

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
07/02/2014

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; Hart 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.

Visitor

Pat Kasson, Tracy Shahan, Joe Westenbarger, Brian Irwin Assistant Fire Chief, Joel Denny, Ray Stemen

Minutes

The minutes of the June 18th meeting & the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing 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. Bill reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office.

Treasurer's Report

EFT # 329-2014 – 356-2014 and Warrants #39545-39565 in the amounts of \$30,431.75 were presented to the Trustees for signatures along with the June bank reconciliation. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

The following purchase orders were presented for signatures: #40-2014 & #41-2014.

Business

Representing the fire department Bill reported the following:

- As part of the BWC safety program a representative from the fire department should attend a safety meeting once a month in Lancaster at the Eagles which would allow a discount on BWC ratings. Since Bill is in charge of the Fire Department and two of the Trustees are paid a portion out of the fire fund Bill will be in charge of making sure a Trustee attends the meeting and present a brief synopsis of the safety meeting. Will reported that he attended the meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> with the topic being about employer's responsibilities on claims and follow-up.
- Three individuals have successfully completed the pre-employment screenings and Chief Duvall recommended hiring. Dave made a motion to hire Tom Kemper, Jessica Dryden, and Brian McQueary beginning July 3, 2014 and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.
- William Gibson has voluntarily been removed from the roster.

Will presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$3,600.00. 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: 12 squad and 2 fire.

Representing the road department Dave reported the following:

- At the last meeting funds were approved to work on the emulsion truck and to purchase cold mix that was not expended. Therefore, this meeting's request is a duplicate of last meeting.
- Spring road mowing was completed on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Culvert replacements on Durbin Run and Graffis road were completed.
- A 500 foot section of road was worked on to gain road width on Marietta road in front of Ed Pool's property with a work agreement obtained. Ed paid Bill Newell, a local contractor, to do the digging and grading in this area. The Township built the road bed and surface out of recycled material that was stored in the township yard. A total of 21 loads of coarse material and 9 loads of crushed asphalt were hauled and used to complete this portion of road improvement.
- Road Closure and Force Account papers were submitted on the following roads for culvert replacement. Rutter Hill road will be closed on July 7<sup>th</sup> - \$3,094.86 (force account figure); Geneva School Large Culvert is scheduled for closure July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - \$4,886.26; Geneva School

Project #2711 is scheduled for closure July 10<sup>th</sup> - \$1,814.22; Geneva School Project #2980 is scheduled for closure July 9<sup>th</sup> - \$1,801.80; and Zion Road is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> - \$1,244.60.

Dave stated he attended the DAC meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was presented that in 2015 the State of Ohio is requiring septic tank regulation changes. These changes will include both new installs and old systems. Fairfield County will be inspected to maintain compliance. Tentatively, the City of Pickerington is considering re-entering into the Fairfield County Health Department group.

Dave reported that he went to the Health Department to discuss the trash complaint on Graffis Road. The Department advised that we can file a nuisance complaint and they will go inspect the property. Paperwork was given to Zoning Inspector Richard Campbell regarding how many septic system and wells are on the complaint from Graffis Road. The Health Department provided a complaint form to be filed and Hart advised Dave to continue with the support of the Board.

Dave also reported that M&K Electric has pulled out of the electric bid and Claypool Electric said they were busy. Hart replied that when autumn comes, contractor's schedules are not as full. He will work with Dave to get this project completed.

Bob presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$3,250.00. Dave made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye. Repairs to the emulsion truck were discussed and it was decided that Bob would check out the different options and proceed with the most cost efficient approach.

