

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
07/19/2017

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:03pm 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; 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

Tracy Shahan, Mike Burnworth, Tim Burnworth, Lisa Burnworth, Doug Burnworth, Charlie Hockman

Minutes

The minutes of the July 5th Regular Meeting and the July 14th Special 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 #446-2017 - #481-2017 and Warrants #40770 - #40787 in the amounts of \$59,611.54 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. One of the warrants was for \$34,192.00 to VFP for the sprinkler system. Hart advised VFP has had the unit inspected so payment was approved however this is not the final payment.

Warrant #40773 was a refund for a zoning permit. The individual applied on the 17th and contacted the office on the 19th advising he decided against pursuing the business adventure.

Road Superintendent Hintz presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$6,000.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Dave 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 \$2,750.00. This includes recharging of fire extinguishers. 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: 21 EMS including 8 transports and 5 fire runs.
- Robert Nicholson surrendered his volunteer firefighter certificate to the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. Therefore, he is no longer employed by the Township. Brice Dieble has accepted a position out of State and will no longer be employed by the Township.
- Met with Medicount on July 7th which was our annual meeting. Discussed problems with Emergidata. Since there have been problems with Emergidata, Chief Duvall advised he will be looking into other companies that provide the same service.
- Met with Kelly Architect, Seifert Construction personnel, and Hart on Thursday the 13th and again on the 18th. There will be weekly meetings until the project is completed.

All Trustees expressed an interest in attending the next meeting so a Work Session was scheduled for July 25th at 8:30am. The meeting will be held at the Township office, 213 Marietta Street.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- The road crew has done some patchwork on Pleasantview Rd. with cold mix.

- Preparing roads that are scheduled for the chip/seal project.
- We have spent the majority of our time on tree removal and damage control from last week's storms and still have some work to do in the form of grading roads and fixing ditches.
- The crew met with Ted Talbott from Gledhill Mfg. to learn the new plow controls only to find out that they weren't working properly. Gledhill will be picking the truck up to service recalibrating the controls as this is under warranty.
- Avalon Rd. was graded to fix multiple washouts from storms and heavy rains.
- Grinding bid advertisement has been submitted to the Towne Crier. 800 tons of crushed asphalt to be hauled from CRC, 399 Haul Rd to the Township facility. Bid Opening will be August 16th with hauling and billing completed no later than December 1, 2017 at 3pm. Bid specs were mailed to Randy Davis, Keith Taylor, Chad Ashbaugh, and Matt Hobbs. Hart advised Doug to forward the specs to CRC for them to post at their facility.

Connie reported the following:

- The July 2017 Grassroots Clippings was distributed to all members.
- Received a safety rebate from Bureau of Workers Compensation based upon the 2015 policy year premium. This amount totaled \$5,211.36. This amount was divided into the appropriate funds based on the premiums paid from 2015. Fire 57%, General 7%, Zoning 1% and Road 35%.
- As a reminder the 2018 proposed budget hearing is set for Friday, July 21st at 6pm. The County Budget Commission Hearing is scheduled for August 7th at 11:05am at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner's Hearing Room.
- A meeting was held on Monday, July 17th with Mike Marr of BWC, Chief Duvall, Hart, and Doug Hintz. Mike had contacted the office regarding a couple safety grants that BWC was offering. A presentation was done by Mr. Marr and the department heads were given the paperwork if they cared to pursue.
- An email was received from Jon Kochis, Fairfield County EMA Director advising that the recent floods were not considered a federal disaster however there could be significant damage to declare a state disaster. The email was passed onto the Road Superintendent for his evaluation.
- Bremen Bank called and advised that one of the employees closed their account so correction will need to be made.

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

Trustee Reports

Dave – Reviewed road and fire payroll, working with road crew as time allows on various projects. Focus has been made on storm damage repairs since the 10th of July. August 1st we are due to discuss raises.

Bill – Attended the Safety Meeting on July 11th. The presentation was about Bureau of Workers Compensation fraud. Several examples were given where it took months worth of documentation in order to prove fraud. Reviewed fire and road payroll.

Hart – Spoke with Doug this morning and told him that by policy, the performance reviews must be completed before the Board can discuss wage reviews. During the Special Meeting on July 14th the Board voted to immediately recognize Burnham & Flowers as our Broker of Records for all Employee Benefit Coverage. Lawsuits and injunctions have been filed against OPEC-HC and we have been invited to join in those actions. The information will be sent to our Prosecuting Attorney for him to provide guidance. The renewed medical packets for our employees should be arriving within a few days.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41pm

Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission Report

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R.P.C.Meeting 7-5-17 Representative Charles Hockman

- President Bill Yapple and Executive Director Loudan Klein introduced Rick Szabrak, Economic Development Director after the June 6 minutes and Presidents Report.
- Rick Szabrak gave an excellent detailed report on the Connect Ohio Broadband Survey Results. Over 1,100 residents responded to the survey. We are in the fastest growing region of the Midwest and adequate broadband access and speeds are imperative to supporting this growth. Fairfield Co. wants to be a leader in helping solve broadband issues. Cooperation with local organizations and broadband providers will be key to future improvements. Here are some highlights.
 1. 87% of households have access to 25 MBPS internet.
 2. .6% of the households have dial-up. 15.1% have speeds less than 3 MBPS about 65% of households have speeds between 3MBPS and 50 MBPS Almost 55% of households are dissatisfied with their service.
 3. The main areas where service gaps exist are Amanda, Clearcreek, Hocking, Madison, Berne and Rushcreek townships.
 4. 38.5% of households only have 1 choice of 8 providers. The question is, how do we get providers interested in providing service to rural areas. Engineers are promoting knifing in cables with minimum core drilling. I asked the question why this method has failed in the past with communication cables being dug up when cleaning ditches. What I discovered was, in the past, the contractors were not monitored and did not bury the cables 36 inches. In our area the Verizon cables were subcontracted and often were not put in at much depth at all. As Rick Szabrak stated, cable installation needs to be managed and micro managed with the township involved. I am leaving information with the trustees concerning recommended actions and possible solutions outlined by, "Connect Ohio" which is part of the "Connected Nation" network. Much more detailed information is available on this broadband survey. If interested, please contact me.

Other Business involved subdivisions in Walnut and Violet Townships. If anyone has questions about those please see me. After a motion and voting to pay the bills, the meeting closed.