

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
04/20/2016

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:01pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Hart were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Bill Myers, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; Richard Campbell, Zoning Inspector; Robert Suer, Road Superintendent; and Will Duvall, Fire Chief. Hart asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief and Road Superintendent.

Chairman Van Horn asked all present to remain standing to be in repose and show regard to those who have served to protect our freedom. He continued by paying tribute to Officer Steve Smith. Officer Smith was a twenty seven year veteran of the Columbus Police Department. He served in the Patrol Division, Strategic Response Bureau, Helicopter Unit, Narcotics Bureau, SWAT and Underwater Recovery Units. He had received multiple awards for his bravery and exemplary service as an officer during his career to protect and save the lives of others. Officer Smith died in the line of duty, End of Watch April 13, 2016. His final act is one of compassion and giving as he bequeathed internal organs to be donated where he may be able to save the lives of many more. Officer Steven Smith-gone, but never forgotten.

Visitors

Tracy Shahan, Earl Lehman, Ray Stemen, Lisa Burnworth

Work Session

The following notice was sent to the Eagle Gazette and posted on the website. *Rushcreek Township Trustees will hold a Work Session at the Township office, 213 Marietta Street on April 18th at 4:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to review Road Hauling procedures to comply with state and county codes.* At 4:30pm on April 18th Vice-Chairman Dave Myers called the meeting to order with the following present: Bill Myers, Hart Van Horn, Connie Moyer, Robert Suer, and Deputy Mead. The proposed permit was presented to Deputy Mead for his comments. On page 1 he suggested to add "all rules and penalties apply per Ohio OS1A" after the State Permit number is inserted. Also on page 2, type of application, delete "posted road". Once the permit system is in effect we are to email Deputy Mead a copy of page 1 of the permit application. He suggested we contact the County Engineer's office to discuss the availability of their "Go Pro" camera to video all of our Township Roads. This will document road conditions prior to any damage. The Township would need to get with the County Prosecutor's office to obtain guidance on wording to require trucking companies to be bonded. The final step is to pass a Township Resolution and then forward to the County Commissioners for their approval. In order to be pro-active he suggested we post the permit on our website. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 6th 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. Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, yes; Bill, yes; Hart, aye. Hart reminded everyone that the minutes are available on the website www.rushcreek-twp.org or upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #247-2016 - #279-2016 and Warrants #40259 - #40273 in the amounts of \$22,973.87 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.

Will presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,950.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye. Runs reported during the pay period; 24 squad which included 11 transports and 5 fire.

Robert presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$1,000.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

Business

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- The gear box that controls the washer extractor needs repaired.
- The tornado siren is now receiving the proper signal and is functioning properly. The insurance company has been contracted to add the new unit to our policy along with the Houck Road siren. Both units were insured for \$5,000 each.

Hart asked the Chief if the units are meeting the proper ranges within the township. Chief replied that he was unsure and will check with the Emergency Management individual in charge of sirens for his input.

Road Superintendent Robert Suer reported the following:

- Additional holes have been patched on Locust Grove, Purvis, Thomas, Ireland, and Tent Church Roads using cold mix.
- A driveway culvert was installed on Rutter Hill Road and another on Purvis Road at the homeowner's expense.
- On April 7th the crew attended the LTAP class in Columbus which discussed gravel roads. Lunch reimbursement for three employees totaled \$15.74. This class was very educational.

Hart advised he spoke in detail with Bob on what was presented at the class. He recommended that a work session be scheduled and include Mr. George Shreyer to instruct the Trustees on the recommended practices. A date for the work session will be announced at the next board meeting in order to make arrangements with Mr. Shreyer.

- On April 8th the crew attended a class at the County which covered new updates on the 811 call center "Call Before You Dig". A new data system has been implemented "Positive Response" to access records. Bob asked the Trustees for permission to purchase a tablet or i-phone so he could be out in the township and utilize the system.

Hart responded that he recommended a tablet for the many functions that could be utilized. However, there is a need to upgrade the Township internet system and check out cell phone account options because of the data usage that the tablet would require. It was agreed that Hart would investigate and report at a later meeting.