Connie reported the following:

- The following permits were issued since the last meeting: Kristina Weber, 1560 Durbin Run – new home; Anthony Brown, 1136 County Line – accessory building.
- The camping trailer on Oak Hill Road has been removed by the owner, therefore the respective complaint for non-compliance has been resolved.
- Ohio Division of EMS sent notification that we were awarded \$3,750.00 for the Training & Equipment 2014-2015 Grant.
- Aladdin Shriners sent notification that we were awarded \$22,153.60 for a grant application to purchase a Life-Pack 15 monitor. Additional components which were not covered by the Shriners Grant are funded expenditures under the Ohio Division of EMS Grant 2014-2015. Will stated that the remaining ems grant money will be used towards Life-Pack 15 supplies. A special thank you will be sent to the Shriners and the Trustees thanked Brian Irwin for his efforts in making this possible. Hart made a motion to purchase the Life-Pack 15 and supplies in the amount of \$25,903.60 and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. An amended certificate will be requested from the Auditor to include grants; Shriners - \$22,153.60 and EMS - \$3,750.00.
- The EMS billing contract with MBI Solutions, Inc. was returned and signed by the Company.
- A contract with Emergidata was presented. This is the company that will provide the software for the EMS billing. The contract cost is \$2,500.00 for the first year with an annual renewal of \$1,000.00. Hart made a motion to enter into contract with Emergidata to provide the software for the EMS billing and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.
- The July Grassroots Clippings was distributed to all members.
- As reported in the Grassroots Clippings and the OTA magazine beginning in January of 2014 Healthcare Reimbursements are considered taxable income. Since March we have contacted the State Auditor office and the County Prosecuting Attorney about this matter. Recently UAN released steps to move the reimbursements from accounting to payroll. An email was sent to Matt Lauvray with the State Local Government Services to obtain an object code so that the dollar amounts do not interfere with the ORC salary requirements. This month's healthcare reimbursements will be held until the next pay in anticipation of the code numbers.

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

- Hart and Connie attended the Fairfield County Ohio Township meeting at Stoutsville on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The guest speaker was Rhonda Reda, Executive Director of The Ohio Oil and Gas Energy

Education Program (OOGEEP). A comprehensive training manual was developed Responding to Oilfield Emergencies and permanent training facility to support local emergency responders (firefighters, police, state agencies, etc.) by enabling them to understand and implement effective emergency response practices at typical oilfield drilling sites and production sites. This program was the first of its kind in the country. Often, it is the front-line first response that is vital to preventing loss of life and containing property and environmental damage. The first responders to crude oil and natural gas incidents are usually local emergency response units. They are responsible for mitigating fires and other hazardous situations, ensuring the safety of personnel and property, and communicating effectively with necessary parties.

- The following seminars are available in 2014 at a cost of \$50.00 per person: September 6-7; October 11-12; & November 1-2. Hart made a motion to approve four selected officers of the fire department to attend the next available class utilizing the station car for transportation and Bill seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye. A "Request to attend professional meetings" form was given to Chief Duvall to return to the business office listing the names of the selected officers and dates of class for approval.
- The Towne Crier did a very nice article on the Pinning Ceremony. Brian Irwin advised that he was very appreciative to the Board for putting the ceremony together. It was done very professionally and he especially wanted to thank Hart and Connie for their efforts.

Joel Denny, Rushcreek Township representative on the Regional Planning Commission reported. He thanked Hart for attending RPC meetings in his absence. Joel then gave a synopsis of the July 1, 2014 meeting:

- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) reported the Active Transportation Plan is set up to make sure residents in the Central Ohio region can move between pedestrian, bike-path, and transit facilities safely and to develop a Thoroughfare Plan, which would evaluate the need for right-of-ways, sidewalks, and bike paths in the region. This is in the early stages and in Fairfield County primary focus is Pickerington area.
- In Greenfield Twp, a property owner wanted to rezone his property from R1 to R3 to go from a single family residence to an eight family apartment on Old Columbus Road. The proposal was voted down by RPC due partly to a significant slope of the property, it's proximity to the flood zone of the old Ohio Canal, surrounding marshlands, and the potential for water pollution.
- Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corporation (aka Land Bank) has recently been formed to facilitate the reclamation, rehabilitation, and reutilization of abandoned, vacant, tax foreclosed land and to assist and facilitate activities of development purposes.
- RPC voted to create a contract that would allow the Executive Director of the RPC to create a Target Area Plan for the Land Bank to help identify areas to focus upon to best achieve the Land Bank's goals and daily operations.

At 7:44pm, Hart made a motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G)(3) and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bill, aye; Dave, aye; Hart, aye. Bill advised there will be no further business of the board after executive session.

Executive Session Ended: 8:20pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:21pm

