The Engineer's office advised that Townships can remove between now and end of April.

Doug stated there were several soft spots and with the weather forecast showing more rain he was going to hold off for a few days. Dave and Chad were in favor of removing immediately. Trustees instructed Doug to pull signs the following day.

- As many of you know, Scott is being honored as a fallen officer at a Federal ceremony in Washington, a State ceremony in London, and a local ceremony in Lancaster. There is a Light Central Ohio Blue Campaign which is in its third year of businesses and citizens lighting their communities in blue to honor our fallen officers and support our current law enforcement personnel. This campaign runs from May 9th – May 18th. Fairfield County has lost five officers in the line of duty over the years and it has been my desire to bring this campaign to our local area. Menard's has partnered with the program and has agreed to supply the Lancaster store with blue lights for purchase. I have also been working with them to get our local area supplied. The goal is to Remember the Fallen & Thank the Living by lighting the area with Blue. Many businesses in the Lancaster area and surrounding communities are on board.

- Requested the May 16th meeting to be moved to May 23rd due to being out of State. Trustees concurred, notices will be posted.
- Kathy Thimmes has been contacted to process the May 16th payroll in Connie's absence.

Trustee Reports

Dave –

- Help road crew clean-up storm damage.
- Talked to County Engineer office about load limits.
- Attended the OTA meeting at Amanda Township April 14, 2018.
- Lyle Environmental returned the asbestos testing on the property located at 127 Mulberry. Asbestos was found in the upstairs flooring. Estimate for clean-up and disposal totals \$840.00.

Dave made a motion to enter into contract with Lyle Environmental to clean-up and dispose of the asbestos at the 127 Mulberry Street property at a cost of \$840.00. Chad seconded the motion. Roll Call: Chad, aye; Lisa, aye; Dave, aye.

Chad –

- The following zoning permits have been issued since the last meeting: Doug Burnworth, 1376 Locust Grove Rd., new home; Nick Schmelzer, 8295 Pleasantview Rd., Remodel & room addition.

Lisa –

- Met with residents to discuss tree trimming concerns on Bethel Road. A solution was reached and Lisa will follow-up with the residents.
- Met with resident regarding a driveway culvert. Paperwork was processed and Doug will schedule the install.
- Hopefully resolved MMO issues regarding late charge, Pediatric dental waivers, and prescription coverage.
- Reviewed budget and green sheets with fire department.
- The ESO contract has been returned to the vendor for necessary changes.
- Paperwork on the OPWC grant for box culverts on Zion Road needs submitted by June 1st.

Lisa reported that she has been working on combining internet service and telephone service for the Township and Fire Department with Spectrum. Currently the fire department internet service is with Spectrum. Cost estimates were obtained and to combine all services would save approximately \$80 per month. Lisa made a motion to proceed with changing our Frontier services to Spectrum and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Chad, aye; Lisa, aye; Dave, aye.

At the Fairfield County OTA meeting, Engineer Jeremiah Upp reported that there will be an additional \$5.00 on the motor vehicle license renewals. A presentation will be made to the County Commissioners for the Engineer to provide that money back to Townships and the Transportation Improvement District. Jeremiah explained, if approved, this will double our allocation from County MVL monies.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19pm.