

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
08/20/2014

Bill Myers, 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 Bill were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Hat Van Horn, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; 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.

Visitors

Attorney Nicole Koppitch, Attorney Charles Elsea, Court Recorder Mary Bradley, Todd Beery, Rick Hoffman, Ed Pool, Brian Irwin, Zachary Irwin, Denise Beery, Gene Qualls, Joseph Westenbarger, Tracy Shahan.

Hart announced that under the supervision of counsel the Trustees would be going into executive session which would last approximately an hour. Then the regular meeting would resume. The public was invited to go to the fire house and a call would be made advising when the meeting would be opened back up to the public. At 7:03pm, Hart made a motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(3) to consult with Attorney Koppitch regarding the Hoffman case. Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

Executive Session Ended: 7:59pm. A telephone call was made to the fire station to advise those waiting that executive session ended.

Minutes

The minutes of August 6th, August 11th, and August 15th meetings were presented to the Trustees for approval. Dave stated in the August 15th minutes he did not say that Tom Belcher would operate the chip box he said dump truck and disputed Bob's report from the meeting and that's not what he meant to say. Hart replied that the meeting was digitally recorded for 66 minutes and 13 seconds, if Dave preferred it would be immediately replayed in its entirety. Hart continued that Dave did make those statements and the minutes must reflect what was said. Further note that Sunshine Laws were breeched by the actions Dave and Bill made in the pursuit of hiring outside of the guidelines of policy. 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 of August 6th, August 11th, and August 15th. Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bill, aye; Hart, aye; Dave, abstain. Bill reminded everyone the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office.

Treasurer's Report

EFT #'s 419-2014 – 448-2014 and Warrants #39606 – 39615 in the amounts of \$18,372.54 were presented to the Trustees for signatures. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

**The following appropriation change was approved along with Purchase Order #15-2014.
\$500.00 from 2191-220-420 to 2191-220-490

Business

Will reported that the fire department received and distributed uniforms the first of the year. With personnel changes, it is necessary to provide uniforms to the new employees. A list of expenditures

was presented for the next period in the amount of \$3,600.00 that included \$500.00 for the uniform purchase**.

Hart made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye. Runs reported during the pay period: 18 EMS and 1 fire.

Bob reported the following:

- The road crew is almost complete on preparing the roads for chip/seal.
- The chip/seal equipment has been checked and adjustments were made.
- 800 Ton of stone has been delivered.
- The emulsion tank will arrive tomorrow.
- The water line was replaced at the Township by the road crew and Dave Myers. The new line was donated by a contractor out of Columbus Ohio. Bob asked that the Trustees prepare a thank you for his donation.
- A training session for the chip/seal equipment is scheduled for this Friday at 4pm to familiarize all parties with their respective duties.

A lengthy discussion was held on the chip/seal plan including equipment assignments, storage of equipment during the project etc. The tentative plan will be Ireland Road, Graffis Road, Bethel Road, Geneva School Road, Durbin Run Road. Since those roads will be closed during the application, Dave agreed to call the fire department when each road is complete. Bob stated that Richard has a fire radio and if an emergency call is dispatched, the road will be opened. Connie and Bob will be working on the force account paperwork prior to starting the project. Hart will make the effort to inform residents prior to road work and closings.

Bob advised that since they would be doing the chip/seal during the next pay period he requested \$800.00 miscellaneous expenses however operating that much equipment there could be some equipment breakdowns. Dave made a motion to approve the \$800.00 expenditure request and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

Connie reported the following:

- One zoning permit was issued since the last meeting to Dean Elick, 3493 Durbin Run Road for a garage.
- The County Engineer sent notice that Tom Hollett and Ralph Snyder are retiring from the County. A retirement potluck is planned for this Friday with the meal beginning at noon. The invitation was extended to all Township Trustees and their workers.

Dave reported he has received the paperwork from Ohio Insurance Agency which is changing groups. Coverage is for the Township full-time workers and remains with Medical Mutual however the monthly premium is reduced by \$40.00 per month. Dave stated he has not had an opportunity to read the paperwork but was advised by the agency that everything remains unchanged but the group. Connie stated that Medical Mutual bills us every six months which saves a monthly administrative fee of approximately \$300.00 per year. Dave was unsure but would check on that then asked if Connie could review prior to signing the contract which was due by August 22nd. Connie stated that she had taken a quick look at over 35 pages while they were coming out of the fax. With the responsibility of preparing the force account paperwork for chip/seal by Friday, she did not feel she could give the insurance project the proper amount of time it would need. Bill stated that the company had extended the deadline until the 30th.

Hart moved to recess the meeting at 8:34pm until further notice was received from Counsel and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

At 9:15pm Hart made a motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(3) to consult with Attorney Koppitch regarding the Hoffman case. Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye. Executive Session ended: 9:27pm.

Hart read and made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-14 which postponed the Hoffman hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 3, 2014 pursuant to mutual agreement between Rushcreek Township Trustees and Rick Hoffman. Dave seconded the adoption. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30pm.

Bill Myers
David L. Myers
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