

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
06/21/2017

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: 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

Chad Ashbaugh, Tracy Shahan, Earl Lehman, Ray Stemen, Mary Hoffman

Minutes

The minutes of the June 7th 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 #377-2017 - #412-2017 and Warrants #40735 - #40755 in the amounts of \$25,850.74 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.

Citizens Bank sent a new Depository Agreement for the Trustees and Fiscal Officer to sign which covers up to 1,000,000.00.

Road Superintendent Hintz presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$9,550.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Hart asked if the Durapatcher was being used and Doug responded that he is working on leveling up the roads using cold mix and then will use the Durapatcher to seal them. Hart also asked if the culvert order was for roadway or driveways. Doug responded Locust Grove and Purvis Roads not driveways.

Discussion held on purchasing a radio for the new Freightliner, with cost from Staley Communications in the amount of \$839.82* which includes installation. Hart asked if multiple quotes were obtained. Doug responded that he was satisfied with Staley since they have been used in the past. Chief Duvall stated that the fire department uses Staley for their portable and truck radios but the siren and relay radio is handled through another Motorola provider. Hart recommended multiple quotes for purchase like this, and suggested that this should at least be done if over \$1,000.00.

The Township is currently in an appeal process with Unemployment Compensation on an employee that is also employed with Hocking Township and Pleasant Township. The Division is not counting all three employers in the benefit. Therefore we need to anticipate spending the entire amount unless Pleasant and Rushcreek Township win our appeal**.

Appropriation Change: \$850.00* from 2192-330-400 to 2192-390-430 \$2,800.00** from 2191-220-190 to 2191-220-240.

The following purchase orders were presented for signatures. BC#35-2017 and PO#20-2017

Fire Chief Duvall presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,150.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Business

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 20 EMS including 10 transports and 7 fire runs.
- Kristen Krile will be attending Ohio Weekend in Emmitsburg, MD, another entity covering costs.
- Columbus Division of Fire has some SCBA masks that they are willing to donate which are compliant with current guidelines.
- Franklin County is evaluating for a mass purchase of body armor. We are checking on prices to obtain four sets.
- Hart and Will met and went over the 2018 Budget.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- The road crew removed or chipped any trees or branches that were in the ditches or along the side of the road throughout the township in preparation for mowing.
- Fixed potholes on gravel roads with #304 limestone.
- Mowing began on the 12th with anticipated finish date by Wednesday the 28th.
- Grading of some spots on Thomas and Fairview Roads after storms last week.
- Ditches were cleared and Lecrone Road was graded.
- Culverts were replaced on South Sacred Heart, Geneva, and Lecrone Roads with proper notices placed on the website and newspaper.
- Worked on the budget with Hart and Connie.

With regards to the budget, Hart commented that he had reviewed 2018 Budgets with both Road and Fire Department heads and was concerned that the other Trustees had not. Time is limited in compiling and creating the annual budget and shouldn't be delayed. Therefore the following meetings were planned; A work session was scheduled on June 23, 2017 to meet with each department head in order to finish the 2018 budget. Since the Trustees might need to provide a letter of intent to withdraw from OPEC it was decided to hold a Special Meeting on June 23rd at 6pm for the purpose of reviewing the OPEC membership with a Work Session immediately following the Special Meeting.

The 2018 Budget Hearing was set for July 21, 2017 at 6pm.

Connie reported the following:

- The June Grassroots Clippings was distributed to all members.
- Received the EMS Grant Reimbursement from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$3,822.00.
- Email received from Shane Tigner with regards to the complaint on 2780 Mt. Zwingli Road. He advised Dave Myers to contact Fairfield Federal bank to request property cleanup. Dave agreed to contact Bob Tanner who filed the original complaint. Hart agreed to contact Fairfield Federal to discuss property clean-up.
- Fairfield County Auditor sent tax bills on the Blosser Cemetery parcels totaling \$648.08 that must be paid prior to July 20th. These parcels came out of exempt status with five year look-back. Hart advised the properties are not occupied and the neighbor is using the property for parking and access to their property. At the Auditor's suggestion, the Prosecuting Attorney was sent a notice asking what our options are. The attorney is on vacation. Hart feels we need to discuss disposal as a sale or trade. This property was once tied into the Village of Geneva. If we sold the properties we would have the proper wording in an easement for us to maintain the cemetery.
- Preliminary budgets were distributed to department heads.
- Met with Mr. Sartin on the sale of the Kodiak. Paperwork was processed on June 9th.
- Paperwork has been sent back to Burnham & Flowers for the 2017-2018 coverage period.

Trustee Reports

Dave – Verified road and fire payroll, working with road crew on various projects. Received a thank you from Loren Young to Dave Myers, Doug Hintz, and all Rushcreek Township Road employees. Mr. Young expressed his appreciation for all the great work that has been done on Young Road.

Bill – Drove his township roads and expressed his pleasure on the mowing that has been completed. Two zoning permits have been issued since the last meeting to: Clarence Meese, 6800 Ireland Rd. for a storage shed; Sally Dawson, 1055 Zion Road, for a sign and fence. Hart asked what sign was needed and Bill replied that this was for a new B and B business.

Hart – The Fairfield County OTA meeting was held on Saturday, June 17th. The guest speaker was Raymond Brushart from ODOT, Local Technical Assistance Program which is commonly referred to as LTAP. Each Township received a packet specifically geared to their Township. Hart presented Doug with the packet that Rushcreek received. Hart reported that discussion was held on the OPEC Consortium which handles our hospitalization insurance. It has been reported that the consortium has an 8 million dollar deficit. Last year Rushcreek Township was assessed approximately \$3,000 for a prior deficit. OPEC is proposing an amendment from their three year contracts to one year. An email was received from Stark County Assistant Prosecutor, Steve Babick who is reviewing the legal structure of OPEC. There appears to be several conflicts with how the OPEC board is structured along with some disturbing finding. At OPEC's last Board meeting, representation from Violet, Bloom, and Pleasant Townships were present. Those representatives expressed their discontent on how the meeting was handled and the residual effects of the deficit. Violet Township has sent a letter of intent to withdraw from the current contract. Both Bloom and Pleasant advised they are seeking other quotes and options. OPEC's next meeting will be held on June 26th in Grove City which Hart will attend. Violet Township presented us with a copy of their letter of intent to withdraw from the current contract. After Hart reviews he suggested Rushcreek may need to schedule a special meeting to decide if we want to provide OPEC with a letter of intent to withdraw which is due June 30th.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06pm.