

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
02/17/2016

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:05pm 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.

Copies of the agenda, payment listing, and draft copy of the February 3rd minutes were made available to those in attendance.

Visitors

Doug & Lisa Burnworth, Jeff Herman, Earl Lehman, Barb & Charlie Hockman, Linda & Loren Young, George Shreyer, Harry Deahl, Renee Huffer, Mary Hoffman, Chad Ashbaugh, Tracy Shahan, Allison & Kenny Nethers, Sue Schmidt, Chuck Vickroy, Jimmy Downard, Dave Foltz, Damon Thaxton, Deputy Meloy and Deputy Busby.

Bid Opening

The following ad was placed on our website January 7th and placed in the Eastern Edition of the Towne Crier on January 15, 2016. *Rushcreek Township Trustees is accepting sealed bids for various sizes & amounts of stone delivered to 213 Marietta Street, Bremen. Stone & trucking priced separately. Bid opening will be held February 17, 2016 @ 7pm. Inquiries: 740-569-7181 Ext.#11. Rushcreek Township Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.* At 7:08 the mailbox was checked along with the Township's email address. One bid was received which was from Shelly Materials. Different sizes of stone costs were listed with the cost of trucking at \$5.00 per ton. Dave read the different sizes of stone costs on the bid sheet. Bob stated when he spoke with Randy at Shelly Material Randy had advised him that the prices had changed very little over last year's contract. After reviewing, Dave made a motion to accept the bid from Shelly Material and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye, Hart, aye.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 3rd 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. Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, yes; Bill, yes; Hart, aye. Hart reminded everyone that the minutes are available online at rushcreektwp.org or upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #89-2016 – #129-2016 and Warrants #40188 - #40198 in the amounts of \$23,601.39 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Purchase Order #8-2016 was presented for signatures which was for the tornado siren.

Will presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$3,450.00. 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 \$7,000.00. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

Connie requested permission to purchase \$350.00 in office supplies. Bill made a motion to approve the expenditure and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

At 7:23pm Bill made a motion to enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22G(1) on complaints against an public official and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. Executive Session Ended: 8:24pm with Open Session beginning at 8:25pm.

Public Comments

Hart reported Mary Foltz was unable to attend due to her work schedule. He restated his reminder that comments could be received by correspondence as well as at a meeting and Hart suggested that her comments be admitted into the minutes.

Mary Hoffman - Mary presented the Board with several exhibits included in her presentation. She stated in her opinion that the Recycling Bin was not in a favorable location. Her stated reasons were: Children playing in that area; may be additional debris; may attract more vermin; and the parking blocks did not allow her access to her property. She requested that the bin be placed in another location. *A copy of her presentation is available upon request.*

Business

Chief Will Duvall reported the following:

- Runs reported during the pay period: 23 squad which included 10 transports and 3 fire runs.
- The Blue Coat recipient from Bremen Rushcreek Fire Department for 2016 is Dave Kilbarger. The banquet will be held at 7pm on Monday, March 14th at Knights of Columbus in Lancaster Ohio. Bill Myers expressed his congratulations on behalf of the Board.
- Lt. Dan Kunkler submitted a letter stating he will not be renewing his firefighter certification on February 20th and after serving many years he will be leaving the fire service. Lt. Dan Kunkler officially joined the fire department on October 19, 1979. He has served as a Lieutenant since 1985 also spending many years as an EMT. Hart asked that Chief Duvall let Lt. Kunkler know that the Board appreciates his service to the community.
- The State of Ohio EMS grant application is open and permission was requested to prepare for submission to request EMS supplies. This grant is a result of the seat belt violations that is collected by the State. The Trustees granted permission by unanimous consent.
- The pharmacy license has been signed by Doctor Augustine.

