

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
03/01/2017

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:00pm 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: Bill Myers, Trustee; Dave 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's and Road Superintendent.

Due to current storms Road Superintendent Hintz was absent from the meeting and instead, patrolling the roads making necessary repairs.

Visitors

Spencer Remoquillo, Tracy Shahan, Mark Campbell, Charlie Hockman, Chad Ashbaugh, Mary Hoffman

Work Session

The following notice was placed on the website and sent to the Eagle Gazette on February 1<sup>st</sup>. *Rushcreek Township Trustees will hold a Work Session at 5pm on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Township office, 213 Marietta Street, Bremen. A representative from the Ohio Treasurer's Office will provide a presentation on the Ohiocheckbook.com program.* At 5:15pm Lauren Bowen from Ohio Treasurer's Office provided a PowerPoint presentation on Ohiocheckbook.com. Attending the meeting in addition to the Trustees were Fiscal Officer and Dan Jones from the Towne Crier. Meeting Ended: 6:15pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 15th Regular Meeting and February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Bill wanted clarification on the minutes of February 15<sup>th</sup> where discussion was held regarding the appointment of Charlie Hockman as Rushcreek Township Regional Planning Representative. At Bill's request Hart re-read a section of the minutes that Bill had underlined – it highlighted misinformation provided by others about the Zoning Inspector position. Bill and Hart agreed on its content and proceeded to roll call. Roll Call: Dave, yes; Bill, 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](http://www.rushcreektwp.org).

Treasurer's Report

EFT #110-2017 - #183-2017 and Warrants #40599 - #40613 in the amounts of \$44,806.32 along with the February bank reconciliation were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Bill made a motion to pay the bills and Dave seconded the motion. Connie explained that the payment register the Board is approving includes payroll and withholdings dated March 2<sup>nd</sup> due to EFT requirements. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Hart asked Connie the status of the Court Order with an employee on child health insurance requirements. Connie stated that she has had several emails with our insurance agency and with the case worker from Job & Family Service. The last email exchange was February 23<sup>rd</sup> where Connie informed the caseworker that payroll ended February 28<sup>th</sup> and if the Township had not received the court order there would be no withholdings. Hart asked if the Township was compliant and Connie responded that she truly was not sure but in her opinion the documentation would show we made every attempt plus contact with the Township insurance agency.

Road Superintendent Hintz presented (in absentee) the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$6,500.00 which is the same as the last pay period. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Bill 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 \$2,300.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

#### Business

Fire Chief Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 15 EMS including 9 transports and 3 fire runs.
- The signed training school agreement from Kenneth Joe Walton was presented to the Board for signatures. The schooling was approved at a prior meeting however the contract was now forthcoming.
- Attended a MECC meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- SCBA bottle testing standards have been changed to every five years therefore there is no need to test for another two years. This change was made prior to our current equipment being manufactured.
- A second round of contact was made with Emergidata to resolve technical issues with EMS billing.
- Medic 541 is scheduled to be evaluated at Fleetmaster's for alignment issues.

Bill asked Chief Duvall about a call on Saturday evening. Chief Duvall responded that Med Flight flew from Howell Park due to an auto accident on St. Rt. 312 at the Perry County line.

Since Doug Hintz, Road Superintendent was unavailable, Connie read his report:

- Continuing to cut and chip brush along roads in preparation for chip sealing. We are currently working on Marietta Rd. between Holiday Rd. and corporation limit.
- Richard & David finished repairing the chip spreader.
- As time and weather permits, they are working on the security fence around the Township yard.
- The 1,000 hour service has been completed in house on the backhoe.
- The new Freightliner was delivered to Gledhill for attachment of the bed, plow, spreader, and light package. A trip to Gledhill was done in order to inspect the vehicle to ensure that all equipment is installed according Township desires. During the visit a problem with the paint on the cab was noted. Freightliner assured us that the problem would be corrected before delivery. Plans have been made for storage of the vehicle once received. Adjustments were made during the inspection on the tool box to accommodate more tools. Also a change order to include a front bumper. The labor cost was waived with an approximate additional cost of \$400.00 for the change order. There should be no alterations on the Purchase Order.

Connie reported the following:

- Fairfield County OTA meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>. At 4:15pm a tour will be given at the new Fairfield County Jail & Public Safety Complex followed by a meeting held in the Fairfield County Commissioners room. Richland Township will provide a carry-in supper for the 5:15pm meeting. Connie was advised to RSVP for seven.

#### Trustee Reports

Dave – Assisting road crew on multiple projects. Inspected the new Freightliner dump truck while it was on the factory line to include bed spreader, plow, and hydraulic package.

Bill – No zoning permits have been issued since the last meeting. Pictures from Zoning Inspector, Richard Campbell, of the deck installed at 9990 Marietta Road were taken and placed in the file. The Miller variance hearing is scheduled on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Advertisements have been placed announcing the opening of the Zoning Inspector's position. Working on getting survey for the total properties of the Township in the Village with no progress to date. Checked on roads and reviewed the accomplishments of the road crew. Bill complimented the road crew for a great job on erecting the fence around the Township yard. He also commented on what a great job the road crew and Dave did working together as

a team on the recent storms. Bill reported that he drove around the Township and inspected several areas after the storm. Helped clean out John Grahams plugged tile on Holiday Road and ran into Jacob Foltz who removed a tree off the road. Thanked the public for their support.

Protocol was discussed on how to handle road closures. Since the road superintendent is unaware the proper protocol a Road Closure, Connie will send notice after the meeting on Avalon East and Locust Grove Roads.

Hart – Hart reported on spending most of Wednesday, February 22 at the Ohio State Capital meeting with legislators representing Rushcreek Township and Fairfield County Farm Bureau. He met specifically with Senator Balderson and Representative Hood on; Raising Force Account Limits which can save Townships money, (this was a line item veto by the Governor last year) CAUV reforms which will reduce property taxes for farmers in our community and stronger Drug/Opiate laws that will give local task forces more support in stopping drug trade in our villages and townships. Hart also heard from John Husted, Secretary of State and Tim Keen, Director of the Office of Budget Management. Although Representative Tim Shaffer is not our Township's representative, he is in support of increasing the Force Account Limits and serves on the Ways & Means Finance Committee. Hart pointed out that working for Rushcreek Township goes beyond the Township borders and the public should be aware that they are being represented.

As reported earlier, Ohiocheckbook.com was presented by Lauren Bowen of the Ohio Treasurer's Office as part of the Transparency Program on Wednesday, February, 22, 2017. Questions and answers were taken.

Fairfield Union School District, Transportation Supervisor has been in contact with Hart to improve on bus turn around points. Hart has identified the location and passed them onto Doug for cost pricing. An invoice has been finished and will be forwarded to the school.

There has been some movement on narrowing the costs for fire sprinkler systems and water connection for the fire house. We are now waiting on the final figures in order to present the Board with comprehensive choices. The first set of drawings had inconsistencies in the permit process has been resolved between the contractor, State, and Architect. One more quote will be received and Hart stated John Seifert will meet here Thursday with an excavator. Connie reported at Bill's request she emailed Kelly Architectural Services since we were approaching their contract maximum. Pat Kelly informed Connie that the change orders required no additional charges on the architectural contract.

FairHoPe Hospice is holding a Blood Drive at Pickering House on Friday, March 3, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call 740-654-7077 to schedule. Flyers are on the Trustee's Table.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11pm