

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
12/17/2014

Bill Myers, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 7:01pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Bill were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Hart Van Horn, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; Richard Campbell, Zoning Inspector; Bob Suer, Road Superintendent; and Will Duvall, Fire Chief. Bill asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except the Chief's.

Visitor
Joel Denny, Chad Ashbaugh

Old Business

Hart – Prepare list of blighted land for RPC – Requested RPC provide a definition of blighted 1/7/15

Hart – Sent a follow-up letter and waiting on a response from Commissioner Kiger on solid waste. – Report later in meeting then remove from list.

Hart – Researching property easement on McCullough Road - Meeting with County Auditor - 1/7/15

Board - Fairfield Union Bus Turn-A-Round schedule to prepare an agreement. – 1/7/15

Board – LifePak 15 Service Agreement – Report later in meeting then remove from list

Minutes

The minutes of the December 3rd meeting were presented to the Trustees for approval. Hart 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. Bill reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office.

Treasurer's Report

EFT # 688-2014 – 717-2014 and Warrants #39680-39775 in the amounts of \$35,165.83 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.

Appropriation Changes:

\$15.78 from 1000-110-380 to 1000-120-351 (electric)

\$15.81 from 2031-330-221 to 2031-330-351 (electric)

\$227.37 from 2191-220-240 to 2191-220-351 (electric)

Purchase Orders #51-2014 & 21-2014 were presented for signatures.

On December 21st the following Certificate of Deposits mature with Citizens Bank: #54081 in the amount of \$100,000; 54085 in the amount of \$200,000; and 54086 in the amount of \$200,000. Interest rates were obtained: Bremen Bank – 12 Month @ .25%, 18 month @ .35%, 24 mo .45%. Citizens Bank – 12 month @ .26%, 18 month @ .41%, 24 month @ .46%. US Bank of Somerset – 24 month @ .07%. After discussion Hart made a motion to keep the Certificate of Deposits with Citizens Bank for a term of 24% at an interest rate of .46% in the same increments and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Business

Fire Chief Duvall reported the following:

- The EMS billing company, MBI Solutions, sent suggested rates for the department for the 2015 calendar year. Options include keeping the current rates, increasing 1.4%, or adopting our own rates. Chief Duvall recommended remaining the same. Hart made a motion to continue the current rate structure and approve Trustee Bill Myers to sign the paperwork and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.
- Bill Molisee having served as an EMT, Fire Fighter, and Assistant Chief retired on December 10th. Bill began working with the fire department in June of 1977 resulting in 37 years of dedicated service. Bill was the last of the Vietnam Veterans on the fire department. Recognition will be given in April at the Appreciation Dinner.

- New batteries were installed on Medic 541. No electrical problems have been reported since the batteries were installed.
- Multiple communications were made with Dave Burroughs, Ohio EPA, regarding the fire run at the Ickes property on McCullough Road. The township received a copy of an EPA notice citing the property owner of illegal burning and other possible infractions.
- Various uniform items were ordered and received. Chief Duvall presented the Board with a draft of uniform issuance parameters. After reviewing the Trustees concurred. Chief Duvall's recommendation was uniform shirts would have the names embroidered however jackets would have removable name plates.
- Improvements were made to the bunkroom with financial assistance from the Firefighters Association and the Ladies Auxiliary. New beds, dressers, and table lamps were purchased. Discussion was held on lockers. Chief requested metal file lockers be purchased for bed linens and Hart stated that these are disposal items that could be received without a charge.

Will presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Emergency Only. Bill made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye. Runs reported during the pay period: 9 squad and 3 fire.

Road Superintendent Bob Suer reported the following:

- Repairs completed on the bucket truck with total cost of repairs just under \$2,000.00.
- Grindings for winter road treatment has been delivered to the yard.
- The door on the semi-trailer used for storage is being rebuilt.

