

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
10/19/2016

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Hart were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Bill Myers, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; 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.

A moment of silence was dedicated to Robert Pontious, owner of Rushcreek Feed Mill, who passed away at the age of 92. Mr. Pontious was very active in the community and will be missed.

Visitors

Ray Stemen, Earl Lehman, Tracy Shahan, Joe Lucas, Lori Smith, Joe & Marie Jasper, and Pat Kelly.

Minutes

The minutes of Work Session of October 6th were read. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Hart gave an update on the HAH project. Following the meeting, as promised, he contacted the EPA to get a status on the project. The contact individual was on vacation and once contact has been made he will advise. Mr. Betler contacted Hart and advised that HAH's website states that the permits have been obtained. However, in researching, Hart found that the minutes of a HAH meeting on the 20th reflect that the EPA gave them a clean bill of health. Since the EPA inspected on the 19th that statement seems unlikely.

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.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #679-2016 - #715-2016 and Warrants #40465 - #40477 in the amounts of \$20,524.19 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.

Appropriation Change:

\$1,500.00 from 2191-220-430 to 2191-220-360

Purchase Order #46-2016 was presented for signatures.

Will presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$2,250.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

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

Business

Pat Kelly, Kelly Architectural Services Zanesville Ohio, was given the floor. Mr. Kelly presented the Board with two sets of plans on the renovation of the firehouse. One set was given to the Fire Chief for his review. Mr. Kelly advised that the plans are approximately 90% complete. The remainder will be done after the work has begun because of the need to maintain the firehouse "operational" during the renovations. The project entails 3,800 square feet which includes gutting and rebuild. The floor in the rear currently sets 5" below grade allowing water to run in and creating a trip hazard. Therefore the floor

will need raised. The square feet cost is about \$60.00, with the project running between \$250,000 to \$300,000. Wiring will be placed so that a future generator can be installed outside. The approximate cost to add the generator now will be an additional \$50,000. Chief Duvall stated that this project is an indoor job and with the winter months coming up we needed to keep moving forward as contractors are available in winter months. Discussion was held regarding the different phases of the project. Connie requested that the project be broke up in order to avoid mandatory rules with prevailing wages which financially impacts a project by up to 40%. Pat responded that he did not think this would be possible. It was decided that a Project Manager would be needed to handle the project and the filing for prevailing wages would be included in the Project Manager's job description. The Trustees agreed to review the plans and a work session was set to meet with Pat Kelly. The following announcement will be placed on the website and sent to the Eagle Gazette. *Rushcreek Township Trustees will hold a Work Session on Wednesday, October 26th at 8am. The meeting will be held at the firehouse, 203 Marietta Street, Bremen, OH. Purpose of the meeting is to review the architect plans and prepare proposed drafts of the project phases.* Hart advised the public that one of the purposes of the renovation is to equip the firehouse to stand alone for public use during an emergency. Chief Duvall reported that he has witnessed many emergencies during his tenure with the fire department where there was a need to provide this type of service to the community. The Trustees thanked Mr. Kelly for the work that his company has provided to date.

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs reported during the pay period: 22 squad which included 11 transports and 7 fire runs.

Road Superintendent Robert Suer reported the following:

- Fall mowing is 50% completed.
- Bill Myers took a pressure reading of the pump on the John Deere 5425.

Bill reported the pressure read 2,750psi. After calling a repair company he found that the pressure should be between 2,700 and 2,800psi so the reading was well within the proper guidelines. Hart asked that he provide Bob with a write-up so the document could be filed with the maintenance records on the machinery. Bill agreed to provide the documentation.

- Dave Myers had Chad Ashbaugh meet at the township to discuss concerns with his private project on Bethel Road.
- A bank was reconstructed on Pumpkin Vine Road (around the Davis property) and the project is now complete including seeding & mulching. Photos were taken to document the project. Bill complimented the road crew for a job well done.

Connie reported the following:

- Driver's Abstracts were received from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Connie suggested the Trustees go into Executive Session to review and provide guidance if necessary.
- Dale Wellman sent a thank you to the road crew for mowing along Pumpkin Vine Road. He stated it is much more pleasant of a drive.
- The Chamber Annual Meeting will be held at 6pm on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Historical Society where the State of The Township Address will be given. Connie was advised to make 7-8 reservations.
- After researching an advertisement that was placed by Greenfield Township regarding openings on their Board of Appeals, with Richard's approval, Connie recommended the following advertisement be placed: Rushcreek Township Trustees are seeking volunteers for the following open positions in the zoning department. Two individuals to serve on the Zoning Commission, two individuals to serve on the Board of Appeals, two individuals to serve as alternate members on each board, and an individual to serve as a representative to the Regional Planning Commission. Applicants must be residents of the unincorporated area of Rushcreek Township. Please respond by November 14<sup>th</sup> to Richard Campbell, Rushcreek Township, P.O. Box 88, Bremen, OH 43107 or email [rushcreektwp\\_zoning@yahoo.com](mailto:rushcreektwp_zoning@yahoo.com).

#### Trustee Reports

Bill – Nothing to Report

Dave – Nothing to Report

Hart - Nothing to Report

Hart announced that the Trustees have three separate Executive Sessions that will be held and advised there will be no further business handled after the sessions.

At 7:59pm Bill made a motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) to review and discuss the driver abstracts that have been received from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Chief Duvall and Robert Suer were requested to be included in the session. Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Executive Session Ended: 8:24pm.

At 8:25pm, Hart made a motion to enter Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Dave requested that Chief Duvall be invited to attend. Executive Session Ended: 8:49pm.

At 8:50pm Dave made a motion to enter Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G) (2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Executive Session Ended: 9:14pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:14pm.