

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2020

Chad Ashbaugh, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustee Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to American Flag

Roll Call: Chad: Present Lisa: Present Tim: Present
Nancy: Present Will: Present

Chad asked that all cell phones be muted except for the Chief's.

VISITORS

Barbara and Ken Cook

Mr. & Mrs. Cook addressed the Trustees regarding the ongoing issue with the Amish cemetery. They had been approached by members of the Amish community to see if they could locate paperwork from the 1980's when John VanFossen was the zoning inspector. Mrs. Cook had no paperwork from her deceased husband regarding the cemetery and understood a different set of circumstances regarding the Welty Cemetery parcel which is maintained by the township. The Trustees thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cook for their time and advised them they were seeking advice from Fairfield County Regional Planning and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting have been printed and distributed for review prior to the meeting, and are being presented for approval. Tim made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Lisa seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Chad, Yea; Lisa, Yea; Tim, Yea.

Chad reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website www.rushcreektwp.org.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

FINANCIAL SECTION

The Fiscal Officer recommends that the Board of Trustees take action on the following financial items:

EFT's #722-2020-751-2020 and Warrants #42143-42162 in the amount of \$32,538.65 were presented for approval:

Approve the following Supplemental Appropriations:

1000-110-599-0000	General- Other	-\$ 125.00
1000-120-341-0000	General-Telephone	+\$125.00

2031-330-420-0000	R&B Operating Supplies	-\$125.00
2031-330-341-0000	R&B-Telephone	+\$125.00
2192-330-230-0000	RI-Workers Comp	-\$200.00
2192-330-213-0000	RI-Medicare	+\$200.00

Approve the following purchase orders:

24-2020	Spectrum	
37-2020	Blanket	EMS Supplies & Materials
38-2020	Blanket	Contracted Services – Road Improvement

Lisa made a motion to approve the financial section as presented. Seconded by Tim.

Roll Call: Chad, Yea; Lisa, Yea; Tim, Yea.

The Fiscal Officer presented the CD Rates for the following CD's that are maturing on 12/21/2020.

CD#	AMOUNT	RATE	TERM
54417	\$100,000.00	2.75%	24 Months
54418	\$200,000.00	2.75%	24 Months
54419	\$200,000.00	2.75%	24 Months

Terms	12 Months	18 Months	24 Months	36 Months
Vinton County	.12%	.12%		
Merchant Bank	.08%		.10%	.15%

Lisa made a motion to go with Vinton County Bank for 12 month term at .12%. Chad seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Chad, Yea; Lisa, Yea; Tim, Yea.

The Fiscal Officer presented a Revenue Status Report for review.

REPORTS

Fire Department

Bremen Rushcreek Township Fire Department. Fire and Ems Runs for the period December 1 through December 15, 2020.

16 EMS	11 Transports	2 Fire	5 MVA
Mutual Aid Received	3	Mutual Aid Given	6

Chief Duvall reported that they are reviewing several applications for employment. He indicated that Rusty Conrad is interested in returning to work nights with the department. Since he has been gone for several years, the Trustees indicated that he will need to provide a new application, get a drug test and an updated drivers abstract and any other necessary paperwork.

Chief Duvall presented a letter from Hunter Dossett requesting a Leave of Absence while he attends Fire Training Academy. Chief Duvall recommends granting a Leave of Absence until 11/1/2021 at which time it will be reviewed

The fire department received a donation from John and Linda Graham for \$150.00.

Chief Duvall inquired about getting gas cards for the township/fire department once the yellow 1984 truck is sold since there won't be much need for gasoline.

Zoning

No new zoning permits have been issued since the last meeting:

Tim spoke with the zoning inspector regarding the need to process zoning applications in a timely manner.

Road

The road crew has been patching holes on various roads with cold patch on chip seal roads and 304's on gravel roads.

Ditch work on Lecrone Road filling in wash outs.

Putting 57 stone on gravel roads as needed.

Chad advised that the IH tractor has been moved to Cambridge from Hebron because they had not had time to look at it yet. The move was provided at no cost to the township.

Fiscal Officer

The following "Request for Bids" for the 1984 Chevy 1 Ton has been sent to the Towne Crier for their 12/25/2020 Eastern Edition. Received notification from Esther that it has been received and will be published.

The Trustees of Rushcreek Township will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following:

1984 Chevrolet K30 454 engine with 4-barrel carburetor, 135" wheel base, 4 speed manual 465 transmission, Detroit Locker rear end installed in 2008, Dana 60 front differential, manual lock out hubs installed in 2014, 8000 lb wench, Meyers 7.6 plow with wings, E-60 pump, fire truck body-no pump.

Minimum bid will start at \$3,000.00 and will be accepted between 12/26/2020 through 2/2/2021 and will be opened at the 2/3/2021 meeting.

The truck can be viewed at the Rushcreek Township barn, 213 Marietta Street, Bremen Ohio on Friday afternoons between 12:00 and 3:00 until 1/29/2021.

For additional information, please call the Road Dept. at 740 569 7181, ext. 11.

Bids can be mailed to or dropped off at 213 Marietta Street, Bremen Ohio 43107.

The notice will also be sent to our website to be posted on 12/26/2020.

Received an invoice from Assured Partners for the 3rd installment of 3 for Annual Accident & Health for the fire department. We paid the 2nd installment this year so the invoice will be held to be paid next year.

The Trustees and other departments are asked to get any outstanding invoices in for payment for funds that were appropriated in 2020.

Received the annual Lancaster Fairfield County Recycling Center host site maintenance payment in the amount of \$500.00.

The Fiscal Officer and Trustees will be meeting on December 31, 2020 at 9:00 am to sign any final checks and to approve the Temporary Appropriations for 2021. A notice will be sent to the website and Lancaster Eagle Gazette

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Allocation:	\$18,765.00	
Carryover:	<u>\$16,239.32</u>	
Grand Total	\$35,004.32	
Received a portion of allocation	<u>- 13,811.52</u>	Check #5317448
Balance Due	\$21,192.80	

Lisa reported that she has no new information regarding the culvert money that is still outstanding.

Lisa reported that there are still ongoing issues regarding the Amish cemetery. Lisa has contacted Fairfield County Regional Planning and the Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney's office for advise on how to proceed. Regional Planning's opinion regarding the potential lot split is as follows; "I would agree that the parcel could not be split into separate tracts without getting a variance from both the township and Regional Planning. The only exception to this would be if they want to split off a portion of the property that does not impact the road frontage and tie a portion to an adjoining property (the parcel is an existing non-conforming lot due to the lack of required road frontage). If they are not increasing the non-conformity (road frontage) it would be OK. The would still have to keep the remainder at 2 acres without getting a variance from the township." In addition, he suggests that any questions regarding cemetery laws be deferred to the Prosecutor's office.

Tim reported that there are no updates on the West Point Road fence issue.

Tim has not heard back from the people that are interested in the guardrails but will contact them.

Lisa reported that Aetna declined coverage for our employees for 2021. We will meet with the insurance agent on Friday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss other options for health insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Tim, seconded by Chad to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Chad, Yea; Lisa, Yea; Tim, Yea.