- The soft spot on West Rushville road was dug out and repaired with #2 & #304 material.
- Bed repairs were made to the 1984 Chevy which restores use of the vehicle.
- The crew made an upgrade to one of the dry bins by repairing the kickboard and side wall covering.
- One day was spent cleaning up brush from trees falling after high winds.
- Road crew installed cross culvert on Zion Road and cross pipe on Purvis Road.
- The hydraulic cylinders were repaired on the loader bucket at no cost to the township.
- Richard will be on vacation April 25th – April 29th.
- The chipper motor was evaluated by Bridgeway who services Cummins engines. The compression is getting into the crank case blowing oil out of the motor. Bridgeway found the compression rings are broke on the pistons resulting in the need for a new motor. The service warranty has expired however, Cummins has had extended problems with this motor and is offering a complete new motor and installation at no cost to the Township which is an approximate savings of \$6,000.
- Trees & brush was removed on Marietta Road between Holiday and West Rushville. Due to the chipper being out of service, this job is not complete.
- Cameron Porter of Asphalt Materials has quoted a price on RS-2 and MWS-90 emulsion at \$1.66 per gallon. This price is good up until September until they begin making the winter materials. This is 14 cents per gallon decrease from last year.
- 50% weight reduction signs will be removed next week with all weights removed by April 29th.
- Spraying along the guard rails and signs will begin the week of the 25th weather permitting.

Zoning Inspector Richard Campbell reported the following:

- Three permits have been issued since the last meeting to the following: John Blankenship, 1870 Teton Lane – new home; Teana Gordon, 7575 Bremen Rd. – accessory building & room addition; and Keith Shuttleworth, 10315 Marietta Rd. – accessory building.
- A variance hearing will be held on May 2nd @ 7pm for Steve Pontious. The variance is requesting a reduced road frontage on a lot split. Notification was sent to the Towne Crier however the township address was omitted. Notification was also placed on the township website.
- On April 7th attended a class that Regional Planning had on Zoning Public Meeting trainings presented by Jason Dolin & Joshua Horacek. Agriculture issues were also covered.

Connie reported the following:

- Fairfield County Engineer sent notice that Mt. Zwingli Road will be closed on Monday, April 25th until approximately Friday, May 6 for culvert replacement. This closure will be between Pleasant View Road and Bremen Road with construction taking place between house numbers 2795 and 2840. The notice was placed on our website and distributed to Trustees, Road Superintendent, and Fire Chief.
- An invitation was received for the 2016 State of the County Address scheduled at the Liberty Center on April 19th at 11:30am. RSVP's required.
- The monthly distribution from the county was received without the supplemental local government distribution included. After a telephone call, the amount will be forthcoming.

Trustee Reports

Dave

- On April 13th @ 10:30am both he and Bill attended the Tax Incentive Review Council meeting for reviewing the contract with Westerman Inc./Worthington Industries. The tax abatement was approved by the staff and board members to continue.
- Met with Village Administrator Jeff White and discussed the alley/right-of-way located by the Township road building. It was confirmed that this property is township owned.
- On April 13th at 3:00pm attended the Fairfield County Board of Health meeting. New changes in the Ohio Administrative Code 3717-1-2.4 now requires one employee who has supervisory and management responsibilities and authority to control food preparation and service to obtain a level 2 food safety certification. This requirement only applies to risk level 3 and 4 food facilities. The Fairfield County Health Department will administer and proctor the written exam at a cost of \$75.00 per person. Seasonal events will be checked as in prior years by the health department.

Bill

- Three survey quotes have been received. Kevin Cannon - \$1,500.00; Tobin-McFarland - \$2,000.00; and 2LMN Survey - \$2,750.00. Bill recommended that we contract with Kevin Cannon.

Discussion ensued. Connie asked if he was able to get ahold of George Beiter and Bill responded that he was not comfortable using George so he did not. It was found that Tobin-McFarland completed a survey on the township property back in 1998. There was some question about missing pins however the pins have been discovered. Chief Duvall suggested that we check with the company doing the demo at Superior Fibers to see if we could purchase. Bob advised the township needs 1,150 feet of fence plus gates. Terry at the Feed Mill was contacted to see if they carry chain link fence and was referred to a fence supplier close to Washington Court House. Richard Campbell will contact the demo company to see if this could be arranged. Dave is to check with a fence company to see if the surveys we currently have would be adequate.

Hart

- One site inspection has been done with a contractor to review renovation plans for the firehouse. Waiting for a proposal.
- There are a few exterior lights out at the firehouse leaving several dark areas around the building. Reviewed with the Chief and provided new LED replacements.

- Discussion held regarding the work session that was held on April 18th reviewing hauling on Township roads of heavy/oversized loads. Since Deputy Mead advised we are to submit a resolution to the County Commissioners, Cheryl Slone at the Engineer's office sent several resolutions to look over. Hart and Connie will check all three and prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Hart requested the Board enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property. At 8:04pm Hart made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Hart advised everyone present that the Board will not handle any business after Executive Session. Executive Session Ended: 9:02pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03pm