

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
05/3/2017

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:13pm 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

Don Welsh, Tracy Shahan, Earl Lehman, Ray Stemen, Mary Hoffman, Chad Ashbaugh, Rick Moyer, Charles Hockman

Minutes

The minutes of the April 19th 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.

The April 5th meeting had a visitor listed as Jim Lucas and a correction was made to Joe Lucas.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #281-2017 - #311-2017 and Warrants #40670 - #40688 in the amounts of \$111,027.49 were presented to the Trustees for signatures along with the April Bank Reconciliation. Bill made a motion to pay the bills and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. This includes payment to Freightliner for the 2017 dump truck which was delivered yesterday in the amount of \$78,500.00.

Warrant #40670 is a payroll warrant because the direct deposit wasn't completed prior to pay. Purchase Order #33-2017 and Then & Now Purchase Order #19-2017 was presented to the Trustees for their signatures which was for the purchase of fire helmets at the April 19th meeting.

Road Superintendent Hintz presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$5,725.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Hart questioned Doug if they were going to purchase more cold patch and Doug responded that he is going to be utilizing the Durapatcher which will use hot mix.

Fire Chief Duvall presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,650.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Business

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 17 EMS including 9 transports and 2 fire runs.
- All of the new hires have completed the pre-employment testing. Dave made a motion to place Dalton Vandermark, Nathan Bigham, Dillion Hardesty, and Caitlyn Douglas on staff effective April 21st and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.
- Progress has been made with the ems billing. A total of \$49,185.20 was submitted for billing which was compiled to April. December 12th-31st will also be processed.
- Rescue 541 has a leak in the fuel tank and is going to Fleetmasters for repair. Unsure of the cost or how long it will be out of service. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer will be notified once a cost is established. Fleetmaster advised they have seen an increase of problems like this and believes it is a result of using salt brine on the highways. The bare tanks pick up the brine causing the tanks to erode.

- Regarding renovation progress, we are waiting for the sprinkler system to be installed which will start May 8th. Seifert will proceed after the sprinkler system is installed. Will and Hart met with Kelly Architect and Seifert Construction on April 18th.
- The fire helmets that were ordered have arrived.
- Attended the BWC Safety Fair April 28th at the Fairgrounds.
- Richland Township is requesting the use of Medic 542 for approximately three days starting May 17th since their squad will be out of service. Hart advised he contacted OTARMA to be sure there would be insurance coverage. OTARMA asked that the entities document the arrangement by an email exchange as a matter of record. Chief Duvall stated the exchange has taken place.
- Bremen-Rushcreek, Richland, and Pleasant Township Fire Departments will participate in Safety Day at Bremen Elementary School on May 17th. The Safety House from Pleasant Township will be on site. Assistant Chief Brian Irwin will be the representative of Bremen Rushcreek.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- All spraying was completed as of April 20th.
- Cold mix was ordered and utilized in the worse pot holes around the township. Additional pot holes will be repaired as time allows.
- The crew cut berms and ditches on Durbin Run Road however there is still more work to be completed.
- TEC Construction completed the new roof on the north side of the old township barn.
- Ditches were repaired on Pleasantview Road.
- Completed the fence and finished grading dirt at Durbin Run and Pleasantview Roads. The area was also seeded and mulched.
- The barn has been cleaned and rearranged to accommodate the new dump truck which was picked up on May 2nd.
- Planning on replacing culverts and utilizing the Durapatcher in the coming weeks.
- Potholes were filled in the area between Bremen Bank, Rushcreek Feed Mill, and Bower & Son Meat since the Township utilizes this area.

Connie reported the following:

- Received notification from the County Auditor that Rushcreek Township apportionment for the 2018 General Health District is \$13,176.86. This is a decrease from \$13,421.74 from 2017.
- Fairfield County Engineer office advised that the accepted bid for emulsion is \$1.63 per gallon.
- The road department received a thank you note from Joseph Hibbler.
- Burnham & Flowers was contacted to add the new dump truck to the policy. Temporary tags are on the vehicle until the Gratis Tags are obtained from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The new truck was added to the 2017 inventory.

