

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
11/15/2017

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:02pm 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; Road Superintendent, Doug Hintz; and Will Duvall, Fire Chief. Hart asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief and Road Superintendent.

Visitors

Ray Stemen, Charles & Barb Hockman, Bob Suer, Earl Lehman, Chad Ashbaugh, Dan Rutherford, Tracy Shahan, Lauri Withem, Mary Hoffman, Lisa Burnworth.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 1st Regular Meeting and November 8th Special Meeting 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; Hart, aye. 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 #703-2017-#704-2017 and Warrants #40893 - #40915 in the amounts of \$21,222.92 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Dave made a motion to pay the bills. It was noted that Koorsen's payment is complete except retainage and the monitoring. Also, an employee closed his bank account, therefore the transaction was returned and a warrant issued. Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye.

Appropriation Changes: \$246.47 from 2021-330-420 to 2021-330-230

\$56.41 from 1000-110-314 to 1000-110-230

\$397.11 from 2191-220-190 to 2191-220-240

Purchase Order #27-2017, 28-2017, & 29-2017 were presented for signatures.

Road Superintendent Hintz presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,520.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenditures which includes \$1,000 for repairs to the yellow 4X4 truck. Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye.

Fire Chief Duvall presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$8,150.00. Quotes were obtained for furnishings from Big Sandy's, Don's Furniture, and Coconis Furniture. It was the Chief's recommendation to accept the quote from Don's Furniture in the amount of \$5,548.00 which was included in the request for expenditures. Hart made a motion to approve the list of expenditures. It was noted that monies were raised through volunteer efforts such as the Fire Fighter's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary were being applied to the furnishings. Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye. Discussion was held regarding warranty agreement for the furnishings. Dave made a motion to approve the Chief to enter into the furnishing purchase to include warranty agreements and Hart seconded the motion. Connie advised the Purchase Order was for a total of \$6,000.00 which the Trustees had discussed at a prior meeting. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye.

Business

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 11 EMS including 7 transports and 1 fire run.
- The State Fire Marshall observed and passed the fire suppression systems. All inspections have cleared and the Occupancy Permit should be issued soon. Hoping for occupancy December 1st.
- Currently the Township is in contract with Emergidata for EMS reporting to State, MECC, and Medicount. For quite awhile the Chief has expressed his dissatisfaction with their service and has actively been seeking a replacement. One quote was received by ESO to replace Emergidata and

Firehouse software. ESO contract also includes online training which we currently purchase from a company called 24/7. Pleasant Township has contracted their EMS reporting through ESO and are satisfied. Dr. Zebb, Rushcreek Township Medical Director, is also in favor of this change. Our current obligation to Emergidata requires a thirty-day notification for termination of contract. The annual cost of the contract to ESO which includes start-up fees is \$5,514.00. Dave made a motion to allow Chief Duvall permission to provide Emergidata a thirty day notice with the most appropriate date in order to facilitate a smooth transition. Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Hart, aye.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- Mowing is almost complete. There is less than half a day's worth of mowing on Pumpkin Vine Rd. remaining.
- A number of our gravel roads were graded and stoned in preparation for winter.
- Two washouts were repaired in Avalon Road. A mud slip on Purvis Road at Perry Co. was fixed.
- Spires Paving paved South Bethel Road from the south side of the first bridge to the county line. Rutter Hill was paved between the bridges at South Sacred Heart and on the south side of the second bridge towards the Hocking County Line. The work to repair the roads from the Pipeline is not complete. The County Engineers' office and Columbia Gas will meet with us in the spring to determine how much additional work is needed. Waiting until Spring will allow the area to weather through a winter.

Connie reported the following:

- The November Grassroot Clippings was distributed.
- The Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control sent notice that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in Rushcreek Township will expire on February 1, 2018. Every permit holder must file a renewal application. Rushcreek Township has the right to object to the renewal of a permit and to request a hearing. Currently these are the establishments, Hide A Way Hills Lodge, Hide A Way Hills Golf Course, Pumpkin Vine Golf Course, One Stop Crossing, and Dollar General. The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer stated that we have had no complaints regarding these establishments, therefore the Trustees will not request a Hearing.
- Clearcreek Township Trustee Mark Sharp's wife passed away suddenly on November 11th. Our condolences were extended through a sympathy card.

