

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 19, 2019

Chad Ashbaugh, 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 Chad were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Lisa Burnworth, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; and William Duvall, Fire Chief. Chad asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief.

Visitors

Nancy Mathias, Laurie Withem, Tracy Shahan, Matt Bailey

Requested To Speak

Matt Bailey introduced himself as a landowner on Radford Road in Marion Township. Mr. Bailey advised his discontent with the damage that the pipeline did while operating in the area. He travels Bethel Road and requested an update on how the Trustees were going to handle the area where the pipeline performed work a few years ago. Mr. Bailey stated he has had prior conversations with Trustee Myers. Dave responded that the area is scheduled for maintenance this year from that location to St. Rt. 312. He continued that the area was not sprayed earlier in order to give the materials time to settle. Mr. Bailey asked why the area was not plowed with the frequency it had been in the past during a couple of the snow events. Chad responded that Rushcreek Township utilizes recycled asphalt instead of salt on our paved roads which provides traction and does not damage the roads.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 5th meeting along with the June 19th Budget Hearing 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: Lisa, yes; Chad, aye; Dave, aye. Chad reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website www.rushcreektwp.org.

Treasurer's Report

The MARCS radio invoice was received in the amount of \$50,751.50. Due to the time frame required by the grant, the Trustees advised to go ahead and cut the warrant and hold until the radios arrive. Also, at the June 5th board meeting the Trustees voted to return the \$10,000.00 monies received from the Hunter Barber Grant. An Amended Certificate was obtained from the County Auditor. In order to not inflate our budget, receipt #30-2019 was adjusted with the warrant written from the adjustment.

EFT #411-2019 - #446-2019 and Warrants #41555 - #41569 in the amounts of \$86,050.71 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Chad seconded the motion. Roll Call: Lisa, aye; Dave, aye, Chad, aye.

Appropriation Change: \$187.44 from 1000-110-122 to 1000-110-121

This is due to the 2019 compensation increase of \$17.04 per pay for the appointed new Fiscal Officer per H.B.296.

Chief Duvall presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2250.00. Chad made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Lisa seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Lisa, aye; Chad, aye.

A list of expenditures was presented from the road department for the next period in the amount of \$13,500.00. Lisa made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Lisa, aye; Dave, aye; Chad, aye.

Business

Chief William Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 18 EMS including 8 transports and 1 fire runs. Received 5 mutual aids, 0 given.
- Assisted Columbus Bomb Squad in removing 340# of dynamite on June 7 from noon to midnight.

Road Department Report:

- Working on preparing the roads for the first part of the chip/seal project and are approximately 95% completed.
- Two down trees were removed on Young and Ireland Roads.
- Continuing with spring mowing.

Connie reported the following:

- Received the 2019 Township Allocation figures from the County Engineer which was distributed to the Trustees. Our 2019 Allocation is \$9,025.00 with a 2018 carryover of \$7,214.32 making a total of \$16,239.32. The letter also indicated that carryover balances will only be for one year and only if written notice from the Township is received prior to the November deadline. The notice must include specific designated projects. Balances not used will be returned to the Engineer's office for bridge projects on county and township roadways.

Lisa asked if we were going to get the money that has already been submitted to the County. Connie responded that the email stated the last batch of force account papers that Lisa took over were not deducted from those figures, so we should indeed receive the money this year.

- Fairfield County OTA emailed a copy of the Voice of Ethics 2019 Quarter 2, a publication from the Ohio Ethics Commission. Copies were forwarded to the Trustees.
- The Ohio Department of Commerce sent notification that the 2019 Equipment Grant that the fire department applied for was denied, however they encouraged applying again next year which we do not have a copy. Chief Duvall stated this was for turn-out gear and a file will be obtained on Monday. Possibly the reason this was denied could be due to Rushcreek receiving the Marcs radio grant.
- May of 2018 the Township switched both the Fire Department and the Township accounts over to Spectrum Business utilizing account representative Jason Weber. We have continued receiving and paying a Spectrum bill of \$59.98 for telephone service, account #102027396753010001. Recently Spectrum sent a bill for account #082433501 for the agreed amount of \$99.99 per month. However, that was for internet only. Payment was issued in the amount of \$2,419.76 for both the Township and Fire Department. This is a government account and the following people will need to be contacted to get the entire account cleared up. ericvankirk@charter.com, angela.ramosfields@charter.com, and Jason.weber@charter.com. A new purchase order will need to be issued once the matter is cleared up.
- On June 10th, received the audio visual reimbursement from ODNR in the amount of \$1,382.21. Reduction of warrant #41536 was made in that amount which placed the money back into 2191-220-410.
- Requested that the Fire Chief provide a list of the new pay rate for each fire department employee by July 8th so changes can be made in the payroll system.

Resolution #2019-07 which was written by the Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney was presented to the Board for adoption. This resolution is for the appointment of Nancy Mathias for Fiscal Officer of Rushcreek Township effective July 1, 2019 contingent upon Connie Moyer vacating the office June 30, 2019. Dave Myers moved the adoption of Resolution #2019-07 and Lisa Burnworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Lisa, aye; Chad, aye.

Trustee Reports

Dave –

- Approved fire and road payroll.
- Working with road on ditching and berms.

Chad–

- No zoning permit report was obtained.
- Approved fire department payroll.

Lisa

- Captain Beery sent notification that we received notification from FM Global Fire Prevention that a grant he applied for was received. The grant was for \$1,000.00. The Trustees were unaware that this application was made nor do we have any details. An email was sent to Captain Beery reminding him that the Trustees must be provided with all paperwork on grants. Chief Duvall will be meeting with Captain Beery on Monday to discuss these problems and provide him with a Grant Application Process & Procedure that provides guidelines that must be followed. Although the Trustees are very appreciative and happy to receive grants, they must be kept fully abreast of all activity. This recent grant from FM Global will need a press release prepared which Lisa advised she will complete.
- Thank you notes were prepared and presented to the Board for signatures to send to each of the grant organizations that we have received monies from.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:26pm.