As per instructed Resolution #2017-09 was presented for approval. Dave Myers moved to adopt Resolution #2017-09 in accordance to R.C. 3796.29 enacted as part of 133 HB 529 empowers a board of township trustees to limit or prohibit cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries licensed under R.C. Chapter 3796 from operating within the unincorporated territory of Rushcreek Township. Hart Van Horn seconded the adoption. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Hart advised the public that the Attorney General had provided the Prosecuting Attorney on the wording of this resolution. Passing this resolution does not mean that cultivation or dispensaries can't happen, it means that persons wishing to do so must go through the proper channels for permission to proceed.

Rushcreek Township Regional Planning Representative Charles Hockman provided his report which is attached at the end of the minutes.

Dave advised a decision was needed on how to handle disposing of the Kodiak. The plow will need removed. After discussion, Dave made a motion to accept sealed bids on the Kodiak with bid opening to be held at 7pm at the June 7th board meeting. A minimum bid of \$3,000 will be placed on the vehicle. Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. An ad will be placed in the Eastern Edition and the Fairfield Edition of the Towne Crier along with the Township website.

Trustee Reports

Dave – Verified road department and fire department payroll. Helped the road crew on various projects as time allows and repaired the pot holes on the easement through Rushcreek Feed, Bower's Meat, and Bremen Bank.

Bill – The following permits were issued since the last meeting: Nathen James, 2520 Pumpkin Vine – accessory building; Michael Mullen, 7966 Pleasantview Road – Fence. Richard had reminded Bill that the Board still needs to get the open positions filled on the Commission and Board of Appeals. Bill thanked Dave and Doug for picking up the new dump truck. He stated that the grading work has been excellent and he hasn't seen Bethel South look this good since he was a young boy.

Hart – Nothing further to report after comments to department heads.

At 8:03pm Bill made a motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) to discuss a complaint against a public employee and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Chief Duvall was invited into session. Executive Session Ended: 8:19pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm.

Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission Report

Rushcreek Twp. Board of Trustees Meeting 5-3-17

RPC Meeting 5-2-17 Representative Charles Hockman

- In our May 2nd 2017 RPC meeting we were notified James Mako had resigned. We were assured everything is going along well, even with Holly and James gone. Resumes are already being considered.
- One of the highlights of the meeting was a very informative presentation by Jonathan Ferbrache of the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District on farmland preservation. Of the 26 million acres in Ohio close to 14 million acres are farmland, or about half. We are losing farmland at about 20,000 acres per year for development. A goal was set 15 yrs. ago to protect 140,000 acres of farmland in Fairfield County. Farmland Preservation is part of the Clean Ohio Fund. The other parts of the Clean Ohio Fund are Brownfield Revitalization, Green Space Conservation and Recreational Trails. The priorities on the Farmland Preservation are easements, buffer zones, water resource protection, flood plain protection, preserving history, greenway connections, supporting future farmers, supporting food industries, and assuring a land base for nutrient waste streams. We were told water and sewer infrastructure is already a concern, and even more in the higher populated areas.
- Fairfield County currently has about 3% of our goal of 140,000 acres preserved. Rushcreek Twp. has 105.6 acres which is well behind Walnut Twp. which has 1400 acres and Richland Twp. at over 1200 acres. Something like 1 in 15 applicants get accepted. The average pay out is about \$1500.00 per acre. The approval for applications comes at state level, not our county. Fairfield County is ahead and continues to lead Ohio in farmland preservation.
- Also on the meeting agenda was a subdivision in Bloom and Greenfield Townships with Price Homes making the request for an additional 27 lots next to an existing subdivision that they had already put in. The development name is Views at Pine Hill. We voted to approve the subdivision with several conditions.
- Rick Szabrak (Fairfield Co. Economic Development Director) advised us there is an Engineering Technology Camp July 10-14, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at O.U. Lancaster for 8-9 grade students for the 2017-2018 school year. The cost is \$50 and scholarships are available. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Applications are due by May 12th. There is a shortage of engineering and trade techs in the county. In our local factories, which are 17% of the work force, 50% of the people will be retired in 10 years. Young people need to consider the trades as a rewarding career.