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

Connie reported the following:

- One permit was issued since the last meeting to Richard Bitler, 950 W. Rushville Rd. – accessory building.
- Fairfield County Engineer's office sent the 2014 Township Highway Mileage Certification which was prepared by Jim Baughman from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Rushcreek Township is responsible for maintaining 39.251 miles of public roads which has not changed from 2013.
- The November Grassroots Clippings was distributed to all members.
- With year-end around the corner supervisors were reminded no purchasing from this point on unless it is an emergency. Some housekeeping material... all personnel who receive insurance reimbursement must have the proper documentation to the township office. Discussion was held on when to schedule the year-end meeting. It was decided to hold the End of The Year meeting on December 31st @ 3:00pm. Department supervisors were advised to process payroll on the 30th so payments can be made on the 31st.
- The Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund 2015 certificate of annual election of board members was presented to the Trustees for review. After discussion, Dave made a motion to maintain the same members as 2014 however replacing Ed Pool with Hart Van Horn and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.
- Joyce Krile and Connie took an all-day online course on Friday, November 12th that UAN provided for year-end material.
- Last year the Trustees granted permission to hire Kathy Thimmes to close the books for our Township at a cost of \$180.00. This actually gives another fiscal officer the ability to look over the year and make sure everything is in line. Bill made a motion to grant permission to hire a Visiting Clerk at a cost up to \$250.00 and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.
- Fairfield County OTA banquet was held on December 14th. Heidi Fought covered the following information. The Ohio House Finance & Appropriations Committee accepted an amendment to SB 243 that would provide townships with an additional \$10 million for the remainder of the

biennium. The \$10 million will be reallocated from the Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF). Created in 2011, the LGIF provides political subdivisions financial assistance - through grants and loans - to create efficient and effective service delivery within their area. Projects funded are expected to facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction with their plan for efficiency, collaboration or shared services. While the program had many projects request grant money, very few entities have requested loans. Therefore, there is unspent money. By reallocating \$10 million to townships, there will still be roughly \$16 million in the LGIF for loans and grants. As laid out in SB 243 and passed, the \$10 million will be split two ways to ensure all townships get a share of the money. Five million will be divided equally amongst all 1,308 townships and the other \$5 million will be allocated based on the number of miles of roads in each township. At a minimum, this allocation would provide each township approximately \$3,800 and about \$121 per road (not lane) mile. This allocation is for the General Fund. OTA encouraged us to contact our House and Senate members to thank them for recognizing the need of Townships and providing this extra funding. Thank you letters were prepared for the Trustees to sign to Senate President Keith Faber, Senator Troy Balderson, House Speaker Bill Batchelder, and Representative Ron Hood for their leadership on this issue along with Heidi Fought of the OTA for all of her hard work.

- Also covered at the OTA banquet was due to inaction by the Ohio Senate, HB 661, which would have granted pay raises to all elected officials in the state, died without even a hearing. The House had Senate Joint Resolution 9, which would place a constitutional amendment before the voters to create a Pay Raise Commission, before them but insisted on its legislation and did not hear SJR 9. Elected officials whose salaries are set by the Ohio Revised Code have not had an increase in pay since 2008.
- House Bill 10 was passed which sets mandatory education classes on fiscal officers along with new and specific parameters for removal.
- Road Superintendent, Bob Suer brought in the Medical Mutual papers concerning his deductible. Of the \$5,000 deductible September 18th noted he had \$3,872 remaining, October 16th \$4,875 remaining, and December 12th \$4,395 remaining. Dave Myers had advised that the company was working on the situation but it appears there is still a problem. Dave stated he has done everything within his ability to clear the matter up to no avail. Hart agreed he would contact the agency and address the issue.

Joel Denny, Rushcreek Township representative at the Regional Planning Commission gave the report from the December 3rd meeting with copies of his notes attached to these minutes.

As the Trustee in charge of Administration Hart reported the following:

- The new website is now available for viewing. www.rushcreektwp.org Additional development will be forthcoming with email addresses available in January. It was decided that the minutes would be posted with "Signatures on File" placed at the bottom. Anyone requesting signed documents would need to contact the office.
- Physio Control sent maintenance agreements for both the Life-Pak 12 & Life-Pak 15. The 15 is under warranty since it has not been a year since the purchase. After reviewing, Hart made a motion to accept a 3 year service maintenance agreement with Physio Control for both monitors and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.
- A presentation was given at the OTA banquet on Sunday addressing Rushcreek Township's concerns with regards to the Solid Waste Proposal Program. Commissioner Levacy agreed that the information coming from contractors without verification should not be acceptable. The meeting minutes that Ms. Phillips had commented on had not been posted on their website along with resolutions and plans only contained yes votes. The Trustees unanimously decided they would not support the plan with the matter closed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55pm

SIGNATURES ON FILE