

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
05/23/2018

Dave Myers, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:05pm 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, Mary Hoffman, Tracy Shahan

Minutes

The minutes of the May 2nd 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](http://www.rushcreektwp.org).

Treasurer's Report

EFT #326-2018 - #361-2018 and Warrants #41128 - #41145 in the amounts of \$26,887.85 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Chad seconded the motion. Roll Call: Chad, aye; Lisa, aye; Dave, aye.

Chief Duvall presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,650.00. Chad made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Lisa seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Chad, aye; Lisa, aye.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$24,500.00. This includes supplies to upgrade the roads and gravel for the chip/seal project. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Chad seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Lisa, aye; Chad, aye.

Business

Chief William Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 13 EMS including 8 transports and 7 fire runs.
- Both the Engine and Rescue vehicles passed pump tests on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Ladders were also tested and passed.
- MEC meeting was conducted at Pleasant Twp. Fire Department on May 17<sup>th</sup>. All MEC members from Fairfield County were in attendance along with representatives from FMC and the Sheriff's department. The topic was Dispatcher assisted CPR.
- Blue Lights were placed on the front of the station in support of National Peace Officer's Week.
- Spectrum changed the cable signal to the station. Two control boxes had to be added.
- Medic 541 has been stripped of equipment and sent to Ridenour Ford in New Lexington for steering issues and a heater in the D.E.F. unit. Ridenour advised so far this is covered under warranty.
- Letters were sent to the Firefighters and/or volunteers that have not had adequate hours in the past year. One individual responded with "intent to resign" however none of the others have responded. Discussion ensued on a timetable for the employees to notify the Township of their intentions. It was decided that Trustee Burnworth will notify the Prosecuting Attorney to guide us on proper procedure.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- Spraying is now complete.
- Looking at base coating just under 2 miles of gravel roads in chip seal this year. Roads that are planned: Holiday, Heyd, Marietta end of Fairview and Marietta from W. Rushville Rd. to just past Zion Rd.

- Traffic counts are finished with the following results: Heyd Rd.-283 cars; Holiday Rd-242 cars; Fairview Rd.-225; Zion Rd.-224; McCullough Rd.-119; Thomas Rd.-111, and Avalon Rd.-111.

Lisa asked about the counts for Young and Purvis roads with Doug responding they were not done because those roads were not being considered for chip/seal this season.

- Received a quote from 20/20 Enterprises on sub-contracting the extra miles of chip/seal. Spoke with Shelly Company once requesting a quote however none has been received. Left two messages with no response.

Chad stated he contacted Ryan Packert Tuesday night who is in charge of that portion of the business and Ryan advised no one has called him from Rushcreek Township. Chad then provided Doug with Ryan's cell number. A copy of the quote from 20/20 was given to Connie, Chad, and Lisa who had not received.

- The road crew has completed cemetery mowing in preparation for Memorial Day except; Sugar Hill Cemetery, Zion Cemetery, and Blosser Cemetery.

Discussion was held regarding the current resident at the Blosser Cemetery not allowing the Township access to care for the property. Dave is getting all information together for us to look at and contact the landowner of record to look for a resolution.

- Berms were cut, ditches cleaned and moved back where possible on Bethel Rd. between Marietta Rd. and McCullough Rd.
- Potholes were patched on both chip seal and gravel roads around the township.
- A downed tree was removed from Lecrone Rd.
- Fairview, Young and McCullough roads were graded.
- Holiday Rd. was graded and ditches were cleaned.
- A washed out section of ditch was repaired on Tent Church Rd.
- Mowing is scheduled to start next week.
- Both Doug & Dave went to Utica, Ohio to inspect the new arm mower and found everything to be in order. The equipment will be delivered on Thursday.

Chad reported that he spoke with Roger Grimm on Bethel regarding his driveway culvert who advised that Doug had not returned his call. Doug responded he will handle that matter. Chad stated it was reported a washout on Young Road before Loren's driveway with Doug responding he will investigate.

Connie reported the following:

- Expressed gratitude to the residents and employees of the Township for allowing her to get time away in order to attend the National Peace Officer's Memorial to honor Scott's line of duty death. Visiting Clerk Jim Snyder handled payroll while away which she was extremely thankful. The Trustees also expressed their gratitude to Jim Snyder for his assistance.
- Bremen Drive-In called and advised they have opened. Contact was made to Fairfield Recycling to increase dumpster pick-ups.
- Received notification from Unemployment Services that our appeal was denied due to late filing which is totally inaccurate. Trustee Burnworth concurred and noted the file will be turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney.
- As previously discussed, the \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit from Bremen Bank will mature May 29<sup>th</sup> and will be placed into the primary checking account for the purchase of the generator.
- Preparing spreadsheets for 2019 budget. The Trustees agreed to each individually talk to each of the department heads and then hold a Work Session at 6pm prior to the next Board Meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Trustee Reports

Dave –

- Helped in the shop and ditch repair.
- Received a letter from the Village of Bremen regarding the demolition of 127 Mulberry property. Included were instructions for relocation of the recycling bin. Trustees Burnworth and Ashbaugh were unsure if they wished to proceed with the recycling program should an expensive privacy fence and continued complaints about volume and cleanliness.

- A site inspection will be held about the culvert project on Zion Road with County Engineer representative Eric McCrady on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. Lisa inquired about the paperwork for OPWC and Dave assured her Eric will provide and Doug will take notes
- Special recognition was given to a young citizen of Rushcreek Township, John Verdow, who has volunteered his time to help maintain the Olive Branch Cemetery. The Trustees all commended John for his desire at such a young age to be community oriented.

Chad –

- Three zoning permits have been issued since the last meeting to the following: Aaron Gingerich, 2278 Logan-Thornville Rd., - porch & room addition; Dave Verdow, 2205 Westpoint Rd., - porch; and Tracy Stover, 11039 McCullough Rd., accessory building.
- Clarification is needed with the Zoning Board and Commission regarding “line fence” replacement or construction if a zoning permit is required. Discussion ensued with the following results. The Trustees believe Ohio line fence laws are separate from Township Zoning Rules. They also believe that Township Zoning would only come into play regarding fence when the fence would encroach on the township right of way. That no permit would be required when constructing or rebuilding line fencing. In reviewing the letters to landowners that is being mailed the Trustees wish to review and have different levels of correspondents instead of beginning aggressively.

Chad made a motion to provide a waiver to John and Crystal Huber on Pleasantview Road to complete construction of a line fence. The Board further agrees to refer the line fence matter regarding future permits to Rushcreek Township Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Lisa seconded the motion. Roll Call: Chad, aye; Lisa, aye; Dave, aye.

- Regarding the open position of the Zoning Inspector. the second applicant will be interviewed in order for a selection to be made.
- Spoke with the generator contractor who advised the drawings have been submitted to Kelly Architectural Services and he is expecting the permit to be back from the State within ten days.

Lisa – Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm.