

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
08/16/2017

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; Road Superintendent, Doug Hintz; and Ass't. Chief Brian Irwin. Hart asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief and Road Superintendent.

Visitors

Chad Ashbaugh, Tracy Shahan, Lisa Burnworth, Craig Dennis, Raymond McCandlish, Tad Moyer

Bid Opening

The following ad was placed on the website and Towne Crier Eastern Edition: *Rushcreek Township is accepting bids for hauling 800 tons of crushed asphalt from CRC, 399 Haul Road, Columbus to 213 Marietta Street, Bremen. Bids will be opened on August 16th at 7pm. Material and billing must be completed by December 1st @ 3pm. Contact Doug Hintz, 740-569-7181 Extension #11. Bid specs available upon request.* Mailbox and email were checked with the following bids received:

- Down Hill Trucking - \$6.70/Ton
- Keith Taylor Trucking - \$6.65/Ton
- Peak Trucking - \$10.00/Ton

After reviewing bids and paperwork included in the bid, Bill made a motion to accept Keith Taylor Trucking bid at \$6.65/Ton and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. It was noted that the bid from Peak Trucking included a BWC certification that expired June 30, 2017 therefore the Board could not accept the bid.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 2nd Regular 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 upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website www.rushcreektwp.org.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #511-2017 – 545-2017 and Warrants #40804 – 40819 in the amounts of \$64,213.20 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Bill made a motion to pay the bills and Hart seconded the motion. Connie advised this included payroll, payroll taxes and a payment to Seifert Construction in the amount of \$34,425.74. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Hart added that more housekeeping is needed on paperwork with Kelly Architectural Services and Seifert Construction.

Appropriation Change: \$240.00 from 2191-220-323-2000 to 2191-220-352
Purchase Order #22-2017 was presented for signatures.

Road Superintendent Hintz presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$70,100.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. The list included 26,000 gallon of RS2 emulsion for chip/seal. The nurse tank is scheduled to be here the week of August 21st.

Ass't. Fire Chief Irwin presented the Board with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,450.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenditures and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Business

In Chief Duvall's absence, Ass't. Chief Irwin reported the following:

- Runs during the last pay period: 22 EMS including 15 transports and 4 fire runs. During the last few days the department has been very busy responding to calls. When run numbers are averaged, the department has responded to far more calls this year than in past years.
- The mini-engine was taken to Smetzer's Tire for an evaluation, it was determined that the tires were not defective. Line's Auto rotated the tires and the vehicle is working fine.
- Attended two weekly progress meetings on the fire house renovation project. Observed the hydrostatic testing on the sprinkler system with an inspector from Pleasant Township. Hart asked why an inspector was called in from Pleasant Township and Ass't. Chief Irwin responded that no one was qualified to inspect from our department. Connie stated that when she was speaking with Chief Duvall he stated that he wanted an outsider to look over the system. Hart added that this was an excellent decision by the Chief. Hart continued that the system is not operable until the alarm is installed and bids are being obtained.

Road Superintendent Doug Hintz reported the following:

- The crew replaced the culvert at Locust Grove Rd. and Purvis Rd.
- The 30" culvert on Pleasantview Rd. was replaced with a plastic culvert.
- A large tree was removed from Young Rd. Friday evening.
- Pleasantview Rd., Durbin Run Rd., Geneva School Rd., and Locust Grove Rd. were all patched with cold mix.
- South Sacred Heart Rd. and Fairview Rd. were graded.
- Two loads of grindings were hauled to each of the following roads: Fairview, Thomas, and Purvis for dust control. Bill stated that Tim and Mike Burnworth came in about dust control on Purvis Road. He advised them to go out to Fairview and take a look at how it was handled.
- Culverts and ditches that had been plugged or filled in from previous storms were cleaned on Marietta, Tent Church, Graffis, and Pleasantview Rds.
- Johnson grass spraying is complete.

Doug reported on preliminary plans for the chip/seal program. Work will take place from August 28th to September 1st. 6.5 of the scheduled 7.6 miles of road will definitely be ready to chip seal. The crew will keep pushing to prepare more roads for chip seal. Time and weather will determine how far they get. Doug requested permission to hire two temporary part-time employees for the chip/seal project at 40 hours each. Chief Duvall has assisted in the past and has agreed to participate again this year. For clarification, Connie stated that when Chief Duvall is working for the roads he is paid from the road fund. Hart advised there are pre-employment conditions that must be met prior to any new hires. The position must be advertised, back ground check, drug test, driver abstract, and physicals. Since Chief Duvall was a current employee, there is no need for him to meet the pre-employment conditions. These guidelines have been in effect for many years and Dave had a responsibility to advise Doug. Dave expressed his dislike with the rules. Hart questioned Doug if he had the Force Account paperwork ready which is required and Doug responded that he is currently working on the paperwork. Dave stated that we may need more materials because of the width of the roads which are between 16' & 18' with a 6" overlap and he wants the material to go end to end to save what we have. Doug stated the chipper box has had some major repairs and he was unsure if it would hold up. He has not checked the equipment but plans on checking all equipment out the week of the 21st. Bill expressed his concerns on if the chipper box is inoperable and Doug responded that if there is a problem with the chipper box it may be necessary to roll-gate the stone.

Connie reported the following:

- The August Grassroots Clippings was distributed.
- Charles Hockman stopped by the office and advised that due to conflict of schedules he was unable to attend the August 1st RPC meeting. After reviewing the agenda it did not appear to have any business that would affect Rushcreek Township.
- The 2018 budget was approved by the County Budget Commission on August 7th. Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief, and Road Superintendent were present. Hart reported that observing other hearings many times the only person present was the Fiscal Officer. Connie thanked everyone for attending. The County stated that Rushcreek Township was one of three entities that had a well prepared budget where all questions were answered in the footnotes.

Trustee Reports

Dave – Reviewed Road and Fire payroll. Working with the road crew in preparation for the chip/seal project.

Bill – One building permit was issued since the last meeting to Seth Leising, 6838 Ireland Rd., new home.

Hart – Met with the program administrator for our healthcare program. Jefferson Health is the company who we are contracted with to provide the health insurance for our full time employees. Rushcreek Township Trustees previously voted to leave OPEC-HC and have Burnham & Flowers handle the program. OPEC-HC breached the contract with Jefferson however communications with Jefferson has secured continued coverage for our employees. OPEC-HC is currently in litigation and the Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney has received our files to possibly be included for recovery. Burnham & Flowers is requiring new paperwork to handle HSA distributions. An article on the OPEC-HC was in the Tuesday edition of The Columbus Dispatch.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49pm