

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
11/01/2017

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:03pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance dedicating it to the military who defend this nation and the law enforcement who protect our freedoms. Those in attendance in addition to Hart were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Bill Myers, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; and Will Duvall, Fire Chief. Hart asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief.

Bill reminded everyone to remember our Veterans on November 11th.

Visitors

Ray Stemen, Chad Ashbaugh, Tracy Shahan, Raymond McCandlish; Mary Hoffman, Lisa Burnworth, Bob Suer, Doug Burnworth, Earl Lehman, Laurie Withem.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 18th Regular Meeting and were presented to the Trustees for approval. Dave 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. Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, yes; Bill, yes; Hart, yes. Hart 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 #670-2017 - #702-2017 and Warrants #40883 - #40892 in the amounts of \$25,121.62 were presented to the Trustees for signatures along with the October Bank Reconciliation. This includes payroll transactions and withholdings dated November 3rd. Received the OTARMA membership rebate in the amount of \$2,310.73 which reduced warrant #40835 OTARMA is the property/casualty insurance consortium that includes Township's in the State of Ohio. Bill made a motion to pay the bills and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Road Superintendent Hintz presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$12,500.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. The stone request was discussed and Hart advised he would like to see some form of reconciliation on the stone. There appeared to be expenditures over the amount previously authorized and we are not provided an explanation as to what is or is not spent of those monies. Dave responded that Doug keeps track of that and he will advise Doug to provide documentation.

Fire Chief Duvall presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,950.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenditures. Hart asked about the glove purchase. Chief responded that there is a low inventory - he is forced to reuse old worn out gloves and is now stocking up for the winter. Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Business

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 18 EMS including 12 transports and 3 fire runs.
- MARCS grant information was forwarded to the County EMA office for submission to consolidate with other applicants on the State Fire Marshall grant.
- Contacted Breathing Air System to discuss electrical needs for installation of the compressor. The new compressor will need hard wired directly into the wall from 5ph to 10hp.
- Obtained a second quote on firehouse furnishings and working on a third. Since the Sheriff Department just finished their new building, our department is checking on what vendor was used to purchase the furnishings.
- Dave and Chief reviewed the driver's abstracts from the fire department.

Since Road Superintendent Doug Hintz was unavailable Dave reported the following:

- Mowing is still ongoing with approximately one-half complete. It is taking a little longer than the first round since we have mowed back to edge of right of way.
- Dave Myers and Doug met with Lindey Jackson from Columbia Gas and Eric McCrady from the county engineers regarding the conditions of South Bethel Rd. and Rutter Hill Rd. and how they plan to repair them. Lindey agreed to reimburse the township for any stone needed to get South Bethel, from SR 312 to the first bridge and from Turkey Run to the county line, back to condition it was prior to work pipeline starting. Doug is waiting to hear from Lindey or Eric as to how they plan to repair South Bethel between the bridges and Rutter Hill Rd. Lindey was made aware that we would like to get a decision from Columbia Gas as soon as possible as we would like to have all repairs completed before winter arrives and causes more damage to the roads.

Dave was asked to clarify the report as it was confusing. Dave stated that he and Doug had been shaping up the area on Bethel and are waiting to hear back on how to proceed. Connie stated that the Road crew struggles to keep up with our maintenance and she did not feel the Township should take responsibility of repairing the damage even if reimbursed. After a lengthy discussion the Board concurred that the agreement must be presented to the Board for clarification and certification.

- South Bethel was graded and stoned from SR 312 to the first bridge and from Turkey Run to the county line. Some minor repairs were also made on the ditches in those areas.
- McCullough, Fairview and Heyd were graded.
- Stone was hauled to Avalon, Purvis, McCullough, and the lower end of Fairview.
- Grindings were hauled to Heyd Rd., the Perry Co. end of Purvis Rd., and the upper end of Fairview Rd. in an effort to better establish dust mats.
- Ditches were repaired and culverts cleaned on Bethel Rd. between McCullough Rd. and SR 312.
- A couch was removed from Purvis Rd.
- A couch, loveseat and trash were removed from Avalon Rd. Deputy Hummel has been contacted and is trying to find out who dumped it.
- Downed trees were removed from Trails End and Fairview Rds.