Kelly Architectural Services recommended adjustments on the firehouse renovation for the final payment of \$61,437.28. Hart made a motion to accept the recommendations in the amount of \$61,437.28 which includes retainage. Hart advised that since Bill was out of town they had a telephone conversation and went through the paperwork point by point in order to keep him informed of the progress. Dave concurred that Bill was aware therefore Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye. Hart reported that the exact amount of retainage will be known after the punch list has been completed.

Rushcreek Township Regional Planning Representative Charles Hockman gave his report which is provided at the end of the minutes.

Trustee Reports

Dave – Nothing to report

Bill – Due to Bill being out of town Hart read his report. The following zoning permits were issued since the last meeting: Clarissa Tremper, 9947 Lanc-New Lexington Rd. – Fence; David Petty, 852 Chinook Ln. – Deck; Donald King, 1074 W. Rushville – New Home; Stanton Durham, Lot 841 Pomo Ct. – Deck. -Mowing looks excellent – Thank you Richard & David Campbell, Doug Hintz and Trustee Dave Myers. Compliments on S. Bethel Repair & paving, Rutter Hill Rd. repair, Gravel Roads. Getting ready for winter

Hart – Nothing further to report

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45p.m.

Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission Report
Rushcreek Twp. Board of Trustees Meeting 11-15-17

R.P.C. Meeting 11-7-17 Representative Charles Hockman

- President Bill Yapple brought the meeting to order at 7:30. After the minutes of the Oct.3rd meeting Executive Director Loudan Klein introduced Amanda Everitt, the new Director of Destination Downtown Lancaster. The phone number for Destination Downtown Lancaster is 740 -277-6607.
- Amanda told us a lot of positive news. There are quite a few new businesses already in the downtown area and more to open in the next month or two. I was unable to record all the addresses and if all the businesses individually are already open or soon to be open. This list may not include all of the new businesses but it contains most of them.
- Rustic Gals Boutique is at 131 N. Columbus and saves the girls from driving to Easton and is getting great reviews. It has been open for months.
- Santino's Restaurant is also on N. Columbus St. at 122 N. Col. and is open.
- Marias Restaurant is on E. Main St. where the Elks Lodge was located.
- Downtown Style Salon is on S. Broad St.
- The old Shaw's Restaurant is open and has a new bakery and bar. The restaurant is downstairs and Studio 123 Luxury Apartments are upstairs.
- Bob's Bar B-Q is at 157 W. Main Street. He has a food truck and can come to you. He is open.
- Double Edge Brewery is close to the Eagle Gazette Building on Chestnut St.
- The Wool Exchange full service barbershop is on Columbus St. and is open.
- The Confectionary is at 115 S Col. and is open.
- O- Huid's is an Irish Pub on corner of Columbus and Main Street.
- The Mill is scheduled for Luxury apartments upstairs and an event center down with lots of soundproofing between.
- The Mithoff House, where the detective bureau was located, is across from the courthouse. It will have office spaces, a winery and a bakery.
- One item of business involved subdivisions in Walnut Twp. in the Fairfield Beach area.
- James Mako- Assistant Director went into some detail and reported on Greenfield Township's recently completed draft on revisions to their zoning text. It is to be reviewed by the county prosecutors. I asked the question if, in the dozens of pages of that draft- is anything written concerning tiny houses? James said no. Several of us, including Bill Yapple and Loudan Klein got into a discussion on that topic. It was agreed we need to get something in place for our county concerning what we can allow and what we can enforce on tiny houses. This was brought up months ago due to an application in our township for a tiny house. Loudan said he and the R.P.C. office would contact the prosecutors and try to research the matter.

Hart thanked Charlie for his report. Charles advised he is very concerned about the tiny house subject and wishes to continue to get clear regulations on the topic in order to be pro-active. The Trustees concurred.