Road Superintendent Robert Suer reported the following:

- Four times in the past two weeks the road crew has been busy plowing and treating roads.
- On February 10th while plowing roads the Freightliner computer for the transmission went out. This left the dump truck with plow sitting in the middle of the roadway requiring the truck to be towed. The computer was replaced however there are problems getting the program to connect. The truck will be taken to the dealer tomorrow. The expense of repairs has not been established.
- On February 24th David Campbell will be going to a pesticide training class in Reynoldsburg.
- On March 1st Bob and Richard will be at the Convention Center for the entire day attending a Pesticide Recertification Class.
- On March 4th the road crew will attend a bucket truck training class at the County Engineer's department from 7am-8am.
- Upon Bob's request, Chief Duvall granted permission for the road crew to use the station car for upcoming meetings.
- The road crew did get to spend several more days cutting trees and chipping brush on Rutter Hill and Pumpkin Vine Road.
- At the February 3rd meeting approval was granted to purchase \$475.00 for cold mix. The weather did not permit this expenditure therefore that request has been carried over to this pay period.

Bill asked Bob for the ability to review the pesticide license records and Bob stated the records are on file. Tracy Shahan thanked the road department for helping her family during the recent snow storm.

Connie reported the following:

- There have been no zoning permits issued since the last meeting:

- The 2015 Ohio Department of Transportation Township Highway System Mileage Certification was received from the County Engineer's office. As in the past, Rushcreek Township is responsible for maintaining 39.251 miles of public road. The Trustees must sign the document in duplication and Connie will send both copies to the County Engineer for submission to ODOT.
- The Trustees were reminded that the County Engineer will be sending notification for the Annual Meeting. In the past they had requested we meet at the first meeting of the day which is around 7:30am so she asked if that would be an acceptable time for everyone and which day of the week is best. After discussion, Connie was advised to schedule at 7:30am on either a Wednesday or Friday.
- The annual registration for Rushcreek Township has been completed in the U.S. federal government's System for Award Management aka SAM. This continues our eligibility for contracts, assistance awards, ie FEMA grants. For several years we have been discussing hiring a professional grant writer. The FEMA grant application is coming up and Connie encouraged the Trustees to actively pursue this avenue. Will asked if a grant writer is hired would it be necessary to seek bids. By unanimous consent, the Board concurred for Hart to handle research and criteria for contracting with a grant writer.
- Jon Kochis, Fairfield County EMA Director provided us with the 2016 Fairfield County Emergency Operations Plan in email form which was distributed to each Trustee. This plan is a significant change in size to previous years, coming in over 200 pages shorter, but not shorter in content. The Trustees were advised to look over the plan and focus on the annexes in which we may have responsibilities and review those. Fairfield County EMA is required to document receipt of this plan. If we would prefer a printed copy, we must confirm receipt and contact Criss Manning. They requested that we do not share the plan directly with others.
- The Seifert Construction demolition looks close to completion. The Trustees were reminded there is certain protocol that must be followed prior to releasing the funds. By unanimous consent, the Board concurred for Bill to handle right away.

Trustee Reports

Bill reported that during his Saturday session at the Township, he received visitors Loren Young, Dave Foltz, and Mary Hoffman. He believes that these open sessions are very good and important to the community. He requested that the Board schedule a work session at 6pm on March 2nd prior to the Board meeting to receive public input on the agenda and the recycling trailer. He apologized for not providing these topics for tonight's agenda.

Mr. Young intervened and expressed his concern with rescheduling another meeting to handle procedures and the recycling bin. As Board Chairperson, Hart stated Point of Order, but allowed Mr. Young to finish. The public is in attendance and to postpone only exacerbates the situation. He did not believe holding a work session would settle the matter as actions are not taken in work sessions nor are the work sessions recorded. It was his suggestion to proceed with handling both matters at this time instead of delaying.

Connie explained that minutes are taken during every work session and incorporated into the minutes as shown during the February 3rd minutes.

Several citizens verbally concurred with Mr. Young's suggestion with a heated debate ensuing. Several people shouted and stood to gain attention, disrupting the meeting. As Board Chairperson, Hart restated Point of Order, the directive for Order and order for all to calm down.

Dave Foltz shouted inflammatory comments and approached the board table, challenging Hart's ruling. He was intercepted and escorted off premises. Many of the guests continued to disrupt the meeting escalating the ill will.

Hart adjourned the meeting due to Exigent Circumstances at 8:53 p.m.