

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
12/04/2017

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:01pm 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; 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

Earl Lehman, Keith Taylor, Lisa Burnworth, Chad Ashbaugh, Tracy Shahan

Minutes

The minutes of the November 15th Regular 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; Bill, yes; Hart, abstained. 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

As a reminder, all invoices must be received by the December 18th in order to be processed this year. EFT #705-2017 - #770-2017 which included two pay periods and Warrants #40916 - #40938 in the amounts of \$41,317.71 were presented to the Trustees for signatures along with the November Bank Reconciliation. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Bill 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 \$1,500.00 for miscellaneous. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Fire Chief Duvall presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$3,150.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Business

Bill read a letter from Keith Taylor with regards to the trucking and grinding which was documented in the minutes of the November 1st meeting. Mr. Taylor then took the floor and apologized for the mistake and took responsibility. Once the Township notified him that the amount of grindings being hauled were in excess he stopped the hauling. He then contacted Complete Resource Service and had the tonnage of grindings changed over into his name. As explained in the letter, the excess grinding bill has been paid directly by Mr. Taylor and he has donated the grindings to the Township. The Township was billed for trucking 797.29 tons with the remainder 90.59 ton being donated. Mr. Taylor explained that he was a Trustee for another township and served 24 years. Therefore, he understood how governmental agencies are required to be operated and asked that the Township accept his apologies for the error. Mr. Taylor thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to work with the Township. Discussion of the situation was held. The Trustees agreed that there were three points of error involved: the township for not keeping close track of tonnage being delivered; along with CRC and Taylor Trucking. Therefore, Hart made a motion to amend the agreement with Keith Taylor Trucking to 887.88 ton of hauling to be paid from 2192-330-400 and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. The Trustees thanked Mr. Taylor for attending the meeting and were grateful to come to an amicable agreement.

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 13 EMS including 5 transports and 4 fire runs.
- The Safety Council meeting for December was cancelled.

- The occupancy permit dated November 20th was received from the State of Ohio. Furnishings will arrive on December 8th. Actual occupancy is yet to be determined. The telephone service is currently being evaluated with coordinating the shut-down of 127 Mulberry and set-up at the fire station.

Hart advised that he and his full-time employer have agreed to donate office furniture to the fire department that is in relatively new condition and matches. Arrangements are being coordinated with the Chief.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- Potholes have been patched on almost all of the gravel and chip sealed roads. Any missed will be addressed as time allows.
- Most of the gravels roads have been graded and stoned in preparation for winter. There are a few places yet that need more stone.
- Associated Pipeline had Spires Paving return to South Bethel Rd. to asphalt over where pipeline crossed the road. They did a very nice job once again.
- Straw & seed was placed on the bank at Pleasantview & Durbin which had been cut back earlier this year.
- Currently evaluating all Township culverts to determine how many will need replaced in 2018.
- Started cutting banks on Pumpkinvine Rd. near Westpoint Rd. This project will continue as time and weather allow.

Hart reported that he spoke with the Schultz family who expressed concern about the culvert replacement on the road between their fields because of their market farm client traffic. The road will need to be closed and asked that the Township consider the seasonal operation of the farm market when scheduling the work.

Connie reported the following:

- The Prosecuting Attorney sent notice to cash the OPEC check #58004 in the amount of \$1,749.99. Since this was a reimbursement Warrant #40648 was reduced.
- Will be attending the UAN end of year training in Columbus all day on December 6th.
- 2017 End of Year Meeting was scheduled to be held December 30th at 7:00am which will conclude 2017 Business.
- Jefferson Health Plan sent an email that needs the Trustees immediate attention and response which is required by December 11th. Hart call for a consensus of the trustees to each review and be prepared to meet for a decision. Trustees agreed.
- The Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund 2018 certificate of annual election of board members was presented to the Trustees. The 2017 certificate was given to the Board to review the elected members which has three positions that will need replaced. Hart explained that three positions on the Board will need filled. The purpose of this Board is to approve disbursements of State funds to families within our township should any fire personnel get killed in the line of duty. Should the need arise The Board is also responsible to assist family members. Since the Trustees-elect were present, Hart opened the floor to invite them into the discussion. Both Chad and Lisa agreed to serve on the Board. Chief Duvall recommended Richard Campbell and Ryan Gard to fill the fire personnel positions on the Board. Hart made a motion to fill the following positions on the 2018 Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependent Fund Board: Lisa Burnworth, Dave Myers, Ryan Gard, Richard Campbell, and Chad Ashbaugh and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Dave agreed to serve as Chairman and Lisa agreed to serve as Secretary.
- The December Fairfield County OTA meeting will be held at 2:30pm on Sunday, December 17th at the Fairfield County Ag Center, 831 College Ave., Lancaster. The organization will provide ham, drinks, dessert, and place settings. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The meal will begin at 2:30 so arrive early to allow time for set-up. Hart extended the invitation to both Chad and Lisa. Bill agreed to be there at 1:30 to help with the set-up.

Trustee Reports

Dave – Approved payroll for fire and road departments. Working with the road crew. Extreme Road Conditions was the topic of the monthly safety meeting.

Bill – The following zoning permits have been issued since the last meeting: Lori Daubenmire, 7455 Lanc.-New Lex.Rd. – accessory building; Dan Gingerich, 1511 Mt. Zwingli Rd. – expansion of rear lot behind building.

Hart – Seifert Construction has two final pay requests which were to be in on today's date. The Trustees may need to schedule a Special Meeting to approve other items.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13pm.