

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
04/19/2017

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 8:33am 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.

A moment was observed for reflection on the passing of John Seifert and the loss to his family and community.

Visitors

Terry Burnworth, Charles & Barbara Hockman, Spencer Remoquillo, Chad Ashbaugh, Bob Myers, Mary Hoffman, Wendy Pritsel, Tracy Shahan

Minutes

The minutes of the April 5th Regular Meeting were presented to the Trustees for approval. Bill 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, Dave seconded the motion. 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.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #252-2017 - #280-2017 and Warrants #40656 - #40669 in the amounts of \$74,761.09 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

On April 7th the Road Superintendent and Dave Myers inspected the accessories on the new truck and found everything to be in proper order. In order to receive the 2% discount (\$1,079.97) payment needed to be received in fifteen days. The Trustees signed the paperwork releasing warrant #40656 in the amount of \$53,128.68 which included the discount and the addition of \$210.00 for the bumper. Doug advised that Gledhill did an excellent job and we are waiting on Freightliner to repaint the cab.

Agenda

Mr. Terry Burnworth advised he has been accused by Mark Stewart of plugging up Rush Creek back in February. Prior to installing a gas line across the creek roughly five years ago, he went to Regional Planning, Soil & Water, and the Corp of Engineers to obtain the proper documents to validate the installation. Mr. Burnworth asked the Board what the procedure was when a complaint of this nature is reported. He was not informed that a complaint was made against him until Soil & Water contacted him. Hart advised that Mr. Stewart contacted him however Hart was unaware what entity had jurisdiction so he contacted Soil & Water who handled the complaint. Mr. Burnworth stated the Township should've contacted him directly to discuss the situation since he was involved instead of going to Soil & Water. Mr. Burnworth felt he was due an apology for leaving him out instead of contacting him directly. Bill stated that the Township has no jurisdiction over the creek and in his opinion the Conservancy District should've been contacted. Furthermore, Mr. Burnworth's name had not been mentioned by Mr. Stewart on the initial call. Hart advised when he spoke with Mr. Stewart he was advised that on the second call. Mr. Burnworth was related to Bill and Dave so he contacted Bill, Hart apologized to Mr. Burnworth as he felt the matter was cleared up after talking with Bill. Dave stated that eight days earlier he received a call from his sister asking if Dave was aware of the problem. Dave was not aware and he spoke with Terry who was very worked up about the situation. Dave stated that Terry is well known in this community and is known for his outstanding workmanship. Mr. Burnworth thanked the Board.

Business

Road Superintendent Hintz presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$5,950.00. 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 \$4,150.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. This includes gear, helmets, gloves, hoods, and a set of boots. The new hires are being fitted with existing gear.

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 14 EMS including 10 transports and 1 fire runs.
- Bremen-Rushcreek Firefighters Association started the legal dissolution of a charitable organization and donated \$1,612.31 to the Township which was deposited into the Fire Fund.
- Steve Kilbarger completed the Firefighter II course at Pickaway-Ross Vocational School.
- Corey Snoke, who has been inactive, resigned and turned his equipment in on April 6th.
- The following personnel completed online training for Cardiac Arrest Requesting to Enhance Survival (CARES) on April 11th: Will Duvall, Brian Irwin, Kristen Krile, Jordan Irwin, Steve Kilbarger, and Zack Irwin. CARES contributes to the MECC program.
- Effective April 17th, Steven Dickson and Brice Deible passed all pre-employment conditions. As discussed at the April 5th meeting Dave made a motion to place Steven Dickson and Brice Deible on staff effect April 17th and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- As of April 6th all weight reduction signs have been removed from chip/seal roads.
- The crew was called out to remove a downed tree on Sacred Heart due to high winds.
- The crew has been working on grading, stoning, cleaning ditches & culverts on our gravel roads. Progress has been good and will continue to do so as time permits.
- Weed spraying is complete in the southern end of the Township, hopefully the entire Township will be complete by the end of the week.
- Started cutting and chipping brush on Durbin Run but were delayed due to spraying. This project will resume once spraying is complete.
- One of the employees will be off for approximately six weeks beginning on the 21st.