Connie reported the following:

- The Drivers Abstracts have been received from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and distributed to the Trustees for their review.
- The audit has been completed by BHM CPA Group who was contracted by the State Auditor to complete Rushcreek Township audit from January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016. The State Auditor has reviewed the audit which has now been released. The audit will be placed on the Township's website. The Trustees and residents should be very pleased.
- Received notice today from State Auditor that the UAN Year End class will be held on December 6th in Columbus. This is a class that is important to attend so the Trustees were given an option to change the township meeting date or proceed without Connie. It was decided to change the December 6th meeting to December 4th @ 7pm. Notice will be sent to the website and newspaper.
- Paperwork was received from FEMA on the compressor grant. There is a 12 page Environmental & Historic Preservation Screening Form that must be processed and approved since it is being installed within our facility. The packet was placed in the Trustees folder and forwarded onto Chief Duvall. Obtaining grants are important however someone must take responsibility to handle paperwork. Dave and Bill did not respond. After a lengthy time passed, Hart agreed to work with Chief Duvall to complete. Dave and Bill agreed to look over the file once completed.
- During the October 18th meeting Warrant #40872 was issued to Complete Resources Company for a total of 563.49 tons of grindings. Since that meeting several bills have been received for additional grindings totaling an additional 324.39 tons. The agreed contract for grindings was for 800 ton, therefore we are 87.88 tons over in both material and hauling increasing the total overall expense \$979.86 above the contracted agreement. The check was held until the Trustees provide guidance. Connie advised she spoke with Doug and asked that he contact each Trustee so that a decision could be reached at this meeting. Both Dave and Bill confirmed that Doug had discussed

the matter with them however Hart stated he was unaware of the problem. Bill felt that costs were reasonable. Hart did not agree and explained that this was a contract. If either of the Trustees ordered seed for their farms and 87 extra tons were delivered they would not keep the product for the next season or send it back. He also stated that this was a problem on three levels; trucking, product, and recording of inventory resulting in a breach of contract. The various parties should not be rewarded for their mistakes at taxpayer expense. Superintendent Hintz accepted and approved expenditures for which he was not authorized. It was decided that the Trustees would meet with the Road Superintendent and provide a decision at the next meeting.

Trustee Reports

Dave – Reviewed fire and road departments payroll, held the monthly safety meeting, helped on grading & ditches on Bethel Road. Contact was made with Mike Kaper at the Landbank and the two addresses were provided. Mike advised they will proceed and keep Dave informed of the progress.

Bill – The following zoning permits were issued since the last meeting: Allen Vickroy, 6611 Marietta Rd. – accessory building; Roy Hall Sr., 9849 Lancaster-New Lexington Rd. – deck; Rick Clark, 3980 Durbin Run Rd., - roofs on both decks; Randy Sowders, 7675 Oak Hill Rd., - two storage units. Richard again requested the board to deal with the unfilled board positions and filling the Zoning Inspector's position. Discussion ensued on filling the positions. Connie provided the old ad that was placed last year on November 14th. Bill made a motion to place an ad for the opening positions on both Zoning Boards and the Zoning Inspector. The ad will be placed on the website and run for a period of two weeks in the Towne Crier published November 10th. Applications will be reviewed prior to the December 4th meeting. Bill agreed to have the ad ready by November 3rd in order to meet the November 10th publication date. Dave seconded the motion. Hart stressed to Bill that the ad copy must be turned in by noon on Friday, to make the next issue. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Chief Duvall asked to place the fire department's application on the website. The Trustees concurred and Connie asked that an electronic copy be provided and she will forward onto the webmaster.

Hart – Nothing further to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:01pm.