

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
12/03/2014

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

Tracy

Tracy Shahan, Joel Denny, Ray Stemen

Minutes

The minutes of the November 19th 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. 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 #655-2014-687-2014 and Warrants #39335-39753 in the amounts of \$19,780.75 were presented to the Trustees for signatures along with the November bank reconciliation. Dave made a motion to pay the bills and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

***Appropriation Change

\$750.00 from 2191-760-740 to 2191-220-490

Purchase Order #50-2014

Old Business

Hart – Prepare list of blighted land for Regional Planning Commission – 12/17/14 Meeting

Hart – Waiting on a response from Commissioner Kiger on solid waste. – Nothing yet Hart will send a follow-up.

Board - Fairfield Union Bus Turn-A-Round schedule to prepare an agreement. – 12/17/14 Meeting

Bob – Work agreement with Ben Ickes on tree trimming McCullough Road. - Complete

Board – LifePak 15 Service Agreement – 12/17/14 meeting

Business

Chief Duvall reported the following regarding the fire department:

- 24/7 coverage was started December 1, 2014.
- Assistant Chief Irwin attended Fairfield County Fire Chief Association meeting on November 26th.
- Bremen Rushcreek Firefighters Association held their election of officers for 2015: President, Jordan Irwin; Vice-President, Alexander Vogel; Treasurer, Kristen Krile; Secretary, Kristen Fetty.
- An "Appreciation Dinner" is tentatively schedule in April which will replace the Christmas party.

Will presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$4,300.00** which includes \$750.00 for uniform coats. Hart made a motion to approve the list of expenses and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye. Hart stated that uniforms are being paid by tax dollars and must be recognized as township property requiring the need for parameters to be in place. Therefore, Will was advised to go ahead and place the order but wait until the policy is ready for distribution of the uniforms. A purchase order for vehicle repairs will be available at the next meeting. Runs reported during the pay period: 22 squad and 8 fire.

Road Superintendent Suer reported the following regarding the road department:

- Roads were treated for winter storms twice since the last meeting.
- Security lights were replaced on the outside of the main township building and in the office of the road department.
- The left rear axle on the bucket truck is being repaired.
- Patching has been done on Purvis Road just west of Locust Grove Road.

- One day was spent working on fallen tree limbs from high-winds.

Bob presented the Trustees with a list of expenditures for the next period in the amount of \$1,000.00. Bill 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:

- No zoning permits have been issued since the last meeting.
- Per the instructions of the Trustees from the November 19th meeting Resolution #2014-21 was presented for signatures. Dave made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-21 which appoints Bruce Duck to serve a five year term on the Rushcreek Township Zoning Commission Board ending December 31, 2019 and Hart seconded the adoption. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.
- Per the instructions of the Trustees from the November 19th meeting Resolution #2014-22 was presented for signatures. Bill moved to adopt Resolution #2014-22 which appoints David Foltz to serve a five year term on the Rushcreek Township Zoning Board of Appeals ending December 31, 2019 and Hart seconded the adoption. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye; Hart, aye.
- OTARMA sent ballots for two positions to serve on the Board of Directors each with a four year term from 2015-2019. Enclosed were biographies for each candidate which Rushcreek Township must fill out and return. After discussion the Trustees cast their votes for Joyce Fetzer and Nancy White with the ballot being mailed after the meeting.
- At the October 15th the following information was reported; In 2013, payments were made to Medical Mutual totaling \$21,107.87. This year payments to Med Mutual totaled \$21,710.30 which paid us until December 1, 2014 with an additional month to finish out the year of \$2,006.09. This would total the 2014 year at \$23,716.39. Recently a bill was received from Ohio Insurance Services Agency in the amount of \$8,360.28 for coverage from October 2014 – January 2015. Connie contacted the agency and advised that we had issued payment to Medical Mutual until December 1st. The agency contacted Medical Mutual who issued a credit in the amount of \$4,012.18. Therefore for 2014 the total cost will be \$26,058.40 instead of the \$23,716.39 an increase of \$2,342.01. During the August 20th Board Meeting, Dave Myers had reported that he received the paperwork from Ohio Insurance Agency which is changing groups for the Township's full-time workers. Dave stated the policy will remain with Medical Mutual at a monthly premium reduced by \$40.00 per month. He continued to report that he had not had the opportunity to read the paperwork but was advised by the agency that everything would remain unchanged but the group, therefore Dave recommended accepting the policy. Connie stated that to summarize this situation up...there is not a \$40.00 per month reduction in payments and in fact we are actually paying more in 2014. After speaking with the agency the cost for 2015 will be \$25,080.84. Recently a credit was issued in the amount of \$536.48 for a correction on the 2014 cost thus making the cost \$25,521.92 which is still higher than Dave Myers had reported. The 2015 annual premium for the Medical Mutual policy will now be \$23,471.40.
- A reminder that the next Fairfield County OTA meeting is scheduled at 6PM on December 14th. The location will be at the Liberty Center.
- Checks totaling \$4,688.76 was received from PERSO who is our insurance carrier on the lightning damage claim that occurred on September 2nd. These checks were distributed back into the line items where spent. There was a \$500.00 deductible which was equally divided between fire and general funds. A copy of the breakdown was distributed to the Trustees and Chief Duvall. The insurance file is not closed should additional problems arise. Hart commended Chief Duvall for his attentiveness to this situation as the problems with equipment would have otherwise gone out of control.

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

- Paperwork was received from Carolyn McCandlish resulting in a research of property easements on McCullough Road. There seem to be discrepancies in the property lines and previous agreements. The road has been measured and County records are being reviewed.
- While measuring McCullough Road it was discovered a fire at the Ickes property. The fire department was contacted to respond and a report made to the EPA due to the type of debris being burnt.
- There have been problems with the trucking company on hauling grindings. Hart reminded both Dave & Bill the importance of avoiding conflicts when doing township business with friends. Mr. Ashbaugh has tried to circumvent the authority of the Road Superintendent by utilizing his

relationship with Bill & Dave. The Trustees have placed supervisors in charge, therefore the Trustees have a responsibility to support the township staff persons in the course of their job duties and avoid compromising situations with friends in township business. In the future, we will have more specific parameters defined in a contract form.

- The website is currently under construction with the domain www.rushcreektwp.org reserved. 2014 Township and Bremen Rushcreek Firefighters Association minutes will be placed on the website.
- Contact was made with Bremen Council President Mike Henwood requesting that the bricks along the firehouse be moved to another location until the project is ready to be completed. The bricks have been along the sidewalk for several months and now are being thrown into the street which poses a danger. The Township yard was offered as a storage location.

Bill stated earlier today he picked up three tires on Durbin Run and brought them to the Township for disposal. Also he attended the BWC Safety meeting on December 2nd and passed the paperwork onto Chief Duvall.

In the past and figured into the 2014 budget, an annual bonus was given to full-time employees. Hart commented that Bob and Richard are well-deserving of this bonus however in the private industry this money came out of the “owners” pocket not the “tax-payers”. He stated he will support this year however going into 2015 he would like the Board paying the amount out of their personal pocket. Hart made a motion to pay the annual bonus in the amount of \$175.00 each to Bob Suer & Richard Campbell and David seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

The Trustees discussed duty assignments for the month of December for Saturdays from 8:00am-10:00am. December 6 – Bill; December 13 – Dave; December 20 – Hart; December 27 – Bill.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm.

Signatures on file