Bill complimented the road crew on the good job they are doing grading the roads.

Connie reported the following:

- Notice was sent to the website and Eagle Gazette at 3:09pm on April 6th to post the meeting time change as per April 5th meeting. Effective May 1, 2017 Rushcreek Township Trustees will hold their regular monthly meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The meetings will begin a 7pm at the Township Hall, 213 Marietta St., Bremen, OH.
- Township personnel and officials were saddened to hear of the passing of John Seifert. The flowers that were sent were in recognition of his outstanding contributions to our community at no cost to the taxpayers.
- Crystal, Bremen Water Clerk, contacted the Township and advised she found an error in the last water bill. They requested that a credit be given and Connie advised the Village that the Township has been charged for sanitation since the Village began billing. According to their minutes, the contract they have with the sanitation company does not include government entities. The Village agreed to investigate the situation.
- Received another records request from Mary Hoffman.
- Attended Holly Mattei's farewell celebration on Thursday. James Mako has taken another job and will be missed.

Rushcreek Township Regional Planning Representative Charles Hockman provided his report which is attached at the end of the minutes. Mr. Hockman advised the Trustees that his predecessor was very

detailed with his report and asked if his report was satisfactory. Hart thanked Mr. Hockman for his report and stated he was doing a great job.

Trustee Reports

Dave –

- Verified fire and road payroll
- Attended BWC Safety meeting where the Township had no injuries in 2016 with a Certificate of Achievement was presented to the Township,
- Monthly safety meeting was held for the road department on work zone safety.
- Helping the road crew on ditching, culverts, and grading.
- Went to FYDA with road superintendent, checked bed, hydraulics, snowplow, spreader, and controls so payment could be released to Gledhill.
- Have accumulated another pile of mattresses from several roads which will need taken to the transfer station.

Bill – A zoning permit for a deck was issued to Todd Barnett, 284 Tillamook Lane, Bremen.

Hart – Seifert Construction is back to work and a meeting is scheduled between Kelly and Seifert to go over the necessary paperwork. An engineer was on-site today for the fire suppression system.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15am.

Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission Report

Rushcreek Twp. Board of Trustees Meeting 4-19-17

RPC Meeting 4-4-2017 RPC Representative Charles Hockman

- The highlights of the meeting were a presentation by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) and the resignation of Executive Director Holly R. Mattei.
- The E.P.A. Office of Outreach and Customer Service sent two representatives Joy Padgett and Brent Goetz. We were informed the Ohio E.P.A. has two divisions. One division is, as we all know, Compliance. The second, lessor known division is Environmental and Financial Assistance. Low interest funds are available for waste water funding for local governments as well as drinking water infrastructure funding. In some cases individual property owners can get reduced loan rates to repair or replace failing home sewage treatment systems. Not only does the E.P.A. help with loans, but also gives technical support. They also do grants for such things as litter management and recycling and development grants as well as scrap tire grants, also funding may be available for recycling asphalt shingles. They also help small businesses with understanding compliance issues. One example given was saving a garage \$5,000 on a car paint booth. This is a very small summary of just some of the things the Ohio E.P.A. may be able to assist you with. The best thing to do is call Brent Goetz at 614-644-3646 or Joy Padgett at 614-644-3783 for questions. It is worth a call to see if they can offer you technical assistance or save you money.
- On the other side of the E.P.A., the compliance side, questions can be answered by calling 1-800-329-7518 or contact Dan Sowry at Dan.Sowry@epa.ohio.gov
- We were saddened to learn Holly R. Mattei, our Executive Director is leaving effective 4-17-2017. She has accepted an economic development position with Violet Twp. so she will still be in the area. Loudan Klein will replace her. He has worked with her for the